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## How important is a school's ranking?

U.S. News' annual rankings are powerful but imperfect. Experts warn against placing too much emphasis on them when selecting a law school. Instead, there are other rankings that, while not as sexy, are more helpful to the smart consumer.

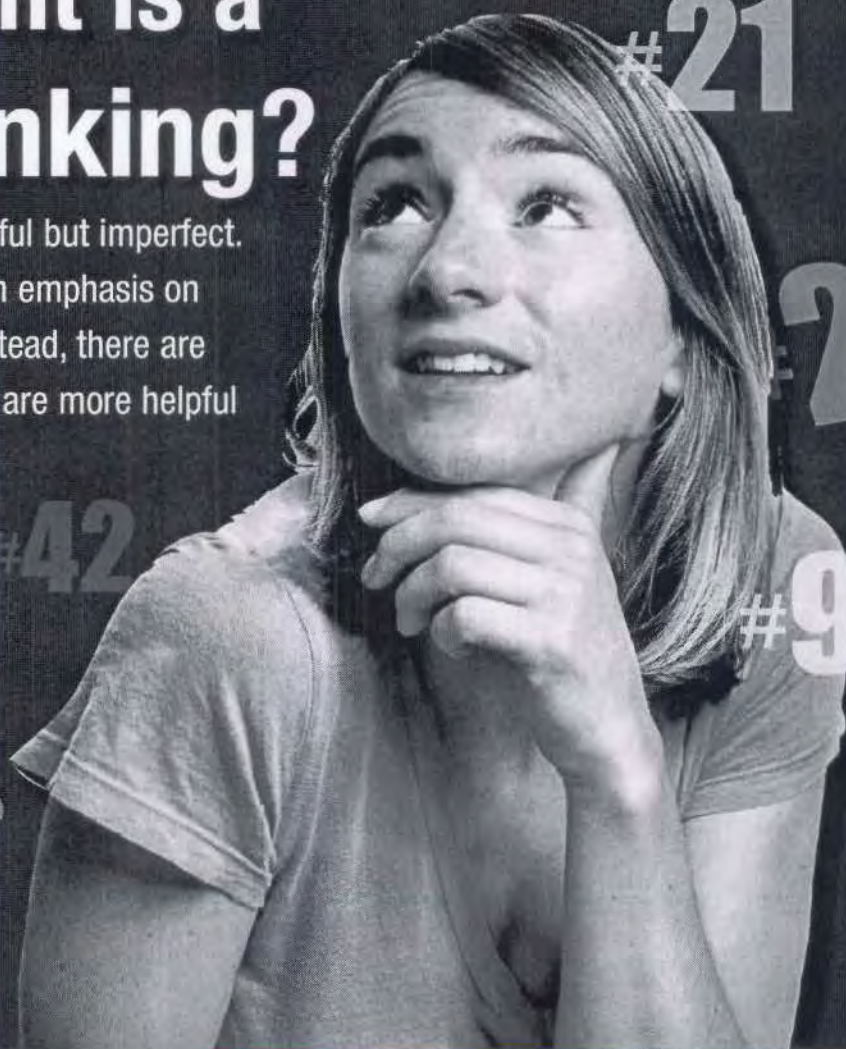
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# The Greenest Law Schools

Environmental law and green practices have exploded nationwide. But Vermont Law School and three other schools are at the top of the class.

BY KAREN DYBIS

**A**lthough environmental law has been taught at the nation's law schools for decades, it has enjoyed new growth, respect and student interest in recent years.

The result is a plethora of impressive and interesting programs. That also means today's law students are challenged to find the right school among the many law schools "going green."

To help, *preLaw* has created an Honor Roll to highlight the best and brightest. The editors collected information about law schools' curriculum, campus environment and building trends. Additional weight was given to those schools with a strong green focus in their classes, faculty and other academic offerings, such as externships, legal journals and summer programs.

Four schools received the magazine's Summa Cum Laude ranking as the best of the best. In alphabetical order they are:

**American University Washington College of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, University of Colorado Law School and Vermont Law School.** Surprised? Here's why.

## American University

Located in Washington D.C., American University is best described as "a student-orientated law school in a great city for studying environmental law," said David Hunter, an AU law professor and director of the Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law.

Students also benefit from the unique and long-running Joint Research Program with the independent Center for International Environmental Law. This past academic year, these projects have included participating in the United Nations Framework Convention

on Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen and the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings. The law school also has an intensive three-week summer program, which brings in experts from the nearby political center as teachers, mentors and resources, Hunter said.

Another important aspect of AU's program is its commitment to externships and other experiences that will help its alumnae in the near term, Hunter said.

"[It] not only gives students exposure to practical skills and practicing lawyers but gives them a network to find jobs in the process," Hunter said.

On the campus side, AU created an Office of Sustainability, and Hunter participates in campus-wide task-forces working on sustainability issues. AU has committed to a Zero Waste Policy and has created a committee to develop a plan to eliminate



**PROFESSOR PATRICK PARENTEAU, pictured with his class at Vermont Law School, has taught a variety of environmental law courses including Environmental Policy and Management, Citizen Suits, Watershed Protection and the Extinction seminar.**

or divert 100 percent of the university's waste stream.

## Lewis & Clark

Lewis & Clark consistently ranks among the top environmental law schools in the nation. In 2010, the Portland, Ore., campus was ranked No. 2 in this category by *U.S. News and World Report*.

What makes this collaborative campus stand out is its long history and commitment to environmental issues as well as those within the law, said Shannon Davis, assistant dean of admission.

"The Northwest region and the city of Portland in particular, are places where people have led green efforts for decades," she said. "Our students can benefit from the innovative businesses, community

engagement, thoughtful discussions and forward-thinking green practices of the people who are leading the nation in this movement."

The law school has a two-week intensive environmental summer school, co-curricular offerings with its well-received animal law area, the nation's oldest student-run environmental law review and an award-winning moot court. In fact, its moot court



### Summa Cum Laude

American University Washington College of Law

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Vermont Law School

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trumped 67 other teams this year to once again win the national championship.

"A big part of our mission is to remain relevant and also address the latest issues within such areas as climate change, sustainability and global environmental concerns. The curriculum naturally translates to our campus efforts," Davis said.

## University of Colorado

The law school was at the forefront of the environmental era, with teaching, the creation of its Natural Resources Law Center 28 years ago, a Natural Resources

Clinic more than 20 years ago and — more recently — the Center for Energy and Environmental Security.

Students also can earn a variety of dual degrees and certificates. Some unique offerings include Juris Doctor/Master of Urban and Regional Planning, American Indian Law Certificate and Graduate Energy Certificate Program.

The school's deep commitment to teaching and research in these areas complements the school's physical location in the Rocky Mountain West — a region defined by its vast natural resources, public lands and parks and many Indian reservations.



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"The Law School and the University of Colorado campus 'walk the talk,'" said David Getches, dean and Raphael J. Moses Professor of Natural Resources Law.

To that end, the new Wolf Law Building is LEED Gold Certified. And last year, Sierra magazine ranked the Boulder campus as its top "green" university in the nation. It also was ranked one of the top campuses for sustainability by the Sustainable Endowments Institute.

"The area is full of non-profit organizations, governmental agencies and private companies working to solve the nation's and the world's environmental and natural resources problems through innovation, education, advocacy, collaboration and better policies," Getches said. "Law students can get a head start on meaningful careers."

## Vermont Law School

*U.S. News* ranks this law school No. 1 for good reason. Its environmental curriculum offers more than 50 courses in environmental law and policy, more than any other school. And nearly half of its first-year JD class is pursuing a Master of Environmental Law and Policy degree.

The coursework, respected faculty and predominance of students who care about the environment separates Vermont from other law schools, said Marc Mihaly, head of the Environmental Law Center.

"You've got a critical mass of people talking, thinking and writing about the environment," Mihaly said. "Some 60 percent of the students who come to Vermont Law School do so because they're interested in the environment."

This commitment also translates into a huge summer school. Every summer, Mihaly helps organize a program that provides up to 40 courses taught by experts, government officials and legal practitioners.

"We've got 250 to 300 people every summer," he said. "It's like [renowned music festival] Tanglewood — there is so much going on here. We'll bring people in just to be here and hang out."

The rest of campus is just as active. The law school serves local and sustainably grown food whenever possible in its café and at catered events. Vermont also has Composting toilets, motion-sensor lighting and fuel-efficient Zipcars zipping around.

"This is a different kind of atmosphere," Mihaly said. "We're pretty determined that we want to change things. ... I would never think of teaching anywhere else."



# Who is Number 1?

Yale has held the top spot in *U.S. News & World Report* for several years now. But the Connecticut school has not fared as well in other rankings. Here is a side-by-side comparison of four of the more popular law school rankings. Also, visit [www.nationaljurist.com/compare-schools](http://www.nationaljurist.com/compare-schools) for a complete and sortable comparison or rankings, including *preLaw's* exclusive Best Value Law Schools.

## About the Rankings

Brian Leiter's ranking uses LSAT scores to rank the top 40 law schools in student quality. For a complete explanation visit <http://www.leiterrankings.com/students/index.shtml>

*Super Lawyers* ranks law schools based on the number of graduates who appear in its annual guide to *Super Lawyers*. **University of Nevada** and **Chapman** are both newer law schools.

Princeton Review ranks 174 law schools on academic experience. Factors taken into consideration include the admissions selectivity, and how students rate each of the following: the quality of teaching, accessibility of professors, research resources at their school, the range of available courses, the balance of curricular emphasis on legal theory and practical lawyering, the tolerance for diverse opinions in the classroom, and the degree of intellectual challenge that the coursework presents.

School	US News	Leiter's Student Quality	Super Lawyers	Princeton Review Academic Experience
Yale University	1	2	10	42
Harvard University	2	1	1	22
Stanford University	3	6	19	1
Columbia University	4	3	7	25
New York University	5	4	6	7
UC-Berkeley	6	13	9	16
University of Chicago	7	5	16	1
University of Pennsylvania	8	9	15	13
University of Michigan	9	8	2	4
University of Virginia	10	12	4	1
Duke University	11	7	23	16
Northwestern University	11	11	18	7
Cornell University	13	15	26	166
Georgetown University	14	10	5	7
UC-Los Angeles	15	14	14	13
University of Texas	15	17	3	4
Vanderbilt University	17	16	21	4
U. of Southern California	18	18	41	36
Washington U. in St. Louis	19	25	70	121

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School	US News	Leiter's Student Quality	Super Lawyers	Princeton Review Academic Experience
George Washington U.	20	19	12	10
University of Illinois	21	28	39	25
Boston University	22	20	13	10
Emory University	22	21	32	22
University of Minnesota	22	26	24	NR
University of Notre Dame	22	23	43	36
University of Iowa	26		57	36
Indiana U. - Bloomington	27		59	28
Boston College	28	22	17	16
College of William and Mary	28	27	78	30
UC-Davis	28		98	54
University of Georgia	28	30	42	22
University of North Carolina	28		30	66
University of Wisconsin	28		25	60
Fordham University	34	24	27	19
Ohio State University	34		35	48
University of Washington	34	31	56	85
Washington and Lee U.	34	32	95	25
Arizona State University	38		97	103
University of Alabama	38	39	55	134

School	US News	Leiter's Student Quality	Super Lawyers	Princeton Review Academic Experience
University of Colorado	38	37	86	152
Wake Forest University	38		81	19
Brigham Young University	42	33	129	10
George Mason University	42		152	66
University of Arizona	42		97	30
UC- Hastings	42	29	11	85
University of Utah	42		99	30
University of Florida	47		8	85
American University	48		66	54
Southern Methodist University	48		22	128
Tulane University	48	38	36	36
University of Maryland	48		50	30
Pepperdine University	52	40	116	30
Cardozo School of Law	52	34	131	42
Florida State University	54		87	42
University of Connecticut	54		63	97
Case Western Reserve U.	56		49	42
Loyola Marymount U.	56		29	13
University of Cincinnati	56		77	103
University of San Diego	56		61	66

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of many tools. But just because *U.S. News* says a law school is in the top 25 does not mean it should be in their top 25."

Levine said she is surprised that students are still choosing higher ranked schools over scholarships, even in this economy.

"Applicants are really excited to get scholarship offers," she said. "But very few are considering the scholarship when they get into a higher ranked school. Students are taking the higher ranking every time. It almost comes down to an ego factor."

Levine said most applicants right out of college rely on brand names, and *U.S. News* helps define the value of those brands.

She said she explains to her students that the rankings change each year, and a law school could change four or five places from year to year. She said she understands why a student would choose a top ten school over a third tier school that offers a scholarship. But it does not make sense to select a school ranked 14th over one that ranks 20th and offers a scholarship.

Caron agrees.

"The old advice to go to the highest ranked law school is far more questionable now," he said. "Students need to factor in the financial side of things."

He said law school tuition and debt loads, combined with fewer job prospects, make this more important than ever.

Levine said the *U.S. News* rankings have little, if any, value for students who are choosing schools in the third and fourth tier.

"There really is not really much difference," she said of schools in those tiers. "These are national reputation rankings. Students should focus on regional reputation and job prospects."

## What other rankings should you look at?

There are several other sources for rankings, including *preLaw* magazine.

Brian Leiter updates his own rankings on a regular basis. He recently ranked the top 40 law schools by student quality. In this ranking he averaged the 75th and 25th percentile LSAT score for each school. He has also ranked schools by law faculty scholarly impact, where law professors went to school, and where Supreme Court clerks went to school.

Levine said his rankings are essential for any student planning to enter legal ac-

ademia, even if that is a very small number of applicants. She said his rankings are not helpful for students who are applying to schools in the third and fourth tier of the *U.S. News* rankings.

*Super Lawyers* published its first ranking in November 2009. The magazine bases its ranking on the number of graduates selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers*, an annual guide to the best lawyers in the country. The numbers are significant, the editors argue, because only 5 percent of the lawyers in each state are selected to *Super*

*Lawyers* lists.

But Leiter and other critics say the system for selecting the *Super Lawyers* is suspect. Instead, Leiter recommends the *The American Lawyer* report on where AMLAW firms hire graduates. But he said, students should understand that AMLAW is based on gross revenues for law firms, and that skews for certain markets. For example, New York law schools will fare better in that ranking than schools in Los Angeles.

The Princeton Review publishes its own employment ranking, as well as ten other

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rankings.

Robert Franek, publisher of The Princeton Review's "Best 172 Law Schools," said the book is the result of wide-ranging surveys completed by more than 18,000 students at 172 law schools and data from school administrators. Princeton's rankings do not provide detailed data or methodology, but do include some unique lists — such as law schools that have the most competitive students and have the best classroom experience.



**The Princeton Review's Best 172 Law Schools**

"Our value is that we reach out to whom we consider experts: current law school students," Franek said. "It is nearly all based on student opinions, and it is a wide cross section of the law-school population."

Although the lists are inclusive, Princeton is quick to note: "None of these lists purports to rank the schools in terms of overall quality." However, using the lists

along with the "Students Say" profiles and the school statistics, students can make a well-informed choice as to which law school will best fit them, Franek said.

"Each [list] brings you a different part of what you need to know," Franek said.

*preLaw* magazine also produces rankings. Its best value law schools, best schools for public interest law, and best law libraries can all be found online. And a new addition to the website allows students to compare schools based on the various rankings.

It should be noted that the American Bar Association generically does not believe rankings give a complete picture of a law school's qualifications.

The ABA notes: "The factors that make up a law school's reputation — strength of curriculum, faculty, career services, ability of students, quality of library facilities, and the like — don't lend themselves to quantification."

Concord's Brandes is among those who believe students need to create their own rankings based on the criteria that really matters to them. For example, a spread-

sheet that pits a school's tuition against its employment prospects would be far more enlightening than some of the data *U.S. News* provides, he said.

Edward Poll, a nationally recognized coach, law firm management consultant and author of "Growing Your Law Practice in Tough Times," believes students should try to attend the law school where they will get the best education possible. That said, only a handful of law schools such as Harvard, Stanford and Yale have rankings so prestigious that attending them has long-term career implications.

"Law school is important. Which one you go to is important. But other than the top 10, it really doesn't matter," Poll said. "After your first job, it's totally irrelevant."

Poll feels students who attend so-called "lesser schools" end up at good law firms. And that experience can be just as influential, especially if you have a strong mentor who can show you the ropes. Having a firm with leadership that teaches you how to interact with clients as well as the technical side of a law practice will set you up for your entire career, he said. ■

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After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Jules Epstein spent 12 years as a public defender in Philadelphia. In 1990, he joined friends who had set up a civil rights firm and spent several years defending clients in homicide and death penalty cases.

"I lost more cases than I won," said Epstein, now an associate professor at Widener University. "That's the nature of criminal defense. But you can feel very strongly fulfilled with cases even when you lose. You are the voice standing up for the voiceless and for the guarantee of rights. Without you, that person has nobody. Even when you lose, you can have tremendous satisfaction that you gave that person a buffer against the power of the

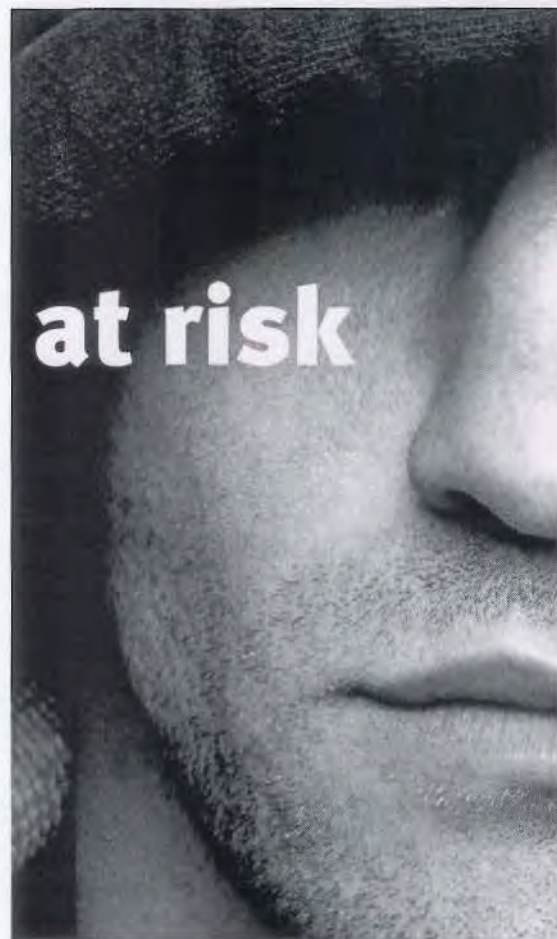
government."

One of Epstein's most famous cases was the so-called "Lex Street massacre" in December 2008, one of the deadliest mass murders in Philadelphia history. Four gunmen in ski masks had burst into a drug house and shot seven people to death. Four suspects were arrested.

"My client worked in the drug house and ended up confessing to the crime, but he was 100 percent innocent," Epstein said.

Why did he confess? "I wish I knew," Epstein said. "It's clear he had been high on drugs and he was scared. The police were probably a little menacing."

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less guilty than is alleged. Unless you have someone with the skills of a trial advocate, mistakes can well happen."

Criminal law is not the highest-paying legal job, he said.

"It doesn't pay the way a big firm practice does," he said. "It's like being a school teacher. It's a living and there are good benefits."

Practicing criminal defense also makes you a "remarkably better lawyer," he said.

"If you put in six to 10 years, you develop skills that are transferable to all types of litigation, even if you don't stay in that career for your entire life," Epstein said. "It's an invaluable training ground. You're also working with needy people, people at risk, and you're making a material difference in lives every day."

Although now a professor, Epstein still argues death penalty appeals. He has also worked to create the criminal law certification program for law students studying at Widener.

investigators determined that Epstein's client and other suspects were not involved. Four other men were eventually arrested and convicted.

"This was an extraordinary case," Epstein said. "But in any criminal case there can be a person who is innocent or

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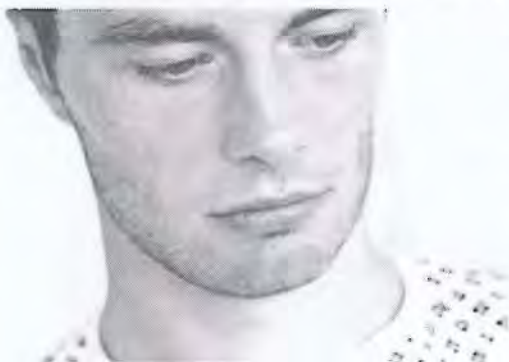
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Public service had always interested Mariangela Monteiro. After all, she had served two years in Americorps Vista in Chicago before law school and also worked with the Chicago Alliance for Public Safety



on projects aimed at reducing violent crime.

"Public interest law was just really natural for me," she said.

While studying at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Monteiro had an internship at Equip for Equality, a non-profit agency that provides free legal services to Illinois residents with disabilities.

After graduating in 2004, she was hired full-time at the agency, which has four offices in Illinois including Chicago, where Monteiro works. She promotes civil rights for those with traumatic brain injuries, including in employment, guardianship, self-determination and community integration. At the agency she manages the Traumatic Brain Injury Advocacy Project;

under her leadership, the project has also helped veterans who sustained head trauma in conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sometimes the aid given to her clients is just information or advice on the phone. Sometimes she is involved in filing individual lawsuits and sometimes class-action suits.

What she finds rewarding is helping people with disabilities advocate for themselves.

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Before she went to law school, Desirée Giler Mann had worked as an environmental consultant in cleaning up hazard waste sites. She decided she wanted to bring her scientific background to the field of law to improve connections between lawyers and scientists.

"The only law I wanted to practice was environmental law," she said. "I wasn't about to change to tax law halfway through."

She chose Pace University Law School in White Plains, N.Y., because of its strong environmental program. After graduation in 2001, she worked first in an environmental practice group at a large law firm, but then took a job as a counsel in the corporate environmental affairs group at IBM.

In part, her work includes providing advice regarding properties with a history of soil contamination where cleanup is needed. This can involve former manufacturing sites for IBM or landfills where chemicals or containers involved in manufacturing were buried.

At current manufacturing sites, she advises management on how to ensure that production and products comply with new regulations. The company, she said, is also intent on growing its business in environmentally strong ways in future.

"Some of my most fulfilling opportunities have been having constructive dialogue with regulators in communities with problems, like groundwater contamination," she said. "We've been able to work with state agencies and regulators on solutions that are better for everyone. It's great to see a community responding to having you do the right thing."

She's proud of the job IBM has done in going green over the years.

"IBM had documented environmental policies back in the 1970s before there even was an EPA," she said. "It was the first multinational company to get environmental

certification."

One unusual opportunity in her current job was being named to an elite group of IBM employees in the company's Corporate Service Corps, modeled after the Peace Corps. The program sends teams of employees around the world to do service projects, including Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Along with several other employees, she went on a four-week assignment to the Halong Bay area of Vietnam, where the objective was to help local businesses promote tourism in the area. IBM uses the program as management training for employees.

Halong Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage site where there are floating villages of fishing communities, some of whose residents never visit dry land. The beauty of the site and the unique culture have long attracted visitors. But a major issue has been the need to clean up the bay and villages to make the area more livable for residents and attractive for tourists.

For some time, villagers have dumped garbage directly into the water. But Indochina Junk, a company that gives luxury boat tours of the area, has worked to improve garbage collection to end bay pollution, to try to eliminate use of Styrofoam in the structural supports for the floating villages and to improve ventilation and lighting in local schools.

Mann worked with the company on plans to expand these programs and to document the progress in the cleanup, for example, by keeping records of pounds of garbage collected. The documentation can help the villagers attract investment money and donations to a charity set up by Indochina Junk.

"We weren't sent there to solve problems, but to help them in planning so they could accomplish things themselves," Mann said.

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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER / SUMMER 2010

### Dear Friends -

It is that exciting time of year again when the UGA campus begins to spring to life with orientation sessions and the first students beginning to arrive on campus in preparation for the fall semester.

Soon the sounds of the Redcoat Band will start emanating from their practices, and footballs will be flying through the air as Coach Richt preps the 2010 Bulldogs for another season of SEC gridiron action.

It's also a time when our new classes of Foundation Fellows and Ramsey Honors Scholars embark on their collegiate careers.

In short, it's a time when we truly see what the University of Georgia is all about. It allows those of us who had the privilege of living and studying in Athens to look back with great fondness on some of the best days of our lives.

With that in mind, we are pleased to bring you this edition of the UGA Foundation Chairman's Letter and hope that you enjoy reading about the important work you, our donors, support through your generous contributions.

Sam Holmes, Chairman



*Foundation Fellow and 2010 graduate Cleveland Piggott from Suwanee, Georgia, gave a rousing keynote presentation during the dinner program at the foundation's annual meeting in June. He discussed his experiences as a fellow and his plans for the future. Cleveland used the opportunity to extol the virtues of the university and the honors program during an inspiring speech that drew a standing ovation from more than 100 trustees, emeritus trustees and friends in attendance.*

### UGA Foundation welcomes new trustees at annual meeting

The University of Georgia Foundation was pleased to welcome four new trustees at the June annual meeting. All four are graduates of our beloved University of Georgia and were unanimously elected by the board.

**William "Bill" Douglas III** is a resident of Bishop, Georgia, and is an executive vice president and chief financial officer of Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Enterprises. A 1983 graduate of UGA, Bill will serve on the foundation's finance and investment committees.



Don Waters

A 1968 graduate of UGA, **Emily Dunlap "Sissy" Lawson** has the distinction of being the first female mayor of Gainesville (Ga). In addition, she served on the Gainesville City Council for 18 years.

**Dr. Stephen Smith**, a former Foundation Fellow and 1986 UGA graduate, is an orthopaedic surgeon with the Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic in Atlanta. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and travels to Haiti each year to donate his services to perform charity surgeries.

A 1978 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, **Don Waters** is a Savannah native and is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Brasseler USA, a dental, medical and industrial instrument manufacturer.



Sissy Lawson

It is with sincere gratitude that we also bid farewell to five outstanding trustees whose terms expired on July 1. **Rachel Conway, Billy Espy, Taylor Glover, Rusty Griffin and Mike Marshall** all served with distinction during their time on the board of trustees, ensuring that the generous gifts entrusted to the foundation by our donors provided the maximum benefit to the university.

Billy, Taylor and Mike all served on the investment committee, and Rusty served on the finance committee. Their efforts were vital to the ongoing success of the foundation during recent economic challenges. Rachel, who served most recently as secretary of the executive committee, demonstrated an enduring commitment to the important work of the UGA Foundation throughout her tenure.

All of these individuals were accorded emeritus trustee status and we hope each will maintain an active role in the foundation for many years to come.



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## Jones prepares to compete for next crown

Posted: Sunday, August 01, 2010

By JOE VANHOOSE

Kimberly Jones doesn't see herself as the pageant type, which could be why she has been so successful in them.

In December, Jones won the Miss Black Georgia USA pageant just after graduating from Howard University. Now, the University of Georgia law student is off to Washington, D.C., to compete in Miss Black USA as one of 33 finalists.

She believes that Miss Black USA could have a national reach to inspire students, an impact she already has used with her current title for in Georgia.

"I've got to go into a lot of different high schools and talk to students about expanding their education," she said.

Jones loves her role as advocate. She's been on the track to become a lawyer for a long time, always being the high school kid who wanted to know all her rights, she said.

She graduated from Howard last spring and immediately enrolled at UGA Law School for the fall. While she was at Howard, she became friends with Shayna Rudd, who won the Miss Black USA pageant in 2009.

Rudd ultimately got the 23-year-old Atlanta native thinking about going after the same crown.

"I look up to her," Jones said of Rudd. "She was a pageant guru."

Rudd convinced Jones the pageants would be a good opportunity to pursue, so Jones signed up for Miss Black Georgia USA last year.

The pageant is similar to Miss America, featuring a talent, evening wear, fitness and interview competition. The only major difference is that there is no swimsuit competition in



the pageant.

Jones passed the contest at the top of the field and won, although her victory came as quite the surprise, she said.

She has used her crown and sash as a platform to visit different schools and community centers. She speaks a message of hope and determination, that if you apply yourself and work hard, anything is possible.

That message went over especially well in her high school alma mater.

"A boy came up to me afterward and said he thought 'I was just another pretty girl,' " Jones recounted. "But what I had said really inspired him."

Should Jones win Miss Black USA, she could touch even more lives. Just like Miss America, the competition features celebrity judges, and its crown comes with more perks, like appearing in TV shows or taking a trip to Africa.

Whatever happens, Jones plans on continuing toward her law degree. This summer, she interned at the Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley law firm in Athens. She even got to work on a few cases, including a settlement for a product liability suit.

"It was a good case - it worked out good for the client," she said. "It was a great experience."

This week in Washington figures to be a great experience as well, she said. She's plenty excited about the contest, but her eyes aren't necessarily on the crown and the sash.

"I really want to utilize the position, not just the title," she said. "I want to reach out to students."

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## Best Value Law schools announced

Submitted by [admin](#) on Thu, 08/05/2010 - 1:45pm

Sixty law schools have been selected by preLaw magazine as the 2010 Best Value Law schools, the magazine announced Aug. 5.

"With tuition and cost of living expenses outpacing entry-level salaries, it is more important than ever for prospective law students to take into account value," said Jack Crittenden, Editor and Founder of preLaw magazine and its sister-publication The National Jurist.

This is the first time the magazine has published the study in consecutive years. It is the first year that average indebtedness was factored into the study.

Law schools are honored if they meet four criteria: 1) their bar pass rate is higher than the state average; 2) their average indebtedness is below \$100,000; 3) their employment rate nine months after graduation is 85 percent or higher; and 4) tuition is less than \$35,000 a year for in-state residents.

The Fall issue of preLaw will rank the top 20 schools, and assign a letter grade (A-, B+ or B) to the other 40 honorees.

Six schools that were honored in last year's magazine, did not make the cut this year, including top ranked North Carolina Central University.

"Unfortunately, North Carolina Central saw their employment rate drop from 87 to 82.6 percent," Crittenden said. "The other five schools all saw their bar pass rate drop below the state average."

Eleven of the 60 schools this year are private institutions, including Phoenix School of Law, which was awarded full ABA accreditation in June. The Fall issue of preLaw will ship in October with the top 20 schools ranked and the other 40 receiving letter grades.

The top 20 Best Value law schools in alphabetical order:

Brigham Young University (Clark)



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University of Mississippi

University of Nebraska--Lincoln

University of New Mexico

University of North Dakota



University of South Carolina

University of Tennessee--Knoxville

The 40 other honorees:

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Arizona State University (O'Connor)

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**Mississippi College**



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Badger, Leland C.

Nov. 19, 1920 - Aug. 2, 2010

Leland C. Badger, 89, of Sarasota, formerly of Indianapolis, died August 2, 2010.

Visitation is from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Gulf Gate Chapel. A Masonic Service will be 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial to follow in Sarasota Memorial Park.

Survivors include his son, Leland D., of Spring Valley, Calif.; a daughter, Sandra Rowan, of Ketchikan, Alaska; a step-son, Wayne Chambers, of Thorntown, Ind.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Leland came to Sarasota 35 years ago with his wife Thelma after retiring from General Motors Plant 5, Allison Division, as a general foreman.

During WWII he served as a flight engineer in the Army Air Force.

He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish-Rite and Shrine for 67 years.

Burkland, Carl David

May 24, 1916 - Aug. 3, 2010

Carl David Burkland, 94, of Sarasota, died Aug. 3, 2010.

Services will be private.



Survivors include his wife, Betty Ann; sons Eric L Burkland of Columbus, Ohio and Dr. C. David and wife, Leslie Burkland of Wheeling, W. Va.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Carl was born May 24, 1916 in Lorain, Ohio; graduated from Miami University. He served in the Army in the South Pacific. Carl retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel as Director of Industrial Engineering and was a consultant for Iron Ore Mining Company in Minnesota; he also was a founding member of Bent Tree Country Club.

Collins, William A.

March 16, 1948 - July 26, 2010

William A. "Bil" Collins, 62, of Mentor, Ohio, formerly of Sarasota, died July 26, 2010.

Memorial Service will be 7 p.m., Friday at Davis-Babcock Funeral Home, 4154 Clark Ave., Willoughby OH 44094.

Survivors include his mother, Alberta Collins, of Mentor, Ohio; sisters Barbara Ann (Chris) Dunn of Middlefield, Ohio and Beverly Jean Collins of Mentor, Ohio; step-children, Bridget, Brandi and Michael Miller, all of Dallas, Texas; and a nephew, Dean Galanis, of Los Angeles.

