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# News @ Georgia Law

November 2012

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## Upcoming Events

**January 10**

[State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting alumni reception](#)

**January 16**

[Georgia Supreme Court to hear oral arguments at Georgia Law](#)

**January 24**

[Athens-area alumni reception with Georgia Superior Court Judges as special guests](#)

**February 5**

[Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law symposium featuring U.N. World Food Programme Executive Director Ertharin Cousin \(J.D.'82\)](#)

**March 22**

[Law School Association Council \(LSAC\) Spring Meeting](#)

**April 5**

[Board of Visitors \(BOV\) Spring Meeting](#)

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## News & Announcements

### New service learning program to launch this spring; two more on the horizon

Georgia Law's newest experiential learning opportunity, the Business Law Practicum, will allow third-year law students to work with local nonprofits and small businesses that cannot afford legal representation to help them with a variety of issues, including entity formation, corporate governance, employment matters and contracts. The program will be headed up by [Willow M. Meyer](#). The law school is also in the process of creating the Community Economic Development Clinic and the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic – bringing the total number of service learning programs available to law students to 14.



### Foyer named for Aflac Foundation President Kathelen Amos (J.D.'82)

Georgia Law recently dedicated one of its newly renovated spaces in honor of Kathelen V. Amos (J.D.'82). The ceremony included a portrait unveiling of Amos, whose likeness now hangs in the space that bears her name – the Kathelen Van Blarcum Amos Foyer – which is located on the second floor of Hirsch Hall near the entrance to the law library. Amos and her husband, Dan, made a leadership gift to the law school to assist in its renovations and have been longtime supporters of the school. [\(Learn More\)](#) [\(View Photos\)](#)

### Georgia Law continues to be recognized as a best value

In a recent study conducted by *National Jurist* magazine, Georgia Law was named fifth in the nation for providing "the best bang for the buck." The ranking considered average debt for 2011 graduates, tuition, cost of living, bar passage rates and employment statistics. [\(Learn More\)](#)

### Global Internship Program receives funding from the Freeman Foundation

This fall, the University of Georgia received a \$100,000 grant from the Freeman Foundation to implement the Asia-Georgia Internship Connection (AGIC) – a campus-wide initiative to expand and transform existing student internship opportunities in East and Southeast Asia. As part of AGIC, Georgia Law received nine \$2,500 stipends to support law students who complete a pro-bono internship in China, South Korea, Vietnam or Japan through the school's Global Internship Program, which is one of the university's largest international internship initiatives. [\(Learn More\)](#)

**ASIL Midyