Alumni Activities

A Letter to Alumni from the Board of Visitors

Strategic Priorities Update

Unlike most of you, I live and work in Athens so I've had the opportunity to witness first hand the construction undertaken to modernize the law school's facilities. Despite my geographical proximity to the university, this fall's Board of Visitors' meeting provided the first opportunity for a fullfledged tour. I am pleased to report the remarkable transformation of the law school is only one of many recent accomplishments witnessed by the BOV during our visit. The board was treated to a comprehensive tour of the renovated facilities. We were all impressed by the overwhelming evidence that the students and faculty housed within the updated buildings continue to make the University of Georgia School of Law one of the most respected public law schools in the country.

Several newly renovated classrooms and a revamped main reading room of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library welcomed returning students and law school initiates this fall. The conversion of the law school auditorium into two classrooms was close to completion when the board visited. From all appearances, the resulting classrooms will set the standard for lecture halls of the future. Since the commencement of classes, additional improvements have been completed and more will await students when they return from the winter holidays.

The substantial facial renovations are not the only changes taking place. In order to keep pace with the ever-changing technology of the information age in which we live, the law school has installed an Internet wireless network, added bar codes to all library resources to work in conjunction with a newly enhanced online circulation system, and implemented an electronic security system in the library.

As the law school improves its facilities, it continues to attract the highest caliber students in the nation, as demonstrated by the outstanding academic record of this year's



2002-03 Board of Visitors members are (back, l. to r.): James L. Ford Sr., Jerry B. Blackstock; Emmet J. Bondurant, Richard B. Chandler Jr., Patrick N. Millsaps; A. Felton Jenkins Jr., John B. Copenhaver, (front, l. to r.): Sara A. Evans, S. Lark Ingram and Brenda J. Bernstein. Not pictured are: George H. Carley, Charles A. Hunnicutt, Chair Steve C. Jones and Ruth A. Knox.

first-year class. The 208 students composing the Class of 2005 boast a median LSAT of 163 and a median GPA of 3.65. Not to be overshadowed by the law school's latest arrivals, returning students and recent graduates have likewise enjoyed great success throughout the past year. The Class of 2002 achieved a 94.3% first-time pass rate on the Georgia bar exam and carried that success over to the job market where 78.6% of 2002 graduates were employed at graduation. Both of these statistics represent new highs at the law school. In addition, both the moot court and mock trial programs had an outstanding year in 2001-02.

The current law school faculty continues to excel, benefiting from widespread publication and recognition. The recent hiring of Daniel Bodansky, a world-renowned authority on global climate control, and Lonnie Brown, who is teaching civil procedure and legal profession, has further enhanced this already superb faculty. Students are likewise profiting from the employment of two new legal research and writing instructors, Pennie Peck and Travis Trimble. The expansion of the law school's faculty continues as the first holder of the Carl E. Sanders Chair in Political Leadership will be appointed in the future.

The curriculum has also undergone an expansion with the addition of two new joint degree programs with the School of Public and International Affairs and the College of Education. Moreover, the school has created a Land Use Clinic in partnership with the College of Environment and

Design. Many more new course offerings are on the horizon.

Only by continuing to improve the law school's facilities, curriculum and faculty can the law school persist in attracting the top students in the nation and maintain its widely known reputation for academic excellence. The recent improvements to all aspects of the law school have not come without a price. The school is grateful for the generous alumni contributions responsible for the positive changes in the school. However, like the law, legal education is rapidly changing. Alumni contributions are key to allowing the law school to maintain its competitive edge. Recent budget cuts have presented the law school with even more financial challenges and increased the extent to which the school relies upon alumni donations to maintain its reputation as one of the leading law schools in the nation. Thus, despite the economic downturn following 9/11, we should not lose sight of the school's key objectives, and the integral role alumni contributions play in accomplishing these goals. I feel confident the law school can count on the enduring support of its alumni and friends during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Steve C. Jones (J.D.'88) Board of Visitors Chair

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A Letter to Alumni from the Younger Law Alumni Committee

"You are Cordially Invited to ..."