His passions were rock-n-roll music and baseball, especially the Cleveland Indians. He was also an avid bowler.

Bil had many friends in both Dallas and Sarasota.

He was employed as a promotions manager for Atlantic Records in the Dallas area and at Pizza Hut in Sarasota.

His father, William A. Collins, passed away March 25, 2002.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages contributions to Hospice of the Western Reserve, Inc., 300 East 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119-1330 or online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)

Harter, Dorothy Elinor

April 28, 1923 - Aug. 3, 2010

Dorothy Elinor "Dottie" Harter, 87, of Cook Springs, Ala., formerly of Sarasota, died Aug. 3, 2010.

Visitation 10 a.m. on Friday at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Gulf Gate Chapel. Services will follow.

She is survived by a brother, Ivan Chisolm, and wife Marietta, of Jasper, Ala.; six nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Harter was a graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Kennell, Beatrice M.

Aug. 10, 1916 - Aug. 3, 2010

Beatrice M. Kennell, 93, of Sarasota, formerly of Croghan, N.Y., died Aug. 3, 2010.

Visitation is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, with services following at 1 p.m., at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. Burial will follow at Palms Memorial Park.

Survivors include her sons Mark (Violet), Emanuel (Sadie), and John (Annamary), all of Sarasota; a daughter, Rosanna (Joe) Moser, of Sarasota; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sunnyside Employee Christmas Fund, 5201 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, FL 34232.

Nevin, William A. Jr.

July 30, 2010

William A. Nevin, Jr., 86, passed away Friday, July 30 in Austin, Texas, following a battle with cancer. A devoted family man and successful bank executive, he most recently resided in Cedar Park, Texas.

William Nevin, 'Bill' to his friends and family, was born and raised in



Augusta, Ga. He completed his second year of college shortly after Pearl Harbor and immediately enlisted in the Army at the age of 18. During World War II, he served overseas for two-and-a-half years in the Southwest Pacific theatre. He completed Army Ranger training in Australia and fought in the campaigns in New Guinea and the Philippines before participating in the occupation of Japan. During much of that time he was assigned to the security detail on General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters staff.

After the war, he completed a bachelor's degree in business at the University of Georgia, and a J.D. at the University of Georgia Law School. He was an avid lifelong supporter of the Georgia Bulldog athletic teams.

During his early career he served as a bank examiner for the FDIC, traveling extensively throughout the South. In 1961, after marrying Elizabeth Armstrong of Chattanooga, Tennessee, he entered the private sector as a banker in Miami, Florida. An extremely successful businessman, he worked as a senior executive at a number of banks in Florida, Georgia and Indiana, eventually serving as President and CEO of Southeast National Bank in Bradenton, Florida. After a brief retirement he completed his career working as a Managing Agent for the Resolution Trust Corporation, cleaning up failed Savings and Loan institutions.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Armstrong Nevin; two sons, William A. Nevin III of Houston, Texas, and J. Peter Nevin of Austin, Texas; daughter-in-law, Amanda Nevin; and three grandchildren, Jack, Thomas, and Georgia, all of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by a sister, Gertrude Whalen, of Denver, Colo., and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends between 6 and 9 p.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, 2010 at the Cook-Walden/Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home at 9700 Anderson Mill Road in Austin. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010 at the Chapel of the Funeral Home. Private committal services will be held in Augusta, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in his name to the American Cancer Society.

To share memories about Mr. Nevin, please visit [www.cookwaldenchapelofthehills.com](http://www.cookwaldenchapelofthehills.com)

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hill Funeral Home, 9700 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX 78750 (512) 335-1155.

Redfern, Richard K.

Nov. 23, 1916 - Aug. 3, 2010

Richard K. Redfern, 93, of Bradenton, formerly of Clarion, Pa., died Aug. 3, 2010.

A memorial service will be held in the fall. Kicliter Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Helen; daughters, Jane Scanlan of Amelia Island, Susan of Iowa City, Iowa, Lee of Sarasota and Nancy Freedman of Collingswood, N.J.;

and grandsons Alan and Justin Freedman and Richard Redfern.

Born in Dixon, Ill., he moved to Bradenton in 1981 from Clarion, Pa., where he had been a professor of English at Clarion State College, now Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Before that, he taught at colleges in New Paltz, N.Y. and Fairfield, Iowa. He also spent three years teaching in Germany at the Geschwister-Scholl Gymnasium in Duesseldorf and as a professor of American literature at the universities in Duisburg and Hanover.

After he retired, Mr. Redfern gave programs on cartoon humor in The New Yorker magazine and Elderhostel courses in several states, as well as to local community organizations. He subscribed to The New Yorker for more than 60 years, had a large collection of transparencies of cartoons that he gave to the cartoon research library of Ohio State University, and was acquainted with several New Yorker cartoonists. He formerly wrote press releases for the Sarasota Opera Society, (now Sarasota Opera Guild), was an active member of the Bradenton Opera Guild, and for five years was the moderator of a series of programs in Bradenton sponsored by the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning. He had published more than a dozen articles and book reviews about grammar and usage. For 20 years he was a judge in the achievement awards contest of the National Council of Teachers of English. He was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, Common Cause, the Manatee County League of Women Voters, and a past president of the Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



Mr. Redfern received a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Illinois and a master's and Ph.D. in English from Cornell University.

During World War II he served as an officer in the Army antiaircraft artillery in the Panama Canal Zone and Hawaii.

Contributions in Mr. Redfern's memory may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 3355 26th St. W., Bradenton, 34205 or the Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 322 15th St. W., Bradenton, 34205.

Riveron, Olga H.

Nov. 30, 1920 - Aug. 3, 2010

Olga H. Riveron, 89, of Sarasota, formerly of Miami, died Aug. 3, 2010.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at Palms-Robarts Funeral Chapel. Entombment will follow in Palms-Robarts Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Rodolfo; daughters Sonia Castillo and Tania Triana; a brother Robert Leon;

granddaughters Mireya Eavey, Danae Hill, Yvette Castillo; grandsons Carlos and Rudy Triana; great-granddaughters: Jenny Alday, Katie Alday; great-grandsons Derek Alday, Clinton Hawkins, Tyler Castillo; great-great-granddaughters Kierstin Alday, Kayla Morton.

Underwood, Mary Nina

Nov. 10, 1936 - Aug. 2, 2010

Mary Nina Underwood, 73, of Nokomis, formerly of Pittsburgh, died August 2, 2010.

A Memorial Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Venice-Nokomis Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; a daughter, Sarah Strain, of Port Republic, Md.; a son, Michael, of Pittsburgh; a brother, David Johnson, of Lansing, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, P.O. Box 7086, Dallas, TX 75209.

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Barriero, Anthony G.

March 18, 1929 - July 30, 2010

Anthony G. Barriero, 81, Sarasota, formerly of New Jersey, died July 30, 2010.

Services were private and Packer Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor of Sarasota; sons Anthony Jr. of Winague, N.J., Glenn of Haskell, N.J., Barry of Bricktown, N.J.; a daughter, Linda, of Sarasota; a brother, Joseph, of DeBarry, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dennis, David Thurman

Dec. 9, 1944 - July 30, 2010

David Thurman Dennis, 65, of Sarasota, died July 30, 2010.

Private family services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Shannon Funeral Home Town Chapel, Bradenton, Fl.

Survivors include his daughter, S. Shea Fluegge of Escondido, Calif.; sons David of San Diego, Calif., and Christopher of Hilo Hawaii; a sister, Dot, of Tampa; brothers J.D. of Bradenton, Tom of Pensacola, Earnest of Summerville, Ga., and Alvin of Missouri; and three grandchildren.

Heffernan, Thomas Joseph

Dec. 16, 1942 - July 31, 2010

Thomas Joseph Heffernan, 67, of Palmetto, formerly of Homestead, died July 31, 2010.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at Kicliter Funeral Home. Memorial



Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the Palmetto Moose Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; a son, Brian of Alaska; a step-son, Mark Dixon, of Mount Airy, Md.; a daughter, Jessica, of Jackson, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Huff, Roger W.

Jan. 14, 1947 - August 2, 2010

Roger W. Huff, 63, of Bradenton, formerly of Mc Henry, Ill., died August 2, 2010.

There will be no services. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his sons, Kyle and Cory, both of Mc Henry; his mother, Jean, of Woodstock, Ill.; sisters Cathy Schiller of Marengo, Ill., Mary Kay Van Acker of Cary, Ill., and Donna Limbaugh of Mascoutah, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Jacobs, Earl C.

July 30, 2010

Earl C. Jacobs, 31, of Bradenton, formerly of Sarasota, died July 30, 2010.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Turners Chapel A.M.E. Church., Palmetto. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Turners Chapel A.M.E. Church, with burial in Skyway Memorial Gardens

Survivors include his mother, Nancy R. Lang Siplin; a son, Bradley; a daughter, Quiana; sisters Toni Joyner-Graves and Latrese Washington-Spurlock.

Jenkins, Oper Lee

Feb. 3, 1945 - Aug. 3, 2010

Oper Lee Jenkins, 65, of Sarasota, formerly of Georgiana, Ala., died August 3, 2010.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Chandler's Funeral Chapel. Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Truevine M.B. Church. Burial will be in Palms Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel L., of Sarasota; a son, Sam Rich, Jr., of Sarasota; brothers James Rich and Johnny Rich, both of Sarasota; sisters Stella Feagin, Josie Mobley, Betty Thomas, all of Georgiana, and Mary Patton and Sammie McDowell, both of Montgomery, Ala.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Kipfer, Vera

Feb. 18, 1920 - Aug. 3, 2010

Vera Kipfer, 90, of Sarasota, formerly of Ontario, Canada, died Aug. 3, 2010.

Services will 10 a.m. today at Tourist Mennonite Church, Sarasota. Burial will be in Alden, N.Y.

Survivors include his step-sons, Melvin of Croghan, N.Y., and Joseph of Alden, N.Y.; a step-daughter, Rebecca Bontrager, of Lancaster, N.Y.; sisters Nora Shantz of Waterloo, Ontario, Myrtle Oestrecher of Kitchiner, Ontario, and Mildred Scheerer of Cambridge, Ontario; 29 step-grandchildren, 70 step great-grandchildren; and 45 step-great-great-grandchildren.

Lowery, James L.

March 13, 1931 - Aug. 1, 2010

James L. Lowery, 79, of Sarasota, formerly of Shredport, La., died Aug. 1, 2010.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Chandler's Funeral Chapel, Sarasota. Burial will be in the Sarasota National Cemetery

Survivors include his son, Daryl, of Sarasota; a daughter, Zena Barnes, of Sarasota; and a sister, Queen King of Sarasota.

McMaster, Georgana W.

Aug. 26, 1925 - Aug. 2, 2010



Georgana W. McMaster, 84, of Bradenton, formerly of Tampa, died Aug. 2, 2010.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens at the church. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26th Street Chapel is in charge.

Survivors include her son, James A. Thomas, of Centennial, Colo.; a daughter, Shirley D. Berry, of Bradenton; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Nelsen, John E Sr.

Aug. 1, 2010

John E Nelsen Sr., 69, of Bradenton, formerly of Erie, Pa., died Aug. 1, 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Terese; sons John Jr., Jeff and Jim; and three grandchildren.

Stuto, Evelyn Carluccio

Nov. 9, 1927 - July 31, 2010

Evelyn Carluccio Stuto, 82, of Siesta Key, formerly of Long Beach and Long Island, N.Y., died July 31, 2010.

Services will be held at a later date. The Good Earth Crematory is in charge of arrangements

Survivors include a daughter, Lorraine Sayer; a son, Daniel J.; a brother, Frederick Penni; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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After the jump, I'll mention just a few of the panels I either regretted missing or attended but think should have a wider audience. Hopefully, some of the folks listed will organize the others, or at least, share their own thoughts here. My own panel will be doing something like this soon. Just to be clear, this is not an appropriate forum for the new scholars panels (sorry!), since those are individual papers; I'm looking for remarks people wrote up for panels around a particular shared theme.

The Future of the Media in an Internet Age

This panel focuses on the future of the media in light of a host of new and emerging technologies, including the Internet, Twitter, Flickr, blogs, and cable and satellite communications.

Moderator: Dean David Logan, Rogers Williams University School of Law

Speakers: Professor Dr. Dieter Dörr, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Faculty of Law (Germany); Professor Udo Fink Doerr, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Faculty of Law (Germany); Professor Russell Weaver, University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law; Professor Carol Pauli, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Professor Glenn Reynolds, The University of Tennessee College of Law; Mr. James Winston, Rubin, Winston, Diercks, Harris & Cooke, LLP, Washington, DC

Report from the ABA, AALS & LSAC: The Top Ten Questions in

Legal Education

Three of the leaders of the major legal education organizations will address the great questions facing legal education and the profession. Questions will be collected from SEALS members and each of the three leaders will have an opportunity to address "The Top 10 Questions in Legal Education."

Moderator/Discussant: Dean David Brennen, University of Kentucky College of Law

Speakers: Professor Susan Westerberg Prager, Executive Director, Association of American Law Schools; Mr. Bucky Askew, Consultant on Legal Education, American Bar Association; Mr. Daniel Bernstine, President & CEO, Law School Admission Council

Supreme Court Update"Individual Rights

This part of the Supreme Court Update focuses on recently decided cases pertaining to governmental powers and individual rights (e.g., Free Speech, Establishment Clause, Free Exercise Clause, Equal Protection).

Moderator: Professor James Wilets, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center

Speakers: Professor Melissa Waters, Washington University School of Law; Professor Howard Wasserman, Florida International University College of Law; Professor Frank Ravitch, Michigan State University College of Law; Professor Otis Stephens, The University of Tennessee College of Law; Professor Ronald



Krotoszynski, The University of Alabama School of Law

Supreme Court Update"Corporate, Civil Litigation, Business, Administrative & Regulatory Issues

This part of the Supreme Court Update focuses on decisions relating to corporate issues, civil litigation, administrative and business issues, as well as important legislation enacted by Congress or the states.

Moderator: Dean Dennis Honabach, Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law

Speakers: Professor William Funk, Lewis & Clark Law School; Professor Christopher Pietruszkiewicz, Louisiana State University Law Center; Professor Thomas Plank, The University of Tennessee College of Law; Professor Donna Nagy, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

You've Got Tenure! Now What?

Noon This panel will address how to manage the transition from untenured to tenured status and how one's professional life changes once tenure is achieved. Questions to be considered include: How does being tenured affect one's teaching, scholarship, and service, or one's relationship with colleagues? Do expectations or pressures "whether internal or external" change? How does one measure success after a significant benchmark has been achieved? Does one still need a mentor? What new obligations arise post-tenure? This panel, which is organized by the New Scholars Committee, is especially aimed at the soon-to-be or newly-tenured, although many others will find it interesting.

Moderator: Professor Matthew Parlow, Marquette University Law School

Speakers: Professor David Case, The University of Mississippi School of Law; Professor Geoff Rapp, University of Toledo College of Law; Professor William Araiza, Brooklyn Law School; Professor Mark Bauer, Stetson University College of Law

The Value of Empirical Research in Law School Pedagogy, and Methods for Pursuing Such Research

Legal education lags behind other disciplines in the development of scholarship, and particularly empirical scholarship, about teaching, assessment and student learning. In this program, panelists will present their empirical research about student learning in the context of a discussion about how law professors might begin to develop their own empirical studies on teaching, assessment, and student learning. To lay the groundwork for others interested in pursuing this area of legal scholarship, panelists will use their work to illustrate how they tested underlying assumptions about student learning and will discuss the research methodology and design issues involved in their respective studies. Speakers will provide participants with papers on different topics embraced by this subject.

Moderator: Professor Howard Katz, Elon University School of Law

Speakers: Professor Andrea Curcio, Georgia State University College of Law; Professor Eric Degroff, Regent University School of Law; Professor Emmy Reeves, University of Richmond School of Law; Professor Leah Christensen, Thomas Jefferson School of Law; Professor William Henderson, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Roundtable Discussion: Obtaining and Executing Casebook Contracts

This panel focuses on the nuts and bolts of how to obtain casebook contracts and (once obtained) how to bring them to fruition. The panel is composed of established casebook authors.



Moderator: Professor Bradley Shannon, Florida State Coastal School of Law

Speakers: Professor Leonard Rotman, University of Windsor Faculty of Law (Canada); Professor George Kuney, The University of Tennessee College of Law; Professor Alex Bolla, Samford University, Cumberland School of Law; Professor Linda Jellum, Mercer University School of Law; Professor Douglas Moll, University of Houston Law Center

Roundtable Discussion

Why Do We Have the Fourth Amendment?

