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

#### **Featured Events**

#### Sept. 26:

Champagne and Strawberries

JHL Reception & Celebration of
the Successful End of the
Archway to Excellence Capital
Campaign

#### Sept. 30:

<u>Homecoming BBQ Regular</u>
<u>Ticket Price Deadline</u>

#### October:

Sibley Lecture featuring <u>George</u>
J. Annas from Boston University

#### Oct. 3:

1L Family & Friends Visitation
Day

#### Oct. 10:

Board of Visitors Fall Meeting

#### Oct. 17:

<u>Law School Association Council</u> <u>Fall Meeting</u>

#### Oct. 17-18:

Reunion Weekend

## **News & Announcements**

## School of Law enrolls accomplished and majority-female firstyear class

Georgia Law's 2008 entering class is one of the most academically talented classes in its history. Composed of 229 students, the first-year class represents a median undergraduate grade point average of 3.67 and a median Law School Admission Test score of 163, placing them among the top 12 percent of test takers nationwide. Both of these statistics tie existing school records. Also, for the second time in school history, the majority of the first-year class is composed of females. This year's class includes 115 females and 114 males. (learn more)



# Alumna selected for U.S. Supreme Court clerkship; will be the fourth in five years to serve

Counting the recent selection of alumna Merritt E. McAlister as a U.S. Supreme Court judicial clerk

for the October 2009 term, the School of Law will have graduates serve our nation's highest court for four out of five years. McAlister, a 2007 law school graduate, will clerk for Justice John Paul Stevens.

(learn more)

## Banister and Edenfield receive Law School Association's highest honor

Georgia Law's alumni association recently presented its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Scroll Award, to Eleanor F. Banister of Atlanta, Ga., and the Honorable B. Avant Edenfield of Savannah, Ga. (learn more)

Three professors receive new titles

#### Oct. 18:

18th Annual Homecoming BBQ

#### Nov. 17:

Class of 2008 Swearing In Ceremony

#### Jan. 8-9:

State Bar of Georgia

Midyear Meeting Alumni Events

#### Jan. 22:

Reception for Superior Court

Judges

#### February:

Fourth Annual Georgia Law Alumnae Evening featuring Valerie E. Caproni (J.D.'79), General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

#### **More Events**

<u>Faculty Colloquium Series</u> <u>International Law Colloquium Series</u>

Photos From Past Events (Class of 2008 Commencement,
2008 LL.M. Alumni Reunion, State
Bar Annual Meeting Alumni
Reception, State Bar Annual
Meeting Alumni Breakfast, 1L
Orientation)

## Alumni Online Services

Professors Dan T. Coenen, Julian A. Cook III and Erica J. Hashimoto have recently been honored with new titles. Coenen, who also holds the title of University Professor, has been named the holder of the Harmon W. Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law. Specializing in criminal law, Cook became a J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law. Also, Hashimoto, who joined the law school in 2004 as an assistant professor, was promoted to the rank of associate professor. (learn more on Coenen, Cook or Hashimoto)

#### More than 20 percent of rising 2Ls study/work abroad

Nothing helps one to better understand the culture of another country than actually living in a foreign land. Over the past few years at Georgia Law, programs for students studying and working abroad have expanded. This past summer, more than 20 percent of the rising second-year class (43 students) participated in one of the school's summer study programs in China and Belgium or worked in a legal setting in one of more than 25 countries spanning the globe. (learn more)



View the Report of the Secretaries of State: *Bipartisan Advice to the Next Administration* online

In March, more than 2,000 people

gathered in Athens to hear former

Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger, James Baker III, Warren Christopher, Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell discuss current U.S. foreign policy with the goal of providing bipartisan advice to the next presidential administration. A one-hour video featuring highlights of this roundtable is now available for viewing online at <a href="https://www.law.uga.edu">www.law.uga.edu</a>.

## Faculty on the Record

In its opinion in *Exxon Shipping Co. v. Baker*, the U.S. Supreme Court cited an article by Professor **Thomas A. Eaton** (*The Effects of Seeking Punitive Damages on the Processing of Tort Claims*, 34 J. Legal Stud. 343 (2005) (with D. Mustard and S. Talarico)).

In its opinion in Nguyen v. State, the Supreme Court of Georgia cited

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Please forward any comments or questions to lawcomm@uqa.edu. an article by Professor **Donald E. Wilkes Jr.** (*The Writ of Habeas Corpus in Georgia*, 12 Ga. B.J. 20 (Feb. 2007)).

Professor **Daniel M. Bodansky** was recently redesignated by the U.S. Government as an arbitrator under the <u>Protocol on Environmental</u>

Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, a position he has held since 1998.

Professor **Walter Hellerstein** was named the most influential academic in state and local taxation in a survey conducted by *State Tax Notes*.

#### More faculty activities

### Around the Law School

#### **Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom receives facelift**

This past summer, the School of Law's famed Hatton Lovejoy
Courtroom was extensively renovated. Many of this working
classroom's features were restored or recreated to reflect the
appearance of the old Alexander Campbell King Law Library when it
was housed in the space when Hirsch Hall initially opened in the early
1930s. The updated courtroom now also has more modern features
including a digital audio/video system that will allow
lectures/presentations to be viewed live in another classroom when the
courtroom is filled to capacity. Additionally, new trophy cases were
built to display the school's accomplished advocacy program's awards.

(view photos)



Law library
photographs win
AALL competition

The Alexander Campbell King Law

Library won a first place prize and two second place awards in the "Day in the Life of the Law Library Community" photography competition sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries. Retired Professor Bob Brussack (J.D.'76) took the winning images, which included a panoramic shot of the Carl E. Sanders Reading Room and a picture of Georgia Law's Application Programmer Leslie Grove.

#### (learn more)

#### Advocate goes to one issue

As a result of the success of our e-newsletter, Georgia Law's alumni magazine, *Advocate*, will now be published once a year. Please look for the next issue in June 2009. (view the Spring/Summer 2008 Issue online)

#### Class of 2008 Bar Exam Luncheon

On July 29 and 30, Class of 2008 graduates took the Georgia Bar Exam. On hand to offer support and serve lunch were members of the law school staff and the UGA Alumni Association. (view photos)

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