How often do you get solicitations in the mail to "get involved" in various projects? If you're on the same mailing lists I am, you get about five each week. All of the solicitations are for a great cause but, with only 24 hours in a day (of which, eight to 10 need to be "billable" and two should involve the development of clients, leaving about one hour of time to do whatever it is that YOU really want to do), it can be overwhelming.

However, the more time my job demands from me, the more I know I need to get involved in something outside the practice of law. To salvage what little sanity I have left, I try to get involved in projects that will (1) allow me to meet people I do not work with on a regular basis and (2) allow me to demonstrate that, "Yes, Boss, I really AM trying to develop clients!"

So what is a poor younger lawyer to do??! It's simple ... Get involved with the Younger Law Alumni Committee!!

What is YLAC? You are - if you graduated from law school in the last 12 years (regardless of your age) you are a younger law alumni. The Younger Law Alumni Committee was formed to promote the interests of the younger UGA law alumni and provide a means by which this group can get involved in law school activities, both in Athens and elsewhere. Over the past few years, the committee has encouraged young alumni to come back to the campus to participate in a variety of activities, including an annual Recruitment Reception (to be held on March 29, 2003), mentoring programs with current students, mock interviews, resume review, "Extended Orientation" for the first-years (where the alumni tell new students all those nasty things we wish we'd known when WE were first-years), Homecoming, YLAC Tailgate and the Thirsty Third Thursday Networking Session in Atlanta at Manuel's Tavern. We have been successful in our efforts as more and more young alumni



2002-03 Younger Law Alumni Committee members are: (back row, l. to r.) Kevin Gonzalez, At-Large Representative; Joshua Moore, At-Large Representative; Michael Sullivan, District 9; Debra Golymbieski, District 4; Melisa J. Anderson, Chair; Daniel Snipes, Treasurer; David Gruskin, Secretary; Laurel Landon, District 10; Jacob Maurer, At-Large Representative; (front row, l. to r.) Christopher Rosselli, At-Large Representative; Douglas Kertscher, Vice Chair and Chair-Elect; Ian Matthes, At-Large Representative; James Joedecke Jr., At-Large Representative; Kendall Butterworth, At-Large Representative; Clement Doyle, At-Large Representative; and Amy Loggins, District 5. Not pictured are: Shalena Archibald, At-Large Representative; Kimberly DeWitt, District 6; Marcy Gonzalez, At-Large Representative; Tracie Johnson, Immediate Past President; Daniel King Jr., District 8; Jeremy Lynch, District 2; Jeffery Monroe, District 3; Natalie Schweers, At-Large Representative; Paul Threlkeld and Ansley Threlkeld, District 1; and Christopher Tyman, District 7.

have gotten involved with these law school activities with a minimal time commitment for the alum.

The Thirsty Third Thursday Networking Session started off as an excuse to leave work early on the third Thursday of each month. Typically, younger Georgia Law alumni gather from 6:30 p.m. until we get tired. We take over a few tables at Manuel's Tavern on North Highland Avenue in Atlanta. It's a good chance for alumni to meet each other, hang out, socialize and, just maybe, drum up some business.

YLAC would love to expand the reach of Thirsty Third Thursday by having an alum or two in other cities start their own Third Thursday tradition - be it a lunch meeting or happy hour. The whole idea is that Georgia Law alumni should get to know each other in a social setting. (Remember, it's awfully hard to be uncivil in court when you've become friends in the social arena.) If you're interested in starting your own group, e-mail me a manderson@constangy.com and I'll let you know how I started organizing these networking sessions. You can also e-mail me to be added to the Atlanta Thirsty Third Thursday listserve.

Additionally, the student-mentoring program is being revitalized to find out what students need and want in a good mentor. This will be a collaborative effort between Professor Ann Dupre (chair of the Faculty Placement Committee), the Student Bar Association, the Office of Legal Career Services and YLAC. The goal is to match students to alumni by finding a "common ground," be it work interests or geographic compatibility. The level of involvement is then left up to the individuals. Some mentors make it a point to talk to their mentees via e-mail at least once a month, while others let the student set the pace.

So GET INVOLVED - you'll be amazed at the positive return on your investment of time in the School of Law.

Sincerely,

Melisa J. Anderson (J.D.'98) Younger Law Alumni Committee Chair

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2002-03 Law School Association Council members are: (back, l. to r.) Henry C. Tharpe Jr., At-Large State Representative; J. Thomas Morgan III, District 4; Paul W. Painter Jr., President; Robert O. Freeman, Treasurer; Dana B. Miles, Immediate Past President; Gregory C. Sowell, District 2; (front, l. to r.) Robert W. Chasteen Jr., District 8; James B. Ellington, District 10; Julia Willcox Lumpkin, President-Elect; Frank L. Butler III, At-Large State Representative; Kathleen Horne, District 1 and Melisa J. Anderson, Younger Law Alumni Council Representative. Not present are: Eleanor Banister, Secretary; John L. Carr Jr., At-Large Out-of-State Representative; Verner F. Chaffin, Secretary Emeritus; Elizabeth B. Chandler, At-Large State Representative; W. Heath Garrett, District 7; Steven P. Gilliam, District 9; Kenneth M. Henson Jr., District 3; Shelley D. Rucker, At-Large Out-of-State Representative; Robert L. Shannon Jr., District 5; Michael E. Sumner, District 6 and Charles A. Thomas Jr., At-Large State Representative.

A Letter to Alumni from the Law School Association Council

Two Points of Service

I have the honor of serving as president of the Law School Association this year. In that capacity, I call on you for help with two important matters.

First, the School of Law needs your financial assistance more than ever before. Due to Georgia's economic downturn, the legislature has already reduced the law school's budget 8.0 percent since last fall and additional cuts are on the horizon. Moreover, the bear market for stocks has reduced the rate of return on funds that make up the law school's endowment. The combination of these two factors can be offset only by an increase in your generosity to the law school.

You have been generous to Georgia Law in the past. This year, approximately 70 percent of your gifts were used to fund student scholarships and student programs. Applications for admission to our law school and many others in the country have increased over the past two years. To compete against other leading legal institutions for the best and brightest students, our school needs your financial support for the scholarship funding necessary to bring the most highly qualified students to Georgia Law.

I especially appeal to those graduates of the law school who received scholarship assistance themselves while they were students. As a former scholarship recipient, you can appreciate more fully how important this assistance is for many students. For ease, a donor card can be found on the "postcard" page at the back of this issue of the *Advocate*.

Secondly, we are asking your help this year with the Distinguished Service Scroll Award. The association's most prestigious award is presented annually in June to one or more persons whose contributions to the law school and achievements in professional and community life warrant this very special honor. This year, we are inviting all of our alumni to nominate people who are deserving of the award. You may nominate someone by using the form contained in this issue of the *Advocate*. (Please see the facing page.)

Thank you for the wonderful support you have given to the School of Law in past years. And thank you for helping your alma mater to continue to advance during these challenging economic times.

Sincerely yours,

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Paul W. Painter Jr. (J.D.'74)

Paul W. Painter Jr. (J.D.'74) Law School Association President



At the firm of Hawkins & Parnell, LLP, the Dean talks with alumni about the progress of the school.

Dean Meets with Alumni

Annually, the Dean makes trips to various cities to visit alumni and update them on the successes and challenges facing the law school. This fall, the Dean made out of state visits to Washington, D.C., and Jacksonville, FL. In addition, upon request, he visited individual firms to give a much more personal update.

If you would like for the Dean to visit your firm, please contact the Dean's Office at (706) 542-7140 or *shipley@uga.edu* to make arrangements.