In this panel, the moderator will pose questions to four experts on the history of and/or rationale for the Fourth Amendment. These experts will share their thoughts and expertise on such questions as who and what the Fourth Amendment was designed to protect, how faithful the court has been to original intent, how well the Court has adapted the Amendment to modern times, and what the future may hold for the Fourth Amendment.

Moderator: Professor Arnold Loewy, Texas State Tech University School of Law

Speakers: Professor Morgan Cloud, Emory University School of Law; Professor Thomas Clancy, The University of Mississippi School of Law; Professor Wayne Logan, Florida State University College of Law; Professor Janet Hoeffel, Tulane University Law School

Executive Compensation in Recessionary Times

This panel will step back and begin to assess the flurry of activity from the last few years around regulating executive compensation. As we begin to emerge from the recession, we can ask: were the measures implemented, including such steps as the appointment of a government "compensation czar," limited to the unique circumstances of billion-dollar bailouts and the danger of another great depression? Or were these necessary correctives to an under-regulated market that needs continued government involvement to ensure that incentives are properly aligned? In answering these questions, the panelists will also try to revisit first principles about the aims of executive compensation regulation.

Moderator: Professor Jason Solomon, The University of Georgia School of Law

Speakers: Professor Omari Simmons, Wake Forest University School of Law; Professor Gregg Polsky, University of North Carolina School of Law; Professor Brett McDonnell, University of Minnesota Law School; Professor Miriam Cherry, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law

Roundtable Discussion: The Exclusionary Rule

For this panel, the moderator will ask questions of four experts on the exclusionary rule of the Fourth Amendment. These experts will share their thoughts and expertise on such questions as whether the exclusionary rule significantly deters police violations of the Fourth Amendment, whether there are reasons apart from deterrence that might justify the exclusionary rule, whether the costs of the exclusionary rule outweigh its benefits, and whether there are other means of enforcing the Fourth Amendment that might work as well or better than the exclusionary rule.

Moderator: Professor Catherine Hancock, Tulane University Law School

Speakers: Professor Scott Sundby, Washington & Lee University School of Law; Professor Christopher Slobogin, Vanderbilt University Law School; Dean Bruce Elman, University of Windsor Faculty of Law (Canada); Professor Renee Hutchins, The University of Maryland School of Law

Roundtable Discussion on Grand Jury Reform: An Idea Whose Time Has Come (Again)?

This panel will explore grand jury reform from a variety of scholarly perspectives. The panelists will examine the constitutional role of the grand jury in the modern criminal justice system, debate the need for functional



enhancements and reform, and analyze prospects for implementation of such reforms in the current political climate.

Moderator: Professor Katrice Copeland, Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law

Speakers: Professor Roger Fairfax, The George Washington University Law School; Professor Andrew Leipold, University of Illinois College of Law; Professor Ric Simmons, The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law; Professor Niki Kuckes, Roger Williams University School of Law; Professor Eric Miller, Saint Louis University School of Law; Professor Margaret Lawton, Charleston School of Law

#### Innovative Teaching Techniques Used in First-Year Courses

Many first-year law school courses have historically focused their teaching techniques on the conventional Socratic method. While that method remains useful in different ways, advances in classroom technology as well as increased research into student learning styles are providing first-year professors exciting new opportunities to innovate in the area of teaching and learning. This session will present and analyze several of those techniques from professors who have implemented them into their first-year courses.

Moderator: Professor Matt Vega, Faulkner University Thomas Goode Jones School of Law

Speakers: Professor Chad Emerson, Faulkner University Thomas Goode Jones School of Law; Professor Helen Grant, Elon University School of Law; Professor Shelley Saxer, Pepperdine University School of Law; Professor Gregory Stein, The University of Tennessee College of Law

#### Criminal Procedure Workshop

Legislative and Judicial Protection of Criminal Defendants: Is Criminal Procedure Less Countermajoritarian Than We Think?

The conventional wisdom in the criminal procedure field is that rules protecting defendants are countermajoritarian, meaning that legislatures rarely protect criminal defendants and courts often have to step in and make rules contrary to what legislatures would enact and the public would support. But is that correct? Many Supreme Court opinions protecting criminal defendants consider how many states have adopted the protective rule. And some seemingly punitive states actually have legislatively enacted codes of criminal procedure that are far more generous to criminal defendants than what is required by the federal Constitution. This panel explores evidence indicating that criminal procedure may not be as countermajoritarian as we think it is.

Moderator: Professor Sharon Finegan, South Texas College of Law

Speakers: Professor Adam Gershowitz, University of Houston Law Center; Professor Corinna Lain, University of Richmond School of Law; Professor Ronald Wright, Wake Forest University School of Law; Professor Douglas Berman, The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law

#### New Empirical and Theoretical Work on Judging and the Judicial Process

The panelists will explore recent methodological developments in the study of the judicial process. These include the rise of empirical research, behavioral economics, and other law & psychology approaches, as well as work exploring the theoretical underpinnings of the judicial role. Among the topics open for examination are the strengths and weaknesses of these various methodologies, whether this work forms the basis for a coherent subdiscipline, how far such a subdiscipline might extend, and possible future directions of such scholarship.

Moderator:



Speakers: Professor David Fagundes, Southwestern Law School; Professor Corey Yung, The John Marshall Law School; Professor Scott Bauries, University of Kentucky College of Law; Professor Chad Oldfather, Marquette University Law School

Rehabilitation and Restoration in Criminal Punishment: Dead End or Realistic Imperative?

Some have alleged that our modern criminal punishment system no longer embraces the idea that criminals can and should be made whole, become reconciled to the community, and successfully re-assimilate upon release. This panel will offer a variety of perspectives on the matter, from socio-political, to social-science, to on-the-ground experiential.

Moderator: Professor Andrea Dennis, University of Kentucky College of Law

Speakers: Ms. Sarah Higinbotham, Georgia State University, Department of English Literature; Ms. Ketanji Brown Jackson, Vice-Chair, United States Sentencing Commission; Professor Bruce Winick, University of Miami School of Law; Professor David Pimentel, Florida Coastal School of Law

Criminal Law Workshop

The Feminist Challenge in Criminal Law

The title of this panel is taken from a 1995 article by Stephen Schulhofer discussing the various philosophical and practical challenges of creating a more woman-centered criminal justice system. Chief among these concerns was the potential threat that feminism posed to defendants rights. Since Schulhofer's article, feminism-based criminal law reform has entered the mainstream and produced wide-ranging impacts on the administration of rape and domestic violence law. Today, a new body of legal literature has developed assessing the efficacy, desirability, and impact of these reforms and analyzing what these reforms say about feminism's legacy. The presenters are part of the larger dialogue about gender-based reform in criminal law " its past, present, and future.

Moderator: Professor Adele Morrison, Wayne State University Law School

Speakers: Professor Leigh Goodmark, University of Baltimore School of Law; Professor Susan Kuo, University of South Carolina School of Law; Professor Aya Gruber, The University of Iowa College of Law; Dean Geraldine Mackenzie, Bond University Faculty of Law (Australia)

Plenary Session

11:00 The Future of Casebooks, Publishing & Course Materials

With the development of new (e.g., electronic) publishing technologies and shifts in the economics of publishing, the publishing business is in a period of significant transition. This panel, which includes casebook authors, publishing representatives, and an intellectual property law teacher-scholar will examine these transitions and where they are likely to lead us.

Moderator: Professor Vincent Cardi, West Virginia University College of Law

Speakers: Mr. Keith Sipe, Publisher, Carolina Academic Press; Ms. Pamela Siegel, Director of Publishing, West Academic, Thomson Reuters; Ms. Carol McGeehan, Publisher, Legal Education, Aspen Publishers; Ms. Leslie Levin, Executive Acquisitions Manager, LexisNexis (NYSE:ENL) ; Professor Steve Friedland, Elon University School of Law; Professor Michael Schwartz, Washburn University School of Law; Professor Joel Friedman, Tulane University Law School; Mr. John Mayer, Executive Director, Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction/CALI; Professor Gary Pulsinelli, The University of Tennessee College of Law; Mr. Niko Pfund, Oxford University Press

The Individual Health Care Mandate and Enumerated Powers

Shortly after the health care reform bill was signed into law, the attorneys general of 20 states filed lawsuits challenging the individual mandate as



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## More candidates for Georgia's AD job, and a strong endorsement for McGarity

10:26 am August 6, 2010, by Tim Tucker

If you missed it, **here's my story** from late yesterday on 49 people applying for the UGA athletic director job, including, to name a few, Florida executive associate AD **Greg McGarity**, long-time NFL exec **Jim Steeg** and Troy athletic director (and former UGA football player and assistant coach) **Steve Dennis**.

Now, digging deeper into almost 500 pages of correspondence between UGA and the AD applicants, obtained by the AJC under the Open Records Act, here's more:

- Among the applicants: **Mark Parkman**, who was a student assistant in the sports information department while attending UGA in the 1980s and has gone on to a varied career in sports business. He now is an executive with the International Olympic Committee's broadcasting subsidiary. He lives in Atlanta.
- And another: **Jay Rossello**, who is director of legal affairs and assistant general counsel for the NCAA. In a cover letter sent with his resume, Rossello notes that he spent several summers of his youth in Athens "training and playing tennis under the tutelage of fellow Puerto Rican, current UGA men's tennis coach and one of the all-time greats in the sport, **Manuel Diaz**."
- In a hearty endorsement of McGarity for the job, U.S. Rep. **Jack Kingston**, R-Ga., wrote to UGA President **Michael Adams**:

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend William Gregory McGarity ("Greg") to the position of Athletic Director at the University of Georgia. I have known Greg since childhood, as he and I went to school together in Athens.

First and foremost, although he has spent the last 18 years at the University of Florida, Greg is indeed a bulldog. From 1973-1992, Greg worked his way up from a student assistant to the facilities and event management for the UGA Athletic Association. . . . Unfortunately for the Dawgs, the University of Florida recognized his talent and hard work ethic and he was off to Gainesville in the summer of 1992.

Greg has excelled at UF during his time there. As much as you and I hate to admit it, Florida is an athletic powerhouse. I believe Greg has a lot to do with the teams' success. . . .

. . . Greg's 37 years of work at two of the strongest athletic associations in the country make him the best candidate for the AD job. He has learned what it takes to run the entire department; whether it be managing events, searching for coaches, scheduling, or managing the budget, he knows and has executed it all. He is ready to get back to his hometown and to serve his alma mater in this distinguished position. I



hope you will give him the fullest consideration possible.

- Like McGarity, **Mark Lewis** is a candidate for the job for the second time. Lewis and McGarity were among five candidates interviewed before **Damon Evans** was hired in 2003. Lewis has business and law degrees from UGA, where he played football. He has had a distinguished career in sports business, heading General Electric's Olympic sponsorship programs before his current position as president of Jet Set Sports (a provider of Olympic hospitality packages). He is the son of **Bill Lewis**, the former Georgia Tech head football coach and former UGA assistant football coach.

The search committee recently received an e-mail endorsing Lewis' candidacy, to which UGA swim coach **Jack Bauerle**, a committee member, replied: "I have known Mark for a long time and he is a very good candidate and even a better person."

- Many of the 49 applications are from people with no discernible experience in sports management. Among the professions represented: lawyer, chief financial officer, sales manager, educational specialist, professor, conference center director, investment advisor, supply chain executive, general contractor and city administrator.

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## Obituary

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### Family-Placed Death Notice

SHULMAN, Arnold Judge Arnold Shulman, Georgia's first Jewish Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, passed away Wednesday afternoon. He was 96. In a 1994 article, an AJC reporter described Judge Arnold Shulman as "a white-haired gentleman with mischievous blue eyes who's been wrestling with the law hereabouts for 57 years." In his Court of Appeals biography, he is described as "a courteous, competent, courageous, cheerful and charitable" person whose time on the bench was characterized by his integrity, his wisdom, his courage, his dedication, his brilliant mind and tremendous legal ability, his courageous, profound, artful and scholarly opinions. ... seldom equaled in the history of our jurisprudence." Judge Shulman was born in Philadelphia in 1914, but moved to Georgia with his parents at a young age. After graduating from Atlanta's Boys' High, he attended Emory University and the University of Georgia where he played baseball and boxed. He graduated from UGA law school in 1936 and passed the Georgia bar a year later. He joined the United States Army in 1940 and rose to the rank of captain. In 1943, he married Mary Frances Johnson. Together, they raised their children, Diane, Warren and Amy. Warren and Amy followed him into the legal profession. After World War II, Judge Shulman returned to his practice, joining his friend Wiley Davis and later his son Warren, with whom he shared a practice, in writing "Georgia Practice and Procedure", the book on how to practice law in Georgia. He helped write Atlanta's Municipal Code and, while serving as legal counsel for Georgia's Tax Revision Commission, helped author the state's first sales tax law. He also taught many of the lawyers practicing in Metro Atlanta today. Judge Shulman was very active in Atlanta's Jewish community, and served on the committee to repair The Temple after white supremacists bombed it in the 1950's. Governors and legislators often consulted Judge Shulman before writing legislation. In 1977, Governor George Busbee appointed Shulman to the Georgia Court of Appeals, and in 1983, he became the first Jewish chief judge in that court's history. After retiring from the high court at the age of 70, he was invited to join the firm of Troutman Sanders by his friend, former-Governor Carl Sanders. Later, his friends, former House Speaker Tom Murphy and Rep. Denmark Groover, wrote a law allowing retired appellate judges to take senior status on superior courts around Georgia. It was officially titled the "Put Arnold Shulman Back To Work" bill and helped ease the caseload on judicial circuits around the state. An ardent University of Georgia and Atlanta Braves fan, Judge Shulman took great pride in the law, but his greatest joy was always his family. He had nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in whom he instilled a love of learning and a joy for life. It was important to him that the courtesy, courage, cheerfulness and integrity he demonstrated throughout his life was passed on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And yes, he passed on a bit of that mischievousness as well. Judge Shulman is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Frances, who passed away in 2009. Sign online guestbook at [www.edressler.com](http://www.edressler.com). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the University of Georgia School of Law Development Office. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 6, 2010 at 10:30 am at The Temple. Interment will follow at Crest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care. (770) 451-4999



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HEADLINE: ABAC Alumnus George T. Smith Passes Away

BYLINE: Targeted News Service

DATELINE: TIFTON, Ga.

BODY:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College issued the following news release:

The ABAC Family lost one of its most distinguished members on Monday evening when George T. Smith passed away at the age of 93. A member of the Class of 1940 at ABAC, Smith is the only person in the history of Georgia to win contested elections to all three branches of state government.

Smith became Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1963 and held that position through 1966. In 1966 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia and is the only person to ever serve as Presiding Officer of both the House, as Speaker, and the Senate, as Lieutenant Governor, and Presiding Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. In 1976 he was elected to a six year term as Judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals. Justice Smith was elected to the Supreme Court of Georgia in 1980, and joined the Court on Jan. 1, 1981. He was elected by his colleagues as Presiding Justice and took office in that position as of Jan. 1, 1990.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at noon at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church with Bryant Wright officiating. Entombment will follow in Arlington Memorial Park with full military honors. The family will receive friends today from 6-8 p.m. at the H.M Patterson and Son funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, the ABAC Foundation, Inc., or the University of Georgia School of Law. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.hmpattersoncantonhill.com](http://www.hmpattersoncantonhill.com).

Smith came to ABAC in 1939. He said his tuition, books, room, and meal plan cost him \$69.50 a quarter.

"I just loved ABAC," Smith said in a 2007 interview. "If it hadn't been for ABAC, I never would have made it. I was president of the student body my sophomore year. I only had two pairs of pants my whole two years."

Smith received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the ABAC Alumni Association in 1969 and the Abraham Baldwin Distinguished Service Award in 2007. He was the guest speaker at the ABAC commencement ceremony on May 4, 2007 and gave a special tribute to ABAC at the 100th birthday celebration on Feb. 20, 2008.

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August 10, 2010 Tuesday

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HEADLINE: GOVERNOR PERDUE ANNOUNCES ALCOVY, BRUNSWICK DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BYLINE: States News Service

DATELINE: ATLANTA, Ga.

