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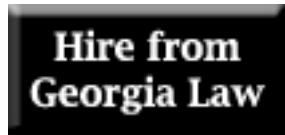


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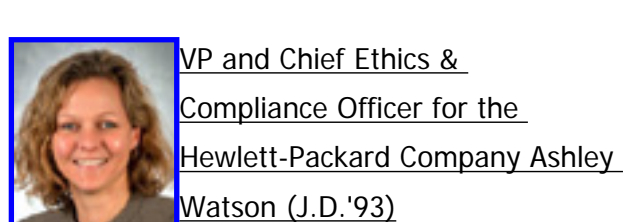
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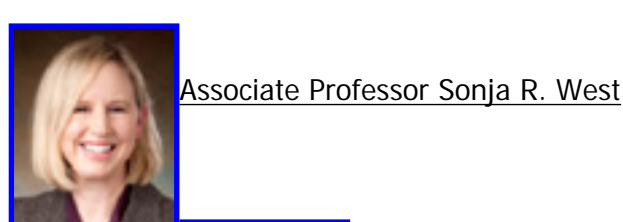
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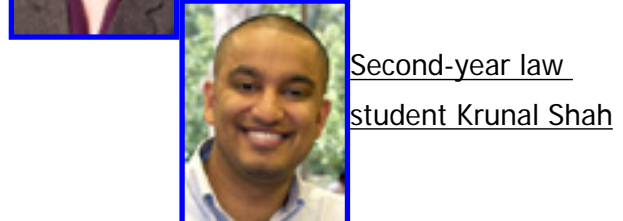
Brief profiles of members of the law school community.



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News & Announcements



Georgia Law welcomes the Class of 2015

Earlier this month, 189 talented and diverse students began the three-year pursuit of a law degree. Helping to welcome them to campus was U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia Edward J. "Ed" Tarver (J.D.'91), who delivered a professionalism address during orientation. The Class of 2015 has one of the highest percentages of female students in Georgia Law history, with 52 percent, and has an impressive median LSAT score and undergraduate GPA of 164 and 3.67, respectively. They come from 27 different states and 80 undergraduate schools, and 25 percent indicated they are members of a minority group.* ([View photos of orientation](#))

*All statistics as of the first day of classes - Aug. 14, 2012.

\$1.5 million cy pres award goes toward student scholarships

U.S. District Court Judge Clay D. Land (J.D.'85) has entered an order directing \$1.5 million of a cy pres remainder fund to Georgia Law to endow a new scholarship fund. Alumni Joel O. Wooten (J.D.'75) and James E. "Jim" Butler (J.D.'77) represented the class that obtained the class action settlement and were members of the Remainder Fund Committee that made recommendations to the court on distribution of the funds. The scholarship will award financial assistance to deserving Georgia Law students "who have demonstrated an intention and commitment to dedicate a significant part of their professional career to the representation of individuals in civil matters who, due to their financial circumstances and the nature of their legal problem, would be unlikely to be able to privately retain legal counsel."

Baradaran and Barnett join the Georgia Law faculty

Georgia Law has two new assistant professors: Mehrsa Baradaran and Kent Barnett. Baradaran brings with her a broad expertise in banking law. Previously, she worked for two years in a tenure-track position at Brigham Young University Law School, where she was named the 1L Professor of the Year. She also worked as an associate in the New York office of Davis Polk & Wardwell assisting major financial institutions with regulatory and compliance issues at both the national and international level. ([Learn More](#))

Specializing in consumer law and administrative law, Barnett comes to UGA from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He has also served as a judicial clerk for Judge John M. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit and practiced law at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in its complex commercial litigation and appellate groups and at Heygood, Orr & Pearson, where he focused on products liability and consumer litigation. ([Learn More](#))

Rotunda renovation completed

The law school's rotunda has been updated to bring it back to its original grandeur as well as to complement the 2011 renovations to the law school's primary building, which resulted in almost 4,000 sq. ft. of additional building space. Originally constructed in 1932, the rotunda is a historic part of Hirsch Hall that still serves as one of the law school's main entrances in addition to being a gathering space for faculty and students between classes and after events. ([View Photos](#))

Faculty Highlights

Congratulations to the following Georgia Law faculty members who were recently promoted: **David E. Shipley** was named a Georgia Athletic Association Professor in Law, **Hillel Y. Levin** was named an Associate Professor of Law, **Harlan G. Cohen** was granted tenure and **Suzanne Graham** was promoted to Librarian IV.

Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law **Larry D. Thompson** rejoined PepsiCo as executive vice president, government affairs, general counsel and corporate secretary on July 30. He is on temporary leave from Georgia Law while at PepsiCo and plans to return to Athens once he completes his time there.

Associate Professor **Harlan G. Cohen** won the *New York University Journal of International Law and Politics* Peer Review Award for his piece in Volume 44 titled "Finding International Law, Part II: Our Fragmenting Legal Community." The award recognizes the most significant contribution by an emerging young scholar published in the JILP during the academic year.

Woodruff Chair in International Law **Diane Marie Amann** was an invited participant in a closed-door workshop on "Geography of War in Armed Conflict," held during May at the U.S. Naval War College. The dozen or so assembled experts examined whether, and under what conditions, international law permits a country engaged in an armed conflict of a non-international character to conduct hostilities in the territory of other countries with which it is not at war.

Assistant Professor **Kent Barnett** was selected to present his current project titled "Structural Improvements to Formal Executive Adjudication" at the 2012 Yale-Stanford-Harvard Junior Faculty Forum in June. His was one of only 17 submissions by early-career scholars nationwide to earn this recognition. His paper was also selected to be presented at the Fifth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, which will be held at the College of William & Mary Law School in October.

Around the Law School



LSA presents highest honor to Kurtz and Wooten

Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Paul M. Kurtz (left) and attorney Joel O. Wooten (J.D.'75) were presented with the Georgia Law alumni association's Distinguished Service Scroll Award during June. The award recognizes individuals for their exceptional service and dedication to the legal profession and to the law school and is the highest honor given by the Law School Association. ([Learn More](#))

Athens and Columbus firms win Firm and Corporate Alumni Challenge

Georgia Law is pleased to announce the winners of the 3rd Annual Firm and Corporate Alumni Challenge, which seeks to achieve 100 percent giving participation from Georgia Law graduates within an organization. Fortson, Bentley and Griffin of Athens, Ga., won Category A (organizations with more than 10 Georgia Law graduates), while Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood of Columbus, Ga., won Category B (organizations with five to 10 Georgia Law graduates). More than 50 firms competed in the challenge with 10 reaching 100 percent giving. ([Learn More](#))



Chaffin and Emerency recognized for dedication to the legal profession

Callaway Chair Emeritus Verner F. Chaffin (LL.B.'42) received the [American Law Institute's 50-year membership medallion](#) at the organization's annual meeting earlier this year for his continuous service to the ALI. Additionally, Law Library Director Emeritus Erwin C. Surrency (J.D.'48) was recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries for his significant, substantial and longstanding contributions to the organization and the profession during July when he was inducted into its [Hall of Fame](#).

Eleven Georgia Law alumni named to UGA's 40 Under 40

More than 25 percent of the UGA Alumni Association's 40 Under 40 Class of 2012 are Georgia Law graduates. This annual honor recognizes alumni campus-wide who are making an impact, demonstrating a commitment to UGA and aspiring to uphold the principles of wisdom, justice and moderation. Those named to this year's list are: Lisa R. Blanco (J.D.'98), Jennifer L. Chapman (J.D.'02), C. Andrew Childers (J.D.'98), Jehan Y. El-Jourbagy (J.D.'03), Stacey G. Evans (J.D.'03), Kelly D. Kautz (J.D.'02), Amy E. Loggins (J.D.'99), Patrick N. Millsaps (J.D.'00), John W. Stephenson Jr. (J.D.'00), Robert B. Teihet (J.D.'00) and Joby F. Young (J.D.'09). ([Learn More](#))

Georgia Law says farewell to longtime alumni director Jill Coveny Birch

After nearly 35 years of service to the law school, Executive Director of Alumni Programs & Special Events Jill Coveny Birch has announced her plans to retire on Sept. 7th. She has touched multiple generations of Georgia Law graduates during her career and has served as an invaluable member of the school's administrative team, providing leadership for the placement, development and alumni offices. If you wish to congratulate Jill on her upcoming retirement, please feel free to contact her at jbirch@uga.edu.

Reconnect at Reunion Weekend

Graduates from the following classes are invited to come to Athens Nov. 2 & 3 for a reunion celebration: 1962, 1967, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007. The weekend will feature a reunion dinner Friday night followed by the law school's annual BBQ on Saturday. ([Register Now](#))



22nd Annual Law School BBQ

Tickets are now on sale for this year's law school BBQ, which will take place Nov. 3 on Herty Field, North Campus. To ensure Early Bird discount pricing, please place your order by Oct. 14. All ticket sales for this event will end at 5 p.m. on Oct. 19. ([Learn More](#))

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