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University of Georgia School of Law Nomination Form

for the Law School Association's

2003 Distinguished Service Scroll Award

Since 1955, the Law School Association has recognized a few graduates of the law school each year who meet one or more of the following standards: 1) distinguished reputation in his or her field, 2) exemplary record of service to the legal profession, 3) outstanding record of public service, or 4) record of outstanding service to the Law School Association. The awards are presented during the annual breakfast meeting of the association which is held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting in June. Past recipients include:

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Please use this form to submit your nomination. Additional pages may be attached in support of the nomination. Please return completed form and attachments by February 7, 2003, to: UGA Law School, 120 Herty Dr., Rm. 215, Athens, GA 30602-6012 or fax to (706) 542-4399 or submit form online at www.law.uga.edu/alumni.

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Alumni Association Bestows Highest Honor on Cheatham

The Law School Association presented its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Scroll Award, to Judge Frank Cheatham (J.D.'48) of Savannah. This award is given each year to one or two deserving individuals whose services to the legal profession and the School of Law are worthy of special recognition. The award was presented during the LSA's annual breakfast held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia meeting at Amelia Island, FL, in June.

Judge Cheatham graduated from the University of Georgia in June 1948 with A.B. and LL.B. degrees. While at the university, he was elected president of the class of 1946 and to membership in the Sphinx Club, Blue Key, and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies; Gridiron and Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity.

He practiced law in Savannah from June 1948 to August 21, 1972, when he was appointed to the Eastern Judicial Circuit Superior Court by newly elected Governor Jimmy Carter. He did not expect to be appointed as he actively supported Carter's opponent in the gubernatorial race. However, upon appointment, Carter told Cheatham, "I don't think much of your political judgement but everyone says you are the man for the job so I am going to appoint you anyway." Cheatham then served the state with distinction for 21 years before retiring as a chief judge.

Cheatham's other public service includes being a Georgia state representative from 1953 to 1960 and serving as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee in 1958 and 1959.

His dedication to his profession and community is evidenced by his receipt of the Savannah Bar Association's Professionalism Award in June 2002 and election by the Georgia Jaycees as the Outstanding Young Man in Georgia in 1972. He is past president of the Savannah Bar Association, the Judicial Council of Georgia, the Savannah Kiwanis Club and Savannah YMCA. In addition, he is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



Judge Frank Cheatham is surrounded by his wife and the "Savannah Mafia" (fellow Georgia Law alumni living in Savannah) at the alumni breakfast in June - (back, l. to r.) 2002-03 LSA President Paul Painter (J.D.'74), Rebecca Cheatham, Charles Pedigo (J.D.'74), Harvey Weitz (LL.B.'66), Wade Herring (J.D.'83), (front, l. to r.) Distinguished Service Scroll Award recipient Judge Frank Cheatham (J.D.'48) and award presenter Kathleen Horne (J.D.'76).

In presenting the award to Cheatham, LSA council member Kathleen Horne (J.D.'76) said Cheatham is very well respected for his keen mind, wonderful courtroom demeanor and his sense of humor. "In researching him for the award, all I received were accolades making the committee's decision very easy," she said.

He is married to Rebecca Aultman Cheatham, formerly of Sylvester, GA. His daughter Margaret Cheatham is starting her senior year at the University of the South (Sewanee, TN). His stepdaughter, Lara Brotherton, is married to an Englishman and lives in London. Brotherton gave birth to the Cheathams' first grandchild in December 2002.

State Bar Annual Meeting Reception and Breakfast

In keeping with tradition, the Law School Association held its annual cocktail reception and breakfast in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia's Annual Meeting.

With over 150 alumni in attendance, the cocktail party was said to be the best ever. The crowd was large and the conversation was lively. Much attention was also provided to the association's special guest U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Many alumni took advantage of the oppor-

tunity to share a few words and have their picture taken with Thomas.