BODY:

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August 11, 2010 Wednesday

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HEADLINE: GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO GRIFFIN CIRCUIT SUPERIOR COURT, FAYETTE COUNTY STATE COURT

BYLINE: States News Service

DATELINE: ATLANTA, Ga.

BODY:

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HEADLINE: Perdue appoints new district attorney;  
Brunswick gains Jackie Johnson

BYLINE: TERESA STEPZINSKI

BODY:

BRUNSWICK - Gov. Sonny Perdue has appointed career prosecutor Jackie Johnson district attorney of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

The governor named Johnson, 38, of Woodbine, to the post Monday afternoon. She becomes the first woman to serve as district attorney of the circuit that covers Camden, Glynn, Appling, Jeff Davis and Wayne counties.

Johnson succeeds her former boss, Stephen Kelley, who became the circuit's fifth Superior Court judge on July 1 after serving as district attorney since 1996.

She has served as assistant district attorney in the circuit for 12 years, including the past four as managing prosecutor for the Camden County office.

"I'm excited and humbled by the appointment, and I'm looking forward to serving the people of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit as district attorney," Johnson told the Times-Union. "I'm grateful for the confidence that the governor has shown in me."

Johnson plans to qualify today in Atlanta to seek election Nov. 2 to a full four-year term as district attorney.

She will face a colleague, John B. Johnson, who qualified Monday for the nonpartisan position. The two are not related. Also a career prosecutor, John



Johnson, 66, of Jesup serves as a special assistant district attorney in the circuit.

An Alma native, Jackie Johnson graduated from the University of Georgia law school and also has a degree in finance. She has tried cases in every county of the circuit.

Johnson has worked on a number of high-profile prosecutions including that of former St. Marys doctor, Noel Chua.

Her appointment took effect immediately, but she will be formally sworn in by the end of the week.

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BODY:

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HEADLINE: GOV. PERDUE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO GRIFFIN CIRCUIT SUPERIOR COURT, FAYETTE COUNTY STATE COURT

BODY:

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**Judge Arnold Shulman, 1914-2010**  
By Henry R. Bauer Jr., Special to the Daily Report



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Former Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Arnold Shulman served on the court from 1977 to 1984

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Former Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Arnold Shulman died Aug. 4. A 1935 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, Shulman was in private practice, broken by a three-year stint in the U.S. Army, until 1977, when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals. In 1983 he became the first Jewish chief judge of that court. He retired from the bench in 1984 but served often as a senior judge.

Shulman's family announced that donations can be made to the UGA School of Law Development Office, 120 Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602.

On Aug. 6, Henry R. Bauer Jr. delivered the following eulogy.

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There are a lot of people here who knew Arnold Shulman better and longer than I, and I am humbled to be given the honor to speak to you. Gov. Carl Sanders, who was one of Arnold's best friends and who was instrumental in having Gov. [George] Busbee appoint him to the bench, is not well enough to be here today. And Justice George Carley of the Georgia Supreme Court, who served with Arnold for many years, gave me permission to tell you why he is not speaking today; his love and respect for Arnold was so deep, he did not feel he could make it through his remarks. My remarks can't possibly match what either of them—or many of you—could speak about the breadth and depth of Arnold's life and character, but I can tell you one thing he did for me that is so representative of who and what he was that perhaps it merits telling.

In 1976, I was a young assistant city attorney for the city of Atlanta at a crossroads in his life. I needed to get away from the political nature of city practice, but I had two small children in private school—and no clients. I knew I did not want to practice with a big firm, but I was terrified of starving before I could build a practice.

Arnold and Warren [Shulman, Arnold's son] were opposing counsel in one of my cases and after a hearing we went to a local watering hole where I told them my dilemma. Arnold's extraordinarily generous reaction was immediate. Right then and there he said, "I'm being considered for a judgeship and we have an extra office which you are free to use at no charge; when you get on your feet we will take you in as a partner."

Can you imagine today being taken on without a book of clients and cases you could bring with you? Can you imagine being made such an offer without contingencies or conditions? It took my breath away, and the only thing I can say about myself to justify his faith in me is that I had the courage, after taking a deep breath, to accept.

It was one of the best decisions of my life. The firm did go on to become Shulman, Shulman and Bauer—and having the name Shulman attached to mine on the letterhead boosted my career immeasurably. A minute's act of kindness on Arnold's part made for a career's worth of difference to me.

When Arnold was later appointed to the Court of Appeals, Warren and I continued to practice together, which was not only professionally but personally rewarding.

I have come to know that Arnold's kindness and generosity to me was characteristic of him. When I talked to Justice Carley yesterday, I told him that I had been asked to speak today and intended to speak as a representative of the many lawyers Arnold mentored and helped along the way. Justice Carley told me that it was not just lawyers that Arnold mentored. He was respected and loved by all of his colleagues on the bench and, as Justice Carley put it, "He mentored us too. Arnold was a lawyer's lawyer and a judge's judge."

Justice Carley told me that is how all of Arnold's colleagues on the bench felt about him. If you would grant me the privilege of quoting from the public remarks Court of Appeals Presiding Judge J. Kelley Quillian made on the occasion of Arnold's retirement from the Court of Appeals (and I will remind you that Judge Quillian's political views were not exactly the same as Arnold's—which makes his remarks even more meaningful):

"Arnold, I would like to take just a moment for one personal observation that I might make. It is not in the schedule. But, unfortunately, I don't always go by the rules up here.

"And I want to say that my father and I were very close. And he was a very intelligent, brilliant person. And the great thing that I had when I was an adult, was any time I had a personal or professional problem, I could go to him and he would give me advice, and when I left, I had a completely clear conscience that I knew I was doing what was appropriate.

"Upon his death, it was a great loss to me. But fate was good to me, and when you came on this Court, we got to be very close friends, and I found that you possessed the same qualities that he did. And over the many years I have been able to seek your counsel and advice and have that same warm feeling, that when I got up and left, I knew what I was doing—it was not only intelligent, but the moral and proper thing to do."

What I think all of us learned from Arnold is what it means to practice law as a profession, not a business; to practice with integrity; to treat your clients—and your opponents and their clients—with grace and dignity; to hold things important other than money; to at all times be generous with your knowledge, time and advice; always conduct yourself as a gentleman; be yourself; have a sense of humor, laugh a lot, never take yourself too seriously; and Arnold, please forgive me for telling this legal lesson you taught me, never overprepare.

Here is an Arnold Shulman file when going to try a case—an empty legal pad and a newspaper with the sports page on top. There are few people in this world that can pull this off, but Arnold was one of them. I tried it once and found out I was not one of those few.

Arnold was not just a great lawyer and judge. He was a well-respected legal scholar, author of the leading treatise on civil procedure as well as a great teacher of the law. No remarks about his life could be made without mentioning those achievements.

Last night I learned of another talent of Arnold's when Warren and I were reminiscing about him. Warren read me a poem, which he will read to you this morning, that Arnold wrote in the late '40s or early '50s to the staunch segregationists—Herman Talmadge and Theodore Bilbo. This poem ought to be published in every school and prayer book in this country. They are Arnold's own words telling all of us what kind of man he was.

I, for one, know that everything I ever needed to learn about being a good and ethical human being, lawyer and gentleman I learned from Arnold Shulman, and for that I will be grateful for the rest of my life. I know there are many others who can say the same and who join me in that gratitude.

Thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of making these remarks.

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This is the poem by Arnold Shulman:

**"To Talmadge and Bilbo"**



God made the races of people  
and endowed them the image of him.  
He tintured their skin with a color,  
then boldly he followed a whim.  
With what certainty can we assert  
that the visage of God was white,  
what manner of man can answer  
and prove that his theory is right.  
And the blood surging forth from the veins  
of all manner of color and creed  
flows red from the pierce of a bayonet  
and is distinguished only by deed.  
What pedestals climb you upon  
you idols with feet of clay,  
ignorance feeds upon wrath,  
and bigotry has its day.  
Now is the day and now is the hour  
the time for true greatness arising,  
let faith and the future of man  
take the lead from hate and despising.  
Repudiate leaders of folly,  
throw over the mongers of greed,  
rise to the faith that was given  
each race and each color and creed.

*Henry R. Bauer Jr., Special to the Daily Report*





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# Family uses killer's letters to keep him behind bars

By Emanuella Grinberg, CNN  
STORY HIGHLIGHTS

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- Relatives of J.D. Hall say they'd fear for their lives if Billy Ray White were released
- White shot Hall in 1985, wrote threatening letters to victim's widow, children, from prison
- The convicted killer seeks parole for sixth time this year, says he is a changed man
- Case reflects fading trend of murderers who were sentenced before era of life without parole

(CNN) -- Billy Ray White vowed 20 years ago that when he got out of prison, he would track down the relatives of the man he'd murdered and subject them to gruesome deaths.

In a handwritten letter to J.D. Hall's daughter, the convicted killer promised to carve her up like a turkey and make her head into a flower pot. In another letter to Hall's son, he said he would put him through a meat grinder and force his relatives to eat him.

"You can run but you can't hide. You can go to the police, but they can't protect you. You can change your name, address, or even move, but I will always find you," he wrote in a letter postmarked May 15, 1989, to Hall's widow. "They can't keep me in here for the rest of my life."

The letters were from "Charles Manson," but White has admitted to writing them. In a 1991 letter to the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Parole, he acknowledged that writing them was a "stupid thing" to do and asked for forgiveness.

But the letters continue to haunt him, just as they do the recipients.

In late June, White was denied parole for the sixth time since he was sentenced in 1985 to two consecutive life sentences plus 10 years for Hall's murder, armed robbery and theft of a motor vehicle, a parole board spokesman said.

Prosecutors and the Hall family received the news from the parole board last month after mounting an impassioned campaign to keep White behind bars, citing fears that he would make good on his threats.

"If White were ever to be released, I would be terrified to step foot out of my house," one relative wrote in a letter to the parole board. "I also believe with every fiber of my being that our community would also be placed in serious danger."

The family declined to talk to CNN.

The parole board said in a June 24 notice to White that his release "would not be compatible with the welfare of society" because of the severe nature of his crimes.

But the debate is not over. His parole comes up again for reconsideration next April, in a scenario that plays out similarly every day across the country, pitting the interests of surviving victims against the rights of convicts to re-enter society if deemed ready.

White was sentenced to two life sentences before the era of life without parole. Had he been sentenced today, he would be a likely candidate for life without parole, said University of Georgia law professor Ronald Carlson.

"This is a classic case of how parole boards have to balance a commendable life after the crime versus the heinousness of the offense, but that's somewhat of a diminishing problem because we have now life without parole for this sort of crime," Carlson said. "In the interim, there's going to be some dramatic cases where prisoners who've done some pretty awful things are going to try to get parole."

The burden is on the prisoner to convince the board that he is not a future danger to society and that his efforts to rehabilitate himself outweigh the heinousness of his crime.



"One of the things that's key to the decision-making process is, frankly, an educated guess," Carlson said. "The board is informed, but there's still no scientific judgment available about future dangerousness of an applicant."

In that regard, the letters are especially damning, Carlson said.

"The board will have to decide if he's playing a waiting game or not," he said.

Unlike many convicts seeking parole, according to Carlson, White has someone in his corner. His sister Judy says he is a different person from the "troubled teen" who shot Hall at his home in Douglasville, Georgia.

The woman, who asked that her last name not be used out of fear of reprisal, said people might understand her brother better if they knew of the neglect and abuse he endured as the child of alcoholic parents.

"They're reviewing him on those stupid letters -- which he completely regrets -- but he was a young teenager when all this happened. He's 39 now," his sister said in a phone interview from her Florida home. "He just wants a chance to prove to the world that he's changed."

White has spent most of his life in state custody. He was 13 when he shot Hall in the face on the morning of March 30, 1985.

He had arrived in Georgia from Florida three days earlier with a case worker for an interview at a juvenile psychiatric facility. He was being considered for treatment of "antisocial attitudes" and "underlying rage issues." The pair was driving back to the airport when he escaped from the car, according to court records.

Over the next few days, White broke into vehicles and buildings in the Douglasville area, obtaining a .44 caliber handgun. He was stealing Hall's pick-up truck from his driveway when he shot the 53-year-old.

White never denied shooting Hall, a well-known member of the community who ran a family-owned grocery store and a construction company.

Because of his age, White was not eligible for the death penalty. Georgia law at the time did not have life without parole, so he was sentenced to two consecutive life terms plus 10 years. The question of whether he would be released has always been a matter for the Georgia Parole Board.

White was four years into his sentence when he sent letters to Hall's widow and three children.

"I might be 39 or 40 when I get out but I'll still be in prime shape," he said in the letter to Hall's widow, who, according to her family, has never read it.

He did not face charges for the letters, according to prosecutors in Douglas County, and has not contacted the family since.

But the letters have had a lasting impact.

"I remember my parents not even wanting us to play outside without them for many months after receiving the letters. It took several years to put all this behind us and feel safe again," one relative wrote the parole board, explaining that the letter was unsigned out of fear that White would use it to locate the family. "I would never feel safe again if he were released."

Douglas County District Attorney David McDade, who prosecuted White in 1985, has led the fight to keep him in prison, citing the nature of his crime, his failure to show remorse and, not surprisingly, the letters.

"I've never seen another case where the defendant, after going to prison, set about to terrorize and torture the victim's family," McDade said. "He didn't do it as a knee-jerk reaction to his sentence; he had four years to think about it."

But White's sister said he has already proven that he does not intend to harm the family. From July 2006 to March 2007, White left prison for a work release program, according to the Georgia Department of Corrections.

In a letter to White dated February 14, 2006, the board said it would recommend his transfer to a halfway house in downtown Atlanta, and tentatively grant him parole upon successful completion of the program.

While at the center, White rode the city bus almost daily to work and "kept his nose clean," according to his sister.

The Georgia Department of Corrections corroborated her claims. "There is no documentation of infractions (DR's) during his stay at the Atlanta Transitional Center," a spokeswoman said in an e-mail.

Nor did he contact the Hall family.

"He had money; he had opportunities to get on a bus and leave the state or to try something, but he never did," his sister said. "He was looking forward to a really great future."

In March 2007, however, White was sent back to a more secure prison.

"The Parole Board can decide at anytime to reconsider a decision and it is my understanding they did so," spokesman Steve Hayes said in an e-mail.

"The Parole Board's decisions are based on everything available to them including the offender's case file," he said, adding that the file is



confidential.

In a letter to the parole board after its decision, dated February 27, 2006, prosecutor McDade implored the panel to never consider White's release.

"I cannot envision any set of circumstances that could ever justify any Board EVER releasing Mr. White under any conditions. You will never be able to justify releasing him considering what he did and what he said to the victims afterward," the prosecutor wrote.

In 1991, White offered an explanation for why he wrote to Hall's family.

He told the parole board he was "scared of the Hall family and I wanted them to be scared of me. I never intended to act out my threats. I am scared that one day when I do get out that someone will try and kill me for what I did."

In the 1991 letter and another in 2006, White also claimed that he accidentally shot Hall as the man approached the vehicle. White said he intended to fire a round into the air to scare him away. Instead, he shot Hall in the face.

"I had no right to be on his property or to take anything he or anyone owned. I was wrong. But premeditated murder means you had a forethought. I didn't have any thought of shooting, harming or killing that man," he wrote.

Since he's been in prison, White has earned his GED and learned software programming from instructional books.

His sister says he's come a long way from his tumultuous upbringing in Hernando, Florida, where he and his two siblings were picked on at school for being "poor kids" and were emotionally and physically abused at home. Punishment for minor offenses ranged from severe beatings from their father, she said, to death threats and nights locked in sheds.

By the time their mother took the children away, when White was 7, he'd become withdrawn and quiet and began running away from home, she said.

"It's hard to understand what our childhood was like if you weren't there," his sister said. "But Billy never really had a chance. He's been raised in prisons."

She said she is ready to take him into her home, pay for his college education and offer him a job with the family's software programming company if he is released.

"We hurt for this family, and we wish for God to bless them every day, but I'm a firm believer that we have to let the hurt die and go on so both our families can prosper," she said.

The safety net that his family offers, plus his efforts to acquire marketable skills, could weigh in his favor, according to law professor Carlson.


"I think it's noteworthy that the family is there to provide financial and emotional support for him. That's rare," Carlson said. "Very few prisoners have a good job sitting there, waiting for them ready in areas of their strengths."

But McDade, the prosecutor, believes White already forfeited his chance at freedom.

"He deserves the same leniency that he gave his victim," McDade said. "I have no leniency in my heart for Billy White."

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Yesterday, 248 students began their three-year pursuit of a law degree at the University of Georgia School of Law. This class is one of the most academically gifted in the school's history. The Class of 2013's median Law School Admission Test score of 164 and the median undergraduate grade point average of 3.7 tie existing school records set last year. The LSAT scores for the 75th and 25th percentiles of 166 and 162, respectively, are new highs. Moreover, one-third of the class scored in the top six percent of LSAT test takers nationwide, and two-thirds of the class scored in the top 10 percent.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Director of Law Admissions Paul B. Rollins said he was pleased with the composition of the class. "We had nearly 4,300 applicants, the most ever, and our goal was to enroll those who would excel in the study of law and continue the law school's tradition of producing leaders in the legal profession."

Students in the Class of 2013 studied at 100 undergraduate institutions. The most common undergraduate schools were: UGA (77), Emory University (8), Furman University (7), the University of Virginia (7), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (6), Clemson University (5), the University of Florida (5), Auburn University (4), the Georgia Institute of Technology (4), Mercer University in Macon (4), Morehouse College (4) and the University of Texas at Austin (4). The most popular undergraduate majors were: political science, economics and finance, English, psychology and history.

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HEADLINE: Mary Chaffin To Join ACCION As GC

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ACCION has announced that Mary Chaffin will become the organization's General Counsel. Most recently, Ms. Chaffin has been working as a consultant for CGAP, CARE and ACDI/VOCA. Prior to that she was the General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Risk Manager for Mercy Corps, a major international humanitarian



development organization that founded such leading microfinance institutions as Partner (Bosnia), Bank Andara (Indonesia), IMON (Tajikistan), XacBank (Mongolia), and Kompanion (Kyrgyzstan). In her role as Mercy Corps' General Counsel and as a member of the governing boards of some of these organizations, she was closely involved with the development of all of the MFIs in Mercy Corps' microfinance network. Ms. Chaffin also has an extensive commercial banking background. She formerly served as Managing Director and Senior Corporate Counsel at US Bank for over 10 years. Prior to that she was a commercial litigator and appellate lawyer at the firm that is now known as Davis Wright Tremaine.

Ms. Chaffin will have overall responsibility for all of ACCION's legal and corporate governance affairs, including the organization's relationship with outside counsel. She will be a member of the Operating and Management Committees.

Ms. Chaffin graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law, where she was a member of Order of the Coif and the Georgia Law Review. She received her Bachelor degree in Russian studies from Brown University magna cum laude and with honors and also studied Russian history at Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She is proficient in Russian.

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## Governor Perdue Announces Executive Appointments

ATLANTA (August 20, 2010) – Governor Sonny Perdue announced today the following executive appointments. Brief biographies are provided below:

### Board of Community Affairs

Simon H. Bloom, III, 39, Atlanta – Bloom is a partner at The Bloom Law Firm, LLP. He is a past leader of the Real Estate and Construction Litigation Group at Powell Goldstein. He serves on the corporate board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta and the board of directors for the Atlanta Kiwanis Club. He was named a Georgia Super Lawyers' Rising Star, Georgia Trend Legal Elite, chosen as an "Up and Comer: Top 40 Under 40" by the Atlanta Business Chronicle, and one of the 12 lawyers "On the Rise" by the Fulton County Daily Report. Bloom earned a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate from University of Virginia.

### Board of Community Health

Jamie E. Pennington, 34, Sandy Springs – Pennington is a founding member and chairman of Flexible Executives, LLC. She is a managing director of Caris and Company. She serves on the board of Mana Concepts, LLC, the parent company of Flexible Executives and is a member of the Sandy Springs Business Administration. She has also been a guest on CNBC, WFOX, and WSB 750AM. She is a former vice president of Wachovia Security as well as a former managing director at Capitol One. Pennington earned a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University. She and her husband, Scott, have three children.

William "Bill" H. Wallace, Jr., 56, Acworth – Wallace is past associate vice chancellor for Human Resources for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and past director of human resources at Kennesaw State University. He was the first assistant director of human resources at Georgia Southern University. He is a member of the Hewitt Associates University Pathfinder program. He co-chaired Commission for New Georgia's task force that reviewed the State Health Benefit Plan and Commission for New Georgia's task force that reviewed Recruitment, Retention, and Retiree Benefit Strategies. Wallace earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Georgia Southern University. He and his wife, Lana, have one child.

### Jekyll Island State Park Authority

Laura Loftis Lanier, 30, Statesboro – Lanier is an entrepreneur and owner of three Statesboro clothing boutiques: Runway, Social and Dish. She served as executive appointments director and executive appointments liaison for Governor Sonny Perdue and campaign manager to the late Congressman Charlie Norwood. She is the vice president of Professional Women of Statesboro and is a previous member of the Keep Bulloch Beautiful Commission and the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce Government



Relations Committee. She and her husband, Joe, are expecting their first child in September.

#### County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council

H. Jay Walker, III, 63, Warner Robins – Walker is an attorney and has been practicing general law for thirty years. He is a member of the American and Georgia Bar association and the Georgia Bar Foundation. He is past president of Houston County Bar Association and Houston Circuit Bar Association. He is a former member of the Georgia General Assembly, House of Representatives. Walker earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Georgia College and State University and a law degree from Atlanta Law School. He and his wife, Mary, have one child.

#### Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame

Arthur L. Grady, 72, Macon – Grady is a past vice president in the Aircraft and Services Division of Northrop-Grumman Corporation and past executive director of economic development for Cecil Commerce Center. He is an Experimental Aircraft Association member, as well as a member of the National Association of Flight Instructors. He is a certified flight instructor; instrument and multi-engine. Grady earned a bachelor's degree from University of Tennessee and is a graduate from Northwestern University and the Northrop Executive Management Program. He and his wife, Helen, have four children and three grandchildren.

#### Georgia Film, Video, and Music Advisory Commission

Jeff Dauler, 36, Sandy Springs – Dauler is an executive producer and morning radio personality on Q100's The Bert Show. He is owner and partner of two Atlanta Flying Biscuit locations. He also donates time to the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Usher Raymond's New Look Foundation and the Captain Planet Foundation. He is married to Jessica Dauler.

#### State Ethics Commission

Joshua "Josh" B. Belinfante, 33, Sandy Springs – Belinfante is an attorney at RobbinsFreed LLC and is past executive counsel and deputy executive counsel for Governor Sonny Perdue. He is the president of the Pace Academy Alumni Board and a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federalist Society. He is also a member of the conservative Policy Leadership Institute and the Republican Leadership for Georgia. Belinfante earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Georgia. He and his wife, Karina, have two children.

#### State Commission on Family Violence

Mary Frances Bowley, Tyrone – President of Wellspring Living

Marston "Stan" S. Cooper, Rock Springs – Director of Probation Operations, Georgia Department of Corrections

General James E. Donald, Decatur – Chairman of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles

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# Gerrard chosen new CEO at ACTION Inc.

By STAFF REPORTS - Athens Banner-Herald  
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The board of directors for ACTION Inc. has chosen **Gary Gerrard** to serve as chief executive officer, replacing John D. Scoggins, who is retiring.

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Gerrard has served on ACTION's board of directors and as its chairman. He is a 1976 and '79 University of Georgia graduate, practices law in Lexington and teaches at the UGA Law School as an adjunct professor.

ACTION Inc. is a nonprofit community agency that was incorporated in 1965, to address the needs of low-income citizens in Northeast Georgia. Its services are available in 10 counties.

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Mr Scoggins' service to ACTION, Inc. is greatly appreciated especially by those of us who worked with him in the Head Start Program. If there is an event planned to honor him, I know many who would attend. Mr. Gerrard has served with Mr. Scoggins' to guide ACTION, Inc. through some rough times in order to assure that these much needed services to the community continue. Thank you, Mr. Gerrard. Our prayers are with you and the Board as you continue to serve the citizens of Northeast Georgia.

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is that we can't expect the oceans to do the job of helping offset global warming in the short term," Cai added.

## Going abroad

A *USAToday* story about tracking student performance and study-abroad programs quoted **Don Rubin**, a professor emeritus of speech communication and language education.

"The skeptics of study abroad have always made the argument that study abroad is a distraction from the business of getting educated, so you can enter the economy and become a contributing member of society," said Rubin. "I think if there's one take-home message from this research as a whole it is that study abroad does not undermine educational outcomes, it doesn't undermine graduation rate, it doesn't undermine final semester GPA."

# USA TODAY

## Weathering hard times

In an article about the southeast U.S.'s vulnerability to climate change, the Chattanooga, Tenn. *Times-Free Press* quoted **Marshall Shepherd**, an associate professor of geography, who is working on a project to improve forecasting of regional climate change.

"I took the last 56 years of temperature and precipitation data," Shepherd said. "It maps areas of warming and drying," and will help with future modeling projections.

## Life behind bars

**Ron Carlson**, a professor of law, was quoted in a *CNN* article about a convicted killer and how parole boards make decisions.

"This is a classic case of how parole boards have to balance a commendable life after the crime versus the heinousness of the offense, but that's somewhat of a diminishing problem because we have now life without parole for this sort of crime," Carlson said. "In the interim, there's going to be some dramatic cases where prisoners who've done some pretty awful things are going to try to get parole."

her own company, Athens Glass. That experience translated well to working at the business school, where she thrives on learning more about the business world.

She started her company after college when she took a stained glass class in Winder. She started producing custom-made stained glass. Instead of finding a pattern for a window, she uses her own sketches—so her creations are one-of-a-kind. She's known for her detail work and likes to mix stained

now she's set to restore the stained glass on the front doors again and add large geometric stained glass windows for the second floor of the building.

Her singing is a relatively new pursuit.

She recalls singing while in her studio while piecing stained glass together. Her husband, Joel, (a guitar tech with Wide Spread Panic), heard her sing and told her she had a great voice. A co-worker's band needed a vocalist and that's how she got her start.

She didn't know if she would like getting up in front of an audience, but when she did she said she had a great time and that singing was a lot of fun and performing is therapeutic.

For the past two years she's been singing with slide-guitarist Frank Williams in Mad Whiskey Grin.

The duo describes their music as a mix of dark blues, acoustic, folk and experimental. They play a couple of shows a month, and will be appearing on WUGA's *It's Friday!* Aug. 27 at 4 p.m.

## SCHOOL OF LAW

The University of Georgia  
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## Faculty and staff assume new posts in School of Law

By Curry Andrews  
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Four faculty and staff—Lonnie T. Brown Jr., Paul J. Heald, Paul B. Rollins and Carol A. Watson—were named to new positions in the School of Law.

Brown is the new holder of the A. Gus Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism. He joined Georgia Law in 2002 and teaches civil procedure, legal profession, ethics in litigation and conflict of laws.

His scholarship concentrates on legal ethics in the adversary system, and he has published articles on this subject with such law reviews as the *Ohio State Law Journal*, the *Review of Litigation* and the *Georgia Law Review*.

Succeeding Daniel M. Bodansky as the associate dean for faculty development, Heald is also the holder of the Allen Post Professorship in the law school. He specializes in domestic and international intellectual property law, and his scholarship includes two books on law and literature, and numerous articles relating to intellectual



Lonnie Brown



Paul Heald



Paul Rollins



Carol Watson

property law.

A Georgia Law faculty member since 1989, Heald earned his Juris Doctor cum laude from the University of Chicago and served as a judicial clerk for Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

Rollins became the assistant dean for student affairs June 1. In his new role, he continues to serve as the director of law admissions but now also oversees the school's career services, student affairs and registrar functions.

Rollins came to Georgia Law in 2008 after serving as the assistant dean for student services in the University of South Carolina School of Law. He earned his bachelor's degree magna

cum laude from the University of South Carolina and his law degree from Yale Law School.

Watson became the director of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library on July 1. After earning two of her three postgraduate degrees from UGA, including her Juris Doctor cum laude from Georgia Law in 1987, Watson began working at the law library and was later named the associate director for information technology.

Recently, she became vice president/president-elect of the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries and was appointed the chair of Academic Special Interest Section's Continuing Education Committee.



# Bulletin Board

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## Grant proposals

The Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach invites public service, tenure-track or clinical faculty members to submit proposals for the 2010-2011 Scholarship of Engagement Grants Program. The submission deadline is Sept. 15.

Priority will be given to projects that provide public service and outreach opportunities for undergraduate students, address a community need in Georgia, have an assessment plan built into the project and are proposed by faculty members who have not received a Scholarship of Engagement Grant in previous years.

Complete program guidelines and the application are online at <http://outreach.uga.edu/resources/awards/scholarship-of-engagement-grants/>.

Questions may be directed to Trish Kalivoda at (706) 542-3946 or [ovppso@uga.edu](mailto:ovppso@uga.edu).

## Pre-marriage workshop

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is offering a one-day workshop entitled "Prepare for Marriage" for engaged couples on Oct. 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The \$60 registration fee (\$80 if received after Sept. 17) includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and workshop materials.

Couples who complete the workshop and get married in Georgia are eligible for a \$35 discount on their marriage license. Individual couple sessions are also available in the ASPIRE Clinic.

More information, including the registration form, is available online ([www.gamarrriages.org](http://www.gamarrriages.org)). Contact Ted

Futris with questions at (706) 542-7566 or [tfutris@uga.edu](mailto:tfutris@uga.edu).

## Law library tours

The library at the School of Law offers tours and legal research instructional sessions to all schools and departments on campus. For courses with a legal component, students can be shown how to navigate law library resources. To schedule a session, contact Anne Burnett at [aburnett@uga.edu](mailto:aburnett@uga.edu) or (706) 542-5298.

## eLearning Commons workshops

Enterprise Information Technology Services and the Center for Teaching and Learning offer eLearning Commons workshops for faculty, staff and teaching assistants. Workshop topics, dates and online registration are available at [elc.uga.edu/workshops.html](http://elc.uga.edu/workshops.html). All workshops will be held in the Miller Learning Center, Room 372. For more information, contact Sherry Clouser at [sac@uga.edu](mailto:sac@uga.edu) or (706) 542-1355.

## Delta Prize nominations

Nominations are open for the Delta Prize for Global Understanding. The selection process follows an 18-month cycle. The deadline for nominations for the 2012 award is Sept. 1.

The Delta Prize, endowed in 1997 by the Delta Air Lines Foundation and administered by UGA, is awarded to individuals who by their own initiative have provided opportunities for greater understanding among cultures and nations.

The prize recognizes contribu-

tions to peace and cooperation, such as grassroots projects that diminish hostilities in a particular region of the world, international programs that improve relations among different people and leadership in the solution of global or regional conflict.

Since its creation in 1999, the prize has been awarded to Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and the Carter Center, Desmond Tutu, Mikhail Gorbachev, Sadako Ogata, Václav Havel, Gertrude Mongella, Ted Turner, Nelson Mandela, Martti Ahtisaari and Mohamed ElBaradei.

UGA students participate in the selection process by researching the nominations and submitting their recommendations to the Delta Prize Board, which selects the recipient.

More information is available at [www.uga.edu/news/deltaprize](http://www.uga.edu/news/deltaprize).

## Cable lineup

University Cablevision has announced the following additions to its lineup: CSS, which carries many UGA sporting events, both live and taped; MSNBC; The 101; Fox Movie Channel; AMC; National Geographic Channel; Discovery; Health; Animal Planet; The Travel Channel; The NFL Network; SportsSouth; Versus; WSB-TV ABC HD and WSB RetroTV. More information about UGA Cablevision and the channel lineup is available online at [eits.uga.edu/cabletv](http://eits.uga.edu/cabletv).

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history and traditions of the Southeastern Conference and has been a significant contributor to the conference for many years."

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budget crises of the past few years."

Jere Morehead, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, will again work with the deans to identify critical tenured and tenure-track positions to be funded or partially funded through the special initiative.

"Depending upon budgetary conditions, I expect this latest hiring initiative will be supported by up to \$2.5 million in permanent salaries and \$2 million in start-up funds," Morehead said. "We hope to hire a minimum of 25 new faculty."

In addition, the UGA Athletic Association has provided an additional \$1 million to establish four new professorships. All UGA schools and colleges are eligible to request these funds, but priority will be given to areas not previously supported by Athletic Association funding.

To ensure uniformity in the review process, an application form has been developed. Deans are requested to return the completed forms with a cover letter to the Office of the Provost no later than Sept. 3. An advisory group will be formed to review all the proposals and make recommendations to the provost.

"This second hiring initiative should be a clear indicator to the university community that faculty hiring is our top priority and that this will be a sustained effort," said Morehead. "This initiative, like the first one, provides a special opportunity to attract some very fine talent to the University of Georgia."

Morehead said that he and David Lee, vice president for research, want to encourage the hiring of several faculty clusters in the coming years to enhance the research enterprise and that one or two clusters may be considered in the second hiring initiative.

Questions about the proposal process should be addressed to the provost or Vice Provost Libby Morris.



# Daily Report

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

## Smith recalled as underdog's ally

*George T. Smith was unique, having been elected to all three branches of government*

By Katheryn Hayes Tucker, Staff Reporter

George T. Smith—an attorney whose career spanned seven decades and included serving Georgia as speaker of the House of Representatives, lieutenant governor, Court of Appeals judge and state Supreme Court justice—died Monday evening. He was 93.

Smith was the only person in the state ever to be elected to all three branches of the government: legislative, executive and judicial. Friends say he never lost his focus on doing the people's bidding—even in the 18 years since he reached the state's mandatory retirement age and left the high court to return to private practice.

"He was a great guy and an advocate for the underdog," said former Gov. Roy E. Barnes, Smith's longtime law partner. Barnes noted Smith was famous for saying of his clients, "Somebody's got to help these po' devils."

Until Smith became ill six weeks ago, he was still actively practicing law, working six days a week. He struck a jury in a criminal case last year, then negotiated a plea for his client before the trial proceeded, according to his current law partner, Thomas J. Browning of Browning & Smith in Marietta.

"The poor devils of the world, I don't know where they are going to go now," said Browning. "They've lost their champion."

Court of Appeals Senior Judge G. Alan Blackburn said Smith was known for speaking up in discussions with colleagues and on the community boards he served and saying, "But what about the little guy?"

Added Blackburn, "George T. was a very driven person and a great American. He never lost his enthusiasm for America and for the underdog. A lot of people as they get older get beaten down. That never happened to George T."

That middle initial was important in Smith's political career. When he became speaker of the House, he replaced George L. Smith, whom he had alienated, along with most of the Legislature, who favored Gov. Marvin Griffin for re-election. But Smith spent every weekend campaigning around his native South Georgia for his friend since law school days, Carl E. Sanders.

Sanders said after he was elected governor, George L. Smith bragged that he was too powerful for any governor to remove him from the top spot in the Legislature.

Sanders recalled that as soon as he was sworn in, he began calling legislators asking them to vote George T. Smith in as speaker. "I got him elected in 24 hours," Sanders said.

They formed what friends call a "golden partnership" in Georgia's history. "I could not have done what I did without George's support and his ability to push bills through," Sanders said.

In the turbulent 1960s, that partnership helped stabilize the state's political and business climate, friends said. "Georgia could have easily turned out like Alabama did. But these were two young progressive forward thinkers," said Browning.

After Sanders left office—the rules at the time allowed governors to serve only one term—Smith was elected lieutenant governor in 1966.

He went into private practice in Marietta—with Barnes—in 1971. Then, in 1976, he was elected to a six-year term as a judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals.

In 1981, he was elected to the Georgia Supreme Court.

On the high court, Smith wrote the sole dissent in the high court's decision to uphold the conviction of Wayne Williams, who has long been identified as the perpetrator of the cases known as "Atlanta's missing and murdered children."

In a stinging rebuttal to the majority opinion, Smith said he was "convinced" that Williams did not receive a fair trial, largely because prosecutors were allowed to introduce evidence of 10 other homicides believed to have been committed by Atlanta's child killer during Williams' murder trial for the deaths of two men, ages 21 and 28.

In doing so, the Supreme Court, in essence, rewrote Georgia case law governing the introduction of similar crimes in criminal trials, Smith argued.

"The trial court's admission of the highly prejudicial other crimes evidence was erroneous under any fair reading of our prior decisions, and the majority's approval of the other crimes evidence in this case distorts beyond recognition any exception to



the general rule excluding evidence of other crimes committed by the accused," he wrote. "The majority does so with very little explanation of its basis for decision, managing to do violence to our prior rule governing admission of other crimes evidence, and to confuse both bench and bar at the same time."

Smith also took exception to the introduction of what was then a new science, the introduction of forensic fiber evidence to link Williams to his suspected victims. In his dissent, Smith challenged the high court's acceptance of the new science "almost without discussion," despite what he described as "the novelty of this issue and the central role this type of evidence played in the state's case."

In another case, Smith's unique position as having been elected to all three branches of government may have prompted his lone dissent from a 1989 ruling in which the court refused to decide a case weighing the balance of authority between then-Gov. Joe Frank Harris and then-Attorney General Michael J. Bowers. At the time, Smith chided his colleagues for avoiding the case because another dispute between a governor and an attorney general was bound to occur.

That situation arose in 2003 in a fight between AG Thurbert E. Baker and Gov. Sonny Perdue.

U.S. District Court Senior Judge Willis B. Hunt Jr., who served on the state high court with Smith, called him "an amazing man and as good a politician statewide as I've ever run into. He was a great lieutenant governor, clean as a whistle."

Smith served on the high court for a decade until he ran into the mandatory retirement age of 75. State lawmakers tried to change the law to allow him to continue serving, but the effort failed.

At that point, Smith returned to his old law firm and told Browning he wanted to come back to work. "He just showed up one day and said he didn't want to go to work for an Atlanta law firm. He wanted to come back to Marietta," Browning said. "We're going to miss hearing him come down the hall hollering out something about somebody. When he came, he energized us all."

Smith was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Mitchell County, Ga. His father was a sharecropper. He quit school when he was 13 to work on the family farm. But he went back to school at 18 and eventually graduated as valedictorian of his class at Hopeful High School.

He jokingly referred to himself as a "South Georgia plowboy," although he told friends those years behind a mule in the sandy south Georgia soil were miserable. He also said he noticed that the lawyers in town had the best cars and nicest clothes, and so decided he wanted to be a lawyer.

He attended Middle Georgia College and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. On Aug. 26, 1940, he joined the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, he attained the rank of lieutenant commander and received the Naval Merit Unit citation.

He returned to enter the University of Georgia School of Law on the GI Bill, and while there he became friends with Sanders. He earned his law degree in 1948.

He began his law practice in Cairo, Ga., and served as Grady County Attorney, Solicitor of the State Court of Grady County, Cairo City Attorney and attorney for the Grady County Board of Education.

In 1958, Smith was elected to represent Grady County in the Georgia House of Representatives, where he served for eight years. He became speaker in 1963 and held that position through 1966, when he was elected lieutenant governor.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at H.M. Patterson & Son's Canton Hill Chapel, 1157 Old Canton Road N.E. in Marietta. Funeral services are planned for noon Thursday at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church.



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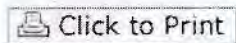
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## Parks Joins The Cast Of Hugely Popular Reality Show

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Attorney **Phaedra C. Parks** is in hot demand these days. She's been invited to speak, sit and appear in everything from classrooms to boards to television. Recently the Georgia-based lawyer was invited to speak to a group of entertainment law students at The University of Georgia School of Law in September. She has also been invited to serve another 2 years on the prestigious board of Georgia's Law School Alumni Council. The university is widely recognized as one of the 50 best law schools in the nation.

As a board member one of her many duties is to help choose the best students to attend the school as well as award scholarships to deserving recipients. **Parks** believes action speaks louder than words and doesn't hesitate to roll up her sleeves and get involved. "Everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed as everyone deserves the right to good counsel," she shares. Every year **Parks** donates at least \$10,000 of her own money to schools and hardworking underprivileged future lawyers.

Having made a name for herself as an attorney, the TV network Bravo just announced that the southern intellectual beauty has become the latest to join the cast of their hugely popular TV show, the *Real Housewives of Atlanta*. The show is its third season. The program returns on October 4, 2010 at 9PM ET/PT.

**Phaedra Parks** is an entertainment attorney and television show producer (BET's *The Tiny and Toya Show*). She is the Managing Partner of The Parks Group, P.C., an Atlanta-based boutique law firm. Her practice areas include Entertainment Law, Civil and Criminal Litigation.

**Parks** served as a legal analyst for NBC and Fox News regarding the Michael Jackson trial and has been featured and recognized nationally on Entertainment Tonight, Celebrity Justice, EXTRA, Court



TV and the local news for her handling of several high profile clients and cases. She has also been featured in numerous media publications, which include Newsweek, People, JET, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, The New York Times and more.

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Georgia Elections News ([http://blogs.ajc.com/georgia\\_elections\\_news](http://blogs.ajc.com/georgia_elections_news))

## Max Wood emerges from GOP primary defeat with Perdue appointment

4:03 pm August 27, 2010, by Chris Seward

The Associated Press is reporting that Gov. Sonny Perdue has appointed former U.S. Attorney Max Wood as chief judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings.

Wood came in third to Republican opponents Preston Smith and Sam Olens in the attorney general primary race. Olens, the former Cobb County commission chairman, later won the runoff with former state Sen. Smith of Rome. *(This clarifies an earlier reference to Wood's primary loss as noted by Charlene at 4:54 p.m.)*

Wood was an assistant prosecutor and judge advocate general before he became federal prosecutor Georgia's middle district in 2001.

He is a graduate of LaGrange College and the University of Georgia School of Law.

He is replacing Judge Lois Oakley, who retired.

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## Corporate + Securities Blog

Aug. 21, 2010 (LexisNexis delivered by Newstex) --

Each year, LexisNexis (NYSE:ENL) honors a select group of blogs that set the online standard for a given industry. This year, we've expanded Top Blogs to our Business Law Communities. We've been fortunate to host the content of a number of distinguished legal professionals who have shared their insights and expertise with our Community, and through the process of seeking what we consider to be "top blogs," we have discovered many more.

The Top Blogs campaign on the LexisNexis Corporate & Securities Law Community and the LexisNexis UCC, Commercial Contracts & Business Law Community will move ahead in several phases. We'll start by taking nominations during a comment period that starts today and ends on October 8. We've gathered a list of initial nominees, which are listed below, and we welcome our Community members to make additional nominations and support their favorite blogs. We'll select the top 25 based on our review of the sites and comments from our Community members. After we announce the Top 25 Business Law Blog honorees, we'll ask our Community to vote for Top Business Law Blog of the Year.

To "talk up" or nominate your favorite Business Law Blog, you'll need to be a registered Community member and be logged in. If you haven't previously registered, follow this link. Registration is free and does not result in sales contacts.

We'd also appreciate your help with spreading the news about our top blogs campaign. Please tell your colleagues and your online groups and networks that our Business Law Communities are seeking nominations for the Top 25 Business Law Blogs so they can participate in our recognition event. After all, it's only through input from different segments of the industry that we can continue to maintain the value and quality that our Community relies upon when it searches our Top Blogs for insight and information.

### NOMINEES FOR THE LEXISNEXIS BUSINESS LAW COMMUNITIES'

#### TOP 25 BUSINESS LAW BLOGS FOR 2010

##### The D&O Diary

Published by Kevin M. LaCroix

Kevin LaCroix writes a periodic journal that contains items of interest from the world of directors & officers liability, with occasional commentary.

##### Connecticut Employment Law Blog

by Daniel A. Schwartz

Daniel Schwartz of Pullman & Conley, LLC blogs about news and noteworthy developments in the Labor & Employment Law Field.

##### M&A Law Prof Blog

By Brian JM Quinn



Boston College Law School Professor Brian JM Quinn provides commentary and insights regarding Corporate Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions, as part of the Law Professor Blogs Network.

#### Compliance Building

By Doug Cornelius

Doug Cornelius blogs about compliance and business ethics, focusing on compliance issues applicable to real estate private equity firms, with occasional posts about social media, web 2.0 and knowledge management.

#### SEC Actions

By Thomas O. Gorman

Tom Gorman, of Porter Wright's Washington, DC office, writes about SEC investigations, Civil and Criminal Enforcement Actions, Class Actions and Internal Investigations.

#### Delaware Corporate and Commercial Litigation Blog

By Francis G. X. Pileggi

Francis Pileggi of Fox Rothchild LLP offers Delaware business litigation case summaries primarily from Delaware's Chancery Court and Supreme Court, and provides commentary.

#### FCPA Compliance and Ethics Blog

By Thomas Fox

Tom Fox blogs about the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FCPA compliance, indemnities and other forms of risk management, tax issues faced by multi-national US companies, insurance coverage issues and protection of trade secrets.

#### Virginia Business Litigation Lawyer

By Lee Berlik

Lee Berlik of BerlikLaw writes about intellectual property, real estate litigation, employment matters, copyright and trademark issues, and business litigation including fraud, conspiracy and partnership disputes.

#### SEC Tea Party

Multiple Authors

A compilation of writers provide commentary on SEC Administrative Opinions.



The Business Law Blog

By Wesley Deaton

Wesley Deaton practices in North Carolina and blogs about general business law matters, the economy, partnerships and foreclosures.

Corporate Tool

By Josh King

Josh King provides commentary on Mergers and Acquisitions, corporate deal-making, the legal profession and other aspects of corporate life.

Corporate & Securities Law Blog

By Sheppard Mullin

The attorneys of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton LLP blog about current developments and information pertaining to Corporate and Securities Law.

USA Inbound Deals

By Sullivan & Worcester

Commentary on mergers, acquisitions and investments by foreign businesses.

Startup Company Lawyer

By Yoichiro Taku

This blog discusses all aspects of incorporating and starting a company and is sponsored by Wilson, Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

InHouseBlog

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In-house counsel legal news for members of corporate legal departments. For general counsel and corporate counsel since 2005.

The Business Law Blog

By Daniel J. Ryan

A blog about law, start ups and small business by Daniel J. Ryan of the Trinity Law Group.



DealLawyers.com Blog

By Broc Romanek

Attorneys from the Mergers and Acquisitions community share information and discuss current actions in the blog "for acquisitive minds."

Alston & Bird Securities Litigation Blog

By Alston & Bird's Securities Litigation Group

This blog offers discussion about current developments regarding securities laws, regulatory activity, corporate governance issues, important cases, news items, legislative developments, and other trends in this area.

Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance

By Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance

A recognized source for insights and site seeking to facilitate research and public discussion about the latest developments in corporate governance and financial regulation.

Investor Relations Musings

by John Palizza

A blog devoted to the practice of investor relations; the interplay between Wall Street analysts and corporate investor relations professionals.

Re The Auditors.com

By Francine McKenna

Specialized news site about the business of the Big 4 audit firms. Stories explore the role, responsibility and regulation of the audit/accounting industry in the global capital markets in an independent, objective, and usually critical way.

Alston & Bird Mergers & Acquisitions Blog

By Alston & Bird's Corporate Transactions and Securities Practice

This blog focuses on current issues and events relating to merger and acquisition activity in the U.S. and around the world and discusses a wide range of domestic and international business, regulatory and litigation issues in this arena.

Perkins Coie Merger Viewpoints

Publisher, Scott Joachin



Commentary on middle-market private equity and mergers and acquisitions from Perkins Coie's Private Equity Group.

The Corporate Library Blog

By Neil Minow and Robert Monks

The Corporate Library Blog is designed to engage readers in a conversation about current events and trends in corporate governance, risk analysis and sustainable investing.

Boardmember.com & The Tally Sheet

By T. K. Kerstetter

Boardmember.com is a resource for senior officers and directors of publicly traded corporations, top private companies, and Global 1000 firms. The Tally Sheet is written by Eric W. Hilfers of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, LLP and discusses financial reform, compliance and related issues.

Corporate Compliance Insights

By Multiple Authors

Corporate Compliance Insights is a knowledge-sharing forum designed to educate and encourage informed interaction within the corporate compliance community.

TheCorporateCounsel.net

By Broc Romanek and Dave Lynn

The Corporate Counsel.net is self described as the practical Corporate & Securities Law Blog.

Corporate Finance Law Blog

By Davis Wright Tremaine

Blog and articles by the attorneys at Davis, Wright Tremaine, featuring recent court decisions and information about regulatory and statutory developments impacting business.

Corporate Law and Governance

By Robert Goddard

Senior Lecturer in Law at Aston Law Business School blogs about important developments, news and provides other corporate law and governance insights.

FCPA Professor



By Mike Koehler

A forum devoted to discussing the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by Mike Koehler, Asst. Business Law Professor at Butler University.

Fraud Bytes

By Mark Zimbleman and Aaron Zimbleman

This blog discusses auditing, fraud examinations and auditors' detection of financial statement fraud.

Indian Corporate Law Blog

By Shanatanu Naravane

A blawg providing a periodic review of topics related to corporate and business law that impacts India.

10Q Detective

By David Phillips

In this blog, David Phillips sees it as his job as the "10Q Detective," to dig through businesses' 8-K and 10-Q SEC filings, looking for financial statement 'soft spots,' (depreciation policies, warranty reserves, and restructuring charges, etc.) that may materially impact Quality of Earnings.

The 10b-5 Daily

By Lyle Roberts

News and events related to securities class action litigation. Lyle Roberts provides commentary on securities matters.

Race to the Bottom

Multiple Authors

Race to the Bottom is a faculty and student collaborative blog that provides analysis of the laws and regulatory measures governing today's corporations.

The Conglomerate

By Multiple Authors

Sever Law Professors blog about business, law, economics and society, including Gordon Smith, BYU Law School, Christine Hurt, Univ. of Illinois College of Law, Vic Fleischer, Univ. of Colorado Law School, Fred Tung, Emory Law School, Lisa Fairfax, George Washington Univ. Law School, David Zaring, Wharton School Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department, and Usha Rodrigues, University of Georgia School of Law.



WSJ Law Blog

By The Wall Street Journal

This is the Wall Street Journal's on-line publication dedicated to current legal issues, pending litigation and the legal industry.

Commercial Law Blog

By Multiple Authors

Compiled commentary by Jennifer S. Martin, L. Ali Khan, Jason J. Kilborn, Robyn Meadows, Marie T. Reilly, Marc L. Roark, Keith A Rowley, Steven Semeraro, Anthony Schutz and Jim Chen discussing a variety of Commercial Law related topics.

Credit Slips

By Multiple Authors

A blog on all things about credit, bankruptcy, consumers, and financial institutions. Nine academics claim to use the blog to discuss and debate issues not just for specialists but for anyone who cares about creating good policies in these areas.

Business Law Prof Blog

By Multiple Authors

Commentary and analysis of business law issues, from several contributors including Professor Dale Oesterle of the Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, Eric C Chaffee, chairman of the Project for Law and Business and the University of Dayton, and a group of law professors.

WSJ Deal, The Deal Journal, Mean Street

Lead Writer, Michael Corkery

Deal Journal is an up-to-the-minute take on the deals and deal makers that shape the landscape of Wall Street, including mergers and acquisitions, capital-raising, private equity and bankruptcy.

Truth on the Market

By Geoffrey Manne and Multiple Authors



A group of law professors and economists who write about business law topics including antitrust, industrial organization and corporate law/corporate governance.

#### Consumer Law & Policy

Coordinators, Deepak Gupta and Jeff Sovern

Consumer Law and Policy is the blog sponsored by the Public Citizen's Consumer Justice Project.

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HEADLINE: Phaedra Parks Is in Hot Demand;  
Invited To Serve On Prestigious Law Board

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NEW YORK, Aug. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Attorney Phaedra C. Parks is in hot demand these days. She's been invited to speak, sit and appear in everything from classrooms to boards to television. Recently the Georgia-based lawyer was invited to speak to a group of entertainment law students at The University of Georgia School of Law in September. She has also been invited to serve another 2 years on the prestigious board of Georgia's Law School Alumni Council. The university is widely recognized as one of the 50 best law schools in the nation. As a board member one of her many duties is to help choose the best students to attend the school as well as award scholarships to deserving recipients. Parks believes action speaks louder than words and doesn't hesitate to roll up her sleeves and get involved. "Everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed as everyone deserves the right to good counsel," she shares. Every year Parks donates at least \$10,000 of her own money to schools and hardworking underprivileged future lawyers.

Having made a name for herself as an attorney, the TV network Bravo just announced that the southern intellectual beauty has become the latest to join the cast of their hugely popular TV show, the Real Housewives of Atlanta. The show is its third season. The program returns on October 4, 2010 at 9PM ET/PT.

Phaedra Parks is an entertainment attorney and television show producer (BET's The Tiny and Toya Show). She is the Managing Partner of The Parks Group, P.C., an Atlanta-based boutique law firm. Her practice areas include Entertainment Law, Civil and Criminal Litigation.

Parks served as a legal analyst for NBC and Fox News regarding the Michael Jackson trial and has been featured and recognized nationally on Entertainment Tonight, Celebrity Justice, EXTRA, Court TV and the local news for her handling of several high profile clients and cases. She has also been featured in numerous media publications, which include Newsweek, People, JET, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, The New York Times and more.  
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### Newsreel

#### Perdue names 3 new Cobb County judges

Gov. Sonny Perdue named three new Cobb County judges late Friday afternoon: Carl W. Bowers, Eric A. Brewton and Reuben M. Green.

All three came from the short list prepared by the Judicial Nominating Commission to fill the opening left by Cobb County State Court Division I Judge Beverly Collins, who left to take a job with Miles Mediation.

Perdue chose Cobb State Court Judge Bowers for Collins' job, said spokesman Chris Schrimpf. That left open Bowers' job in Division II. Perdue named Brewton to Bowers' job.

Another opening presented last week when Cobb County Superior Court Chief Judge Kenneth O. Nix announced his retirement effective Oct. 4. Perdue named Green to Nix's position. Schrimpf said

Bowers, 46, has been a Division II state court judge since 2005. Before that, he practiced solo and then with Bowers, Guerra & Yeager. He was also a Cobb County Magistrate Court judge for four years and worked as a prosecutor in the Cobb County solicitor general's office. He clerked for Cobb County Superior Court Senior Judge G. Grant Brantley after graduating from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1989.

His father, Michael J. Bowers of Balch & Bingham, former attorney general and chair of the nominating commission, recused from the process.

Brewton, 51, has been an in-house lawyer with Travelers Insurance Co. for the past two years. Previously, he practiced with Brock, Clay, Calhoun & Rogers and worked for nine years in the office of the Georgia attorney general. He worked for Kent, Barrow & Royal in Savannah following his graduation from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1983.

Green, 39, has been a special assistant U.S. attorney for the past two years. He was assistant district attorney in Cobb County for five years and worked for the DeKalb County solicitor general. He practiced with King & Spalding after graduating from Emory's School of Law in 2000.

— Kathryn Hayes Tucker

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"We have taken probably all the precautionary measures that we can take," said Chief Justice Carol Hunstein. The judicial branch is less than 1 percent of the overall state budget, she said.

## Judiciary balks at cutting spending

HUNSTEIN SAYS JUDICIAL BRANCH will wait to see if the 4 percent cut requested by the governor is necessary

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RAISING AGAIN THE possibility of a battle between branches of state government, a spokesman for Gov. Sonny Perdue said that Georgia's judiciary has rejected the governor's request that it spend less than the General Assembly appropriated.

Perdue has ordered the executive branch to spend 4 percent less than its budgeted funds from August through January, when Perdue's term in

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Perdue asked the Legislature and judiciary to make the same cut as the executive branch.

## Judge unseals FBI report into Johnston shooting

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A FEDERAL JUDGE has unsealed the FBI's 2008 report detailing its investigation of the Atlanta police narcotics squad's fatal shooting of 92-year-old Kathryn Johnston. Johnston died in a

narcotics officers broke into her home during an illegal drug raid. The city last week announced a \$4.9 million settlement with Johnston's family.

On Thursday afternoon, U.S. District Senior Judge Marvin H. Shoob, who has presided over the suit, unsealed the 300-page

detailing the city's defense in the long-running case after inquiries about the sealed records by the *Daily Report*.

Last year, Shoob agreed to the city's request to seal contents of the FBI report and the city's pleadings that refer to the report. City attorneys argued that the



Judge Shoob unsealed report after city

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### VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

## Bar settles dram shop case for \$1 million

HOLT DEMAND, SPOILIATION SANCTION help put end to suit over fatal crash

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A HOLT DEMAND and a spoliation sanction from Cobb County State Court Chief Judge Toby B. Producers were the key ingredients in the \$1 million settlement of a wrongful death case against The Sports Grill for serving alcohol to a customer who had a fatal crash on the way home.

The drama continued into the final hour before the settlement deadline set by plaintiff's attorneys James L. Creasy III of Gillis & Creasy and Lloyd N. Bell of Bell & Mulholland, who were fielding calls on their cell phones from their cars and offices until nearly noon on July 15, when Statewide Insurance Co., acting through RCA Insurance, wrote the check rather than risk exceeding the \$1 million policy liability limit if the case had gone to trial.

"Frankly, I wish they hadn't settled," said Creasy, the lead plaintiff's attorney. "I'd like to have tried the case."

Creasy had made Holt demands, a demand for settlement of the full amount of available liability insurance, unsuccessfully twice before during nearly two years working on the case. The reason the

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## Deal's Attorney: No Grand Jury

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Atlanta-It has been a major issue in the race for Georgia Governor.

A federal grand jury subpoenaed records and testimony from a top state official in June involving candidate Nathan Deal and a business arrangement he had with the state for 20 years.

Little has been known about the inquiry.

Mr. Deal's attorney had declined to say much about the issue until now.

Nathan Deal's Attorney Randy Evans told 11Alive Reporter Jeff Hullinger there is zero chance of a federal grand jury investigating the Republican candidate for governor.

"There are people are who have political interests who try perpetuate false rumors and they will continue to repeat them after you look them in the eye even though they are not true."

This was Mr. Evans first interview on the subject, "All this stuff out there is simply not true. There will be no September or October surprise"

Mr. Evans said if anyone would know- it would be him-Mr. Deal's attorney. Georgia Revenue Commissioner Bart Graham was subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury according to documents in the Georgia Open Records Act.

"There is no grand jury, that's just not true," says Mr. Evans

The Dean Emeritus of the University of Georgia Law School Ron Carlson agrees.

"The House Ethics Committee never followed up with the report of the Ethics Office-- that might support assertions by the Deal camp there is no grand jury activity."

However Dean Carlson adds, "on the other hand, if there is no activity there is no way to find out about it. Under a subpoena the authorities are taking a hard look one would suspect there is a reason for suspicions but not proof positive"

The Barnes campaign reaction late this afternoon did not reference a grand jury stating, "Congressman Deal fled Washington D.C. because he faced a congressional ethics investigation into his no bid state contract."



Nathan Deal (R)

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- Wear lightweight, loose clothing and a hat.
- Drink plenty of fluids, preferably water.
- Avoid drinking alcoholic or caffeinated beverages.
- Find a cool place to recover from the heat.
- Avoid working outdoors in the heat of the day if possible.

"Thirst is not a good indicator of your body's water needs," Stooksbury said. "If you are working or playing in a hot environment and don't have to urinate once every few hours, then you are probably not drinking enough water."

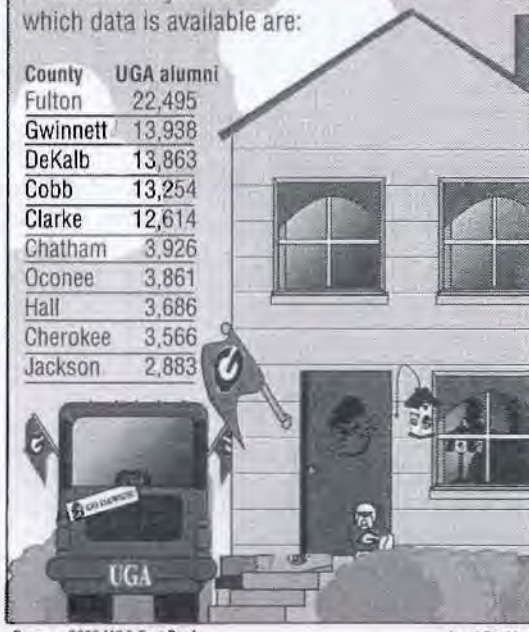
Stooksbury said heat-related health problems are especially a concern for the elderly, those with underlying health problems and those on medications that interfere with the body's ability to cool.

Source: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

## Bulldog state of mind

UGA alumni live in every county in Georgia. The 10 counties with the most UGA graduates in fall 2009, the most current year for which data is available are:

County	UGA alumni
Fulton	22,495
Gwinnett	13,938
DeKalb	13,863
Cobb	13,254
Clarke	12,614
Chatham	3,926
Oconee	3,861
Hall	3,686
Cherokee	3,566
Jackson	2,883



Source: 2009 UGA Fact Book

Janet Beckley

On Aug. 14, 102 members of the College of Veterinary Medicine's entering class of students were recognized in the annual White Coat Ceremony.

## Veterinary medicine college, law school welcome new students

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The School of Law and College of Veterinary Medicine have welcomed new classes of students to campus.

The College of Veterinary Medicine welcomed the class of 2014 during its annual White Coat Ceremony held Aug. 14. Sponsored by the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association, this event officially recognized 102 members of the incoming class by donning them in bright white lab coats to be worn during their veterinary education. The incoming class includes 76 women and 26 men, with an average undergraduate GPA of 3.57 and an average GRE score of 1157.

"The white coat is the symbol of medical professionalism," said Dr. K. Paige Carmichael, the college's associate dean for academic affairs. "This ceremony, where our first-year students are coated and asked to recite the Veterinarian's Oath, reminds them that they are beginning their education in one of the most respected medical professions."

On Aug. 16, 248 students began their three-year pursuit of a degree at UGA's School of Law. One of the most academically gifted in the school's history, the Class of 2013 has a median Law School Admission Test score of 164 and the median undergraduate grade point average of 3.7 tie existing school records set last year. The LSAT scores for the 75th and 25th percentiles of 166 and 162, respectively, are new highs. Moreover, one-third of the class scored in the top 6 percent

of LSAT test takers nationwide, and two-thirds of the class scored in the top 10 percent.

"We had nearly 4,300 applicants, the most ever, and our goal was to enroll those who would excel in the study of law and continue the law school's tradition of producing leaders in the legal profession," said Paul B. Rollins, assistant dean for student affairs and director of law admissions.

Students in the Class of 2013 studied at 100 undergraduate institutions. The most common undergraduate schools were UGA (77), Emory University (8), Furman University (7), the University of Virginia (7), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (6), Clemson University (5), the University of Florida (5), Auburn University (4), the Georgia Institute of Technology (4), Mercer University in Macon (4), Morehouse College (4) and the University of Texas at Austin (4). Twenty-one percent of the class consider themselves a member of a minority group, and more than one-half of the minorities are African American.

### Correction

The News to Use in the Aug. 23 *Columns* incorrectly stated that Microsoft Security Essentials can be downloaded for use on UGA-owned computers.

UGA does not have a license for this product for its computers. And Microsoft's license agreement states that it is for personally-owned computers only.

consulting company Jedburgh Corp., who has done extensive analysis of the 2008 attacks in Mumbai, India, and Jeff Wigington, the sheriff of Rockdale County who responded to a 1999 shooting at Heritage High School.

The two will talk about measures used to detain active shooters, what individuals and groups can do if one is spotted on campus or in the community.

"What we saw in Mumbai, India, was a departure from the normal tactics used by terrorists and active shooters," Watson said. "Normally when the police show up in an active shooter scenario, it ends. When you think about the Virginia Tech campus shooter, he only fired one shot after the police arrived, and that was at himself. In India, the terrorists stayed put and continued to fight. So now police need to be prepared to respond to both kinds of scenarios."

But preparing first-responders is only part of the solution for dealing with an active gunman. Ordinary citizens or bystanders can do a lot to protect themselves and help the police.

All of which can be of use to the campus community. While you would never want an active shooter on campus, knowing how to handle the situation can mean the difference between life and death, said John Newton, event organizer and emergency operations coordinator in the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness.

"Through this forum, we hope to continue our efforts to prepare UGA in case a terrible incident like this occurs in our community," he said.

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### WSB News

#### Lynn Turner was planning appeal

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**(WSB Radio)** -- The woman who killed her husband and later her boyfriend by poisoning them with antifreeze has died in an Atlanta prison.

Georgia Department of Correction spokeswoman Sharmelle Brooks says 42-year-old Lynn Turner was found unresponsive in her cell Monday morning and could not be revived.

WSB news has learned that prior to her death Turner was planning to appeal her convictions and that she had sought assistance from WSB legal analyst and University of Georgia Law Professor Ron Carlson.

Carlson said Turner had written him recently and that he had "sent her some passages from my book" on trial practice.

"She had her case under appeal and she was apparently doing most of the work herself," said Carlson.

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