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## Upcoming Events

**May 19**

[Class of 2012 Commencement](#)

**May 21**

[New York City Alumni Reception](#)

**June 1**

[State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Reception](#)

**June 2**

[State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Breakfast & Distinguished Service Scroll Award Presentation Ceremony](#)

**July 24 & 25**

[Georgia Bar Exam Lunch](#)

**August 14**

[School of Law Fall Semester Starts](#)

**September 28**

[Board of Visitors Fall Meeting](#)

**October 19-21**

[American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting & Research Forum](#)

**November 2**

[Law School Association Council Fall Meeting](#)

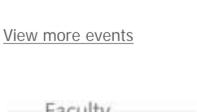
**November 2 & 3**

[Reunion Weekend](#)

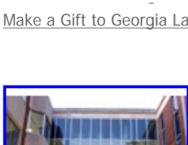
**November 3**

[22nd Annual Law School BBQ](#)

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**Building the Future**

[\(view renovation photos\)](#)

## Multimedia Gallery

\* Class of 1972 Reunion - 5/5 & 5/6/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* Reception honoring Distinguished Research Professor & Rogers Chair Alan Watson and Professor Donald E. "Eugene" Wilkes Jr. on the occasion of their retirement - 5/4/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* Columbus Area Alumni Reception - 4/24/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law* journal dedication ceremony - 4/19/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* 2012 Richard B. Russell Moot Court Competition - 4/6/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* 108th Sibley Lecture presented by International Court of Justice Judge Joan E. Donoghue - 4/3/12 [\(View photos\)](#) [\(Watch lecture\)](#) [\(Read article\)](#)

\* Presentation by Georgia Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias - 3/26/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* 24th Annual Red Clay Conference - 3/23/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* Awards Day Ceremony - 3/23/12 [\(View photos\)](#) [\(View list of honorees\)](#)

\* 30th Edith House Lecture featuring General Counsel for Coca-Cola North America Leslie M. Turner - 3/21/12 [\(View photos\)](#) [\(Watch lecture\)](#) [\(Read article\)](#)

\* 7th Annual Georgia Law Alumnae Evening featuring U.S. Attorney Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86) - 3/20/12 [\(View photos\)](#) [\(Watch presentation\)](#) [\(Read handout\)](#)

\* "The End of Impunity: War Crimes Tribunals in the 21st Century" featuring America's first Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues David Scheffer - 3/6/12 [\(View photos\)](#) [\(Watch lecture\)](#)

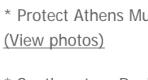
\* "Back to the Future: Global Perspectives on the Future of IP Law in the Next Decade" - 3/2/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* Protect Athens Music Conference - 2/23/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

\* Southeastern Regional Competition of the Transactional Law Meet (Hosted by Georgia Law) - 2/17/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

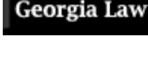
\* Georgia Law Washington, D.C., Semester in Practice program students meeting with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder - 2/15/12 [\(View photos\)](#)

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## News & Announcements



### U.S. District Court Judge Richard Story to deliver graduation address

Richard W. Story (J.D.'78), U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of Georgia, will deliver the keynote address at Georgia Law's Commencement May 19. Approximately 230 students will be receiving the juris doctor degree and 20 master of laws candidates, who have completed one year of graduate legal study, will be recognized. The processional will begin at 10 a.m. on the quadrangle in front of the law school on UGA's North Campus. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Renovations to continue this summer

Improvements to the law school's facilities will continue this summer with the primary focus being on the rotunda area and cupola. Last summer, the school benefitted from a renovation that resulted in almost 4,000 sq. ft. of additional building space being captured by enclosing the law school's Sutherland Courtyard with multifunctional corridors. Designed primarily for student use, these changes were made to repurpose underutilized areas and to address the overcrowding of public spaces. [\(View photos of last summer's completed renovations\)](#)



### Negotiation team captures national championship

Georgia Law captured first place at the Robert R. Merhige, Jr. National Environmental Negotiation Competition in April. This is the negotiation program's second national championship in two years. Teams from Georgetown University and Lewis & Clark Law School were defeated to take home this most recent trophy. [\(Learn more\)](#) [\(View final round\)](#)

### School continues to dominate in Intrastate Moot Court Competition and finishes well in others

Georgia Law took home the top trophy and the Best Brief Award at the 2012 Intrastate Moot Court Competition. This is the seventh consecutive year UGA has won this competition and the ninth straight year it has earned the best brief title. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Georgia Law students also finished as one of the top four teams in the country at the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition and placed as one of the top 10 teams in the world at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The Georgia Law team was undefeated during the regional round of the ABA tournament before advancing to the national tier. In the Vis moot with more than 280 teams from almost 70 countries, Georgia Law students received one of the highest finishes out of the 52 teams from the United States and placed second to Harvard University. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Adams to step down from UGA presidency in 2013

UGA President Michael F. Adams recently announced his decision to step down as president of the university at the conclusion of the 2012-13 fiscal year. At the end of his 16 years in office, he will stand fifth in length of service among the university's 21 presidents, tied with founding President Abraham Baldwin. Adams plans to stay engaged with the university and the Athens community after his presidency, with an eye toward teaching and writing. [\(Learn more\)](#)

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## Faculty Highlights

### Ringhand and Rutledge promoted to endowed positions

[Lori A. Ringhand](#) has been named a J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law, while [Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge](#) has been appointed the new holder of the Herman E. Talmadge Chair of Law. Ringhand joined the Georgia Law faculty in the fall of 2008, and she teaches courses on constitutional law, election law, and state and local government. Rutledge also joined Georgia Law in 2008, and his teaching and research interests include international dispute resolution, arbitration, international business transactions and the Supreme Court. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Russell Gabriel honored with the GACDL President's Award

Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic [Russell C. Gabriel](#) was recently honored by the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers with its 2011 President's Award for his excellence in service as chairperson of the organization's Indigent Defense Committee.

### Walter Hellerstein testifies before U.S. Senate

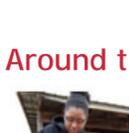
Distinguished Research Professor and Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law [Walter Hellerstein](#) was an invited witness before the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance regarding tax reform and what it means for state and local tax and fiscal policy. During his testimony, Hellerstein provided an overview of federal-state tax coordination in an effort to assist the committee in determining the appropriate role of Congress with respect to matters of state taxation.

### Georgia Law bids farewell to two longtime professors

After collectively dedicating more than 60 years of service to Georgia Law, professors [Alan Watson](#) and [Donald E. "Eugene" Wilkes Jr.](#) will retire June 1. Watson, the holder of the Rogers Chair of Law and a Distinguished Research Professorship, is regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on Roman law, comparative law, legal history, and law and religion. Wilkes, who specializes in the fields of criminal procedure, English legal history and postconviction remedies, is a leading expert on the writ of habeas corpus. [\(View photos of retirement reception\)](#)

[More Faculty Highlights](#)

## Around the Law School



### See law students in action

Georgia Law students have a long history of being active in the local community and of giving back through curricular and extracurricular opportunities. Earlier this spring, law students were filmed during a community service day organized by the Public Interest Law Council. Additionally, they were recognized during a news segment for helping train local teens for the new Athens Peer Court program, which was supported by the law student organization Street Law. [\(Watch PILC video\)](#) [\(Watch Street Law video\)](#)

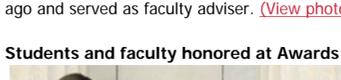
### Students advance legal education in Bhutan

Through the law school's Global Internship Program, third-year law students Brittany H. Bolton and James M. "Jim" Wilson helped create a course book for a future intellectual property class as part of a larger effort to establish the South Asian Kingdom of Bhutan's first law school. This summer, 33 law students will work in 16 countries around the globe for entities such as Cambodia's Ministry of Culture, the Clorox Company in Argentina, the Slovakian Humanitarian Council, the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in Canada and King & Wood Mallesons in China. [\(Learn more about the Bhutan experience\)](#) [\(Learn more about GIP\)](#)

### International journal dedicates issue in memory of Gabriel Wilner

The *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law* dedicated its most recent edition, Vol. 39 No. 3, in memory of former Associate Dean and Kirbo Chair Gabriel Wilner. Wilner was instrumental in the formation of the journal approximately 40 years ago and served as faculty adviser. [\(View photos\)](#)

### Students and faculty honored at Awards Day

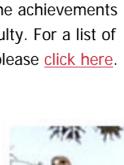


Awards Day provides the opportunity for the Georgia Law community to pause and recognize the achievements of its students and faculty. For a list of this year's recipients, please [click here](#).

[\(View photos\)](#)

### School "adopts" hawk

The law school has an unofficial mascot – a hawk, which spends most days perched in the dogwood trees outside of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library Sanders Reading Room window on North Campus. Over the past 12-18 months, the bird has developed quite a following by library visitors and has provided a "welcomed by some" distraction from studying. [\(Learn more\)](#)



### Sieler family named Family of the Year by UGA Alumni Association

The university's Alumni Association recently recognized the Seiler family, who has been responsible for raising eight generations of Ugas – the university's mascot – as its Alumni Family of the Year. The first Uga, a pure white English bulldog, was gifted to Frank "Sonny" Seiler (J.D.'57) and his wife, Cecilia, in 1956. Uga has since become a much adored and instantly recognizable symbol of the university. [\(Learn more\)](#)

## Class Notes & In Memoriam

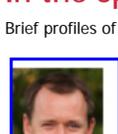
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Brief profiles of members of the law school community.



[Uganda Christian University's Brian Dennison \(J.D.'98\)](#)



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