At the annual breakfast, approximately 110 people witnessed the presentation of the Distinguished Service Scroll Award to Judge Frank Cheatham (LL.B.'48) and welcomed the association's new president, Paul Painter (J.D.'74).

As the LSA's 50th anniversary year came to a close, Dean Shipley congratulated the association on its super year. He acknowledged the record number of alumni joining the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society (annual donors of \$1,000 or more to the law school) and the great leadership shown by 2001-02 President Dana Miles (J.D.'80). He also reflected on the rich history of the association and the "Greatest Generation" that founded the group.



Justice Clarence Thomas shares a few thoughts with professors Anne Dupre (J.D.'88) (center) and Rebecca White. The 2001-02 State Bar of Georgia President James Franklin (LL.B.'64), who invited Thomas to the reception, is in the background.



At the breakfast, (from l. to r.) Thomas Hutcheson (LL.B.'49) and his wife Margaret speak with Paul DeForest Hicks, who authored the biography of one of the law school's founders, Joseph Henry Lumpkin. Hicks is the great-great grandson of Lumpkin.

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LSA 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Law School Association celebrated its 50th anniversary this past year. During the year, Dean David Shipley toured the state telling alumni and friends about the history of the law school and its alumni association. This momentous year culminated with 202 guests at a black-tie gala at the Georgia Governor's Mansion on June 1, 2002. The LSA invited all Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society Members (\$1,000 or more annual donors) to spend a wonderful evening in the state's capital. As a momento, attendees were presented autographed copies of *Joseph Henry Lumpkin: Georgia's First Chief Justice*, a biography of one of the law school's founders.



◆ Governor Roy Barnes (J.D.72) (left) recognizes former Governor Carl Sanders (J.D.'48) and his wife Betty for their contributions to the state and the School of Law.

Two direct descendants of law school co-founder, Joseph
Henry Lumpkin, were present for the evening - greatgreat granddaughter Julia Lumpkin (J.D. 90) and
great-great-great grandson Paul DeForest Hicks, author
of Joseph Henry Lumpkin: Georgia's First Chief
Justice. Photo courtesy of The Picture Man, Inc.



▲ The "Top Dawgs" at the event were (from l.) Governor Roy Barnes (J.D.'72), Dean David Shipley, UGA President Michael Adams and 2001-02 LSA President Dana Miles (J.D.'80). Photo courtesy of The Picture Man, Inc.





▲ Enjoying the evening were (from l.) Dan Pompilio, Lark Ingram (J.D.'78), Samuel Matchett (J.D.'84), Kamela Coleman, Ural Glanville (J.D.'87) and Lisa Glanville. Photo courtesy of The Picture Man, Inc.

Fundraising: The Year in Review

During the past fiscal year, the School of Law received tremendous support from its alumni and friends. While the number of donors was down slightly, the amount donated increased significantly. As a result, we were able to provide more scholarships and better services for our students. We need to continue this trend and, with your support, we will.

As you are no doubt aware, state funding for the law school has decreased 8.0 percent during the past two years, while return on the school's endowments have been off sharply. The result is that we must rely more heavily on private support to make up this shortfall. We hope that you, our alumni and friends, will be able to at least maintain or hopefully increase your level of support during this and future academic years.

I challenge you to join the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society (annual donors of \$1,000 or more) and help us exceed the 25 percent membership increase we realized this past year. Now would be a good time to make such a commitment. In addition to the tax advantages, other benefits of being a JHL member are: invitations to a JHL exclusive black-tie celebration and pre-game receptions for select football games, advance notification of special programs sponsored by the law school and extra recognition in the school's annual donor report.

Please remember that 70 percent of all annual fund contributions go directly to student programs including scholarships. Since many of you were assisted by a scholarship while in school, perhaps it is time to return the favor.

Please refer to the donor postcard in this publication to make your contribution now. Your continued support will help keep "your" law school among the ranks of the very best in the nation!

-Director of Development Ron Hill

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