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Quarterly electronic newsletter for alumni and friends of the University of Georgia School of Law



Featured Events

Feb. 26

[4th Annual Georgia Law Alumnae Evening](#)
Featuring Valerie Caproni (J.D.'79), General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[Law School Association Council Spring Meeting](#)

News & Announcements

Future of international arbitration explored at conference

International dispute resolution authority Gary Born, Executive Director of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services Robert B. Davidson, and President and CEO of American Arbitration Association William K. Slate II recently joined other leaders in the field of dispute resolution to explore the future of arbitration during a daylong symposium at Georgia Law titled International Commercial Arbitration: *Fifty Years After the New York Convention*. The conference included panels on the New York Convention – the Next 50 Years, Federal Arbitration Act Reform and Beyond Commercial Arbitration – Lessons from Other Models. An [online audio recording](#) of this event will be available shortly. ([view photos](#))



Advocacy teams dominate regional tournaments; advance to nationals/internationals

Two teams from Georgia Law recently captured first place at the regional round of the 2009 Texas Bar Association National Trial Competition, sweeping the tournament and earning the right to advance to nationals. Competing in separate divisions, third-year law students Michael J. Eshman and Titus T. Nichols composed one team while Amer H. Ahmad and Erin P. Redmon made up the other. ([learn more](#)) ([view photos](#))

The school's Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team finished as finalists and won best brief in a regional tournament held this past weekend. Second-year students Kevin P. Murphy, Tina Termei, Anna W. Howard and Benjamin W. Cheesbro will advance to the international round to be held in Washington, D.C., during March, where they will vie for the world title. Third-year students Andrew J. Lavoie and Amanda L. Brooks served as brief editor and student coach, respectively. Also, the team was coached by alumnae Myra K. Creighton (J.D.'91) and Amelia A. "Amy" Godfrey (J.D.'05). Additionally, third-year students Danielle D. Davis, Candace A. Hill, Melanie D. Reed and Arlisa A. Woodard won the regional round of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. This team will advance to the national tier of this tournament, which will take place in California.



Public interest weekend to focus on social injustice

The 4th Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference: Advancing Social Justice will be held Feb. 27-28 and will cover topics such as juvenile sentencing, eyewitness testimony and economic disparity. The two-day event will include numerous panels and roundtable discussions with notable speakers from across the country as well as a keynote address by Mary Bauer, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Justice Project. CLE credits are available. ([learn more](#))

Annual Equal Justice Foundation Auction; buy items now

Georgia Law's 24th Annual Equal Justice Foundation Auction will take place Feb. 27. Artwork, novelty items and event packages, among other things, will be auctioned, with the proceeds funding summer fellowships. There are also [28 auction items listed online at](#)

April 4

[Student Bar Association Golf Tournament](#)

April 6

[Dean's Business Roundtable with Alan Shor \(J.D.'83\)](#)

May 1

[JHLS Spring Twilight Affair](#)

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[\(Alumni Advocacy Series Featuring Holly Pierson \(J.D.'96\) and Bill Weber \(J.D.'96\), Beard 1L Closing Argument Mock Trial Competition, Class of 1977 & 1978 Reunion, Kenneth Henson Portrait Unveiling Ceremony, State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Alumni Events\)](#)

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["buy now" pricing](#) for those who might not be able to attend the auction or who want to secure an item early. [\(learn more\)](#)

Chicago-Kent's Felice Batlan to present Edith House lecture

Felice J. Batlan, an expert on feminist legal theory, will present "Are We Our Mother's Law Students?: Women's Law School Experiences and an Agenda for Action" as the 27th Edith House Lecturer. The event will take place March 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Larry Walker Room of Dean Rusk Hall. [\(learn more\)](#)



Faculty on the Record

Associate Dean and Hosch Professor [Paul M. Kurtz](#) is the recipient of the National Child Support Enforcement Association's (NCSEA) Child Support Community Service Award. This award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the child support community. [\(learn more\)](#)

Hosch Professor [Anne Proffitt Dupre](#) (J.D.'88) has published [Speaking Up: The Unintended Costs of Free Speech in Public Schools](#) (Harvard University Press, 2009).

Associate Professor [Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge](#) was recently selected to serve on the [Institute of Transnational Arbitration's](#) Academic Council. The ITA promotes global adherence to the world's principal arbitration treaties and educates business leaders, government officials and lawyers about arbitration as a means of resolving transnational business disputes.

Callaway Chair Emeritus [Ronald L. Carlson](#) ([pro article](#)) and Professor [Donald E. Wilkes Jr.](#) ([con article](#)) wrote opposing op-eds in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* regarding whether or not Brian Nichols should be tried in federal court.

[More Faculty Activities](#)

Around the Law School



Final work of the late Ray Patterson to be published; book to be dedicated in his memory

The last writings of former Georgia Law Brock Professor L. Ray Patterson, who passed away in 2003, will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Houston Law Review* under the title "A Unified Theory of Copyright." Additionally, Stanford Law Professor Lawrence Lessig has dedicated his book "Remix: Making Art and Commerce Thrive in the Hybrid Economy" in memory of the renowned copyright scholar.

Secure your invitation to the JHLS black-tie gala at the Smiths

E. Kendrick "Ken" (J.D.'81) and Caryl G. (J.D.'82) Smith will host the 2009 Spring Twilight Affair at their home in Atlanta on May 1. This annual black-tie gala honors the 2008-09 members of the law school's Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society (annual donors of \$1,000 or more). For more information or to ensure your invitation, please contact [Meg Poitevint](#).

Students featured in national publications

Georgia Law students have recently been quoted in [The Christian Science Monitor](#) and [The National Law Journal](#) regarding young republicans who are working to broaden the political party's base and the search for employment in a difficult job market, respectively.



19th Annual Law School Homecoming BBQ

Mark your calendars for this year's Homecoming BBQ, which will take place Nov. 7. Once again, Georgia Law will be serving all-you-

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can-eat barbecued pork and chicken. Tickets for the event go on sale July 1. [\(more details\)](#)

Alumni directory to be published to help celebrate 150th anniversary

Georgia Law has begun working with Harris Connect to produce the school's fifth alumni directory, which is being published to help mark the school's sesquicentennial anniversary. Soon you will be receiving communications inviting you to update and verify your profile for inclusion in the directory. This resource will be sorted into four sections, and to make networking easy with other alumni, it will include residence and business information as well as e-mail addresses. When contacted by Harris Connect, please take a few moments to verify that your information is both complete and accurate.

Seeking Founder Family Connections

The School of Law's 150th anniversary is providing a great opportunity to discover interesting facts about the school and those who have helped the institution become what it is today. For example, it was recently learned that alumni brothers William U. "Bill" (LL.B.'67) and Philip W. "Phil" (J.D.'75) Norwood are directly related to **all three** of the school's founders - Joseph Henry Lumpkin is their great, great, great grandfather; Thomas R.R. Cobb is their great, great grandfather and William Hope Hull is their great, great uncle. If you have a family connection to the law school's founders that you would like to share, [please let us know](#).



Lanphere receives Employee of the Year Award

The Georgia Law staff council presented Shawn T. Lanphere with the 2008 Emma Terrell Distinguished Employee Award, which recognizes employees for their service to the law school. Lanphere has been at the law school for more than eight years as an administrative assistant and currently assists eight professors. [\(learn more\)](#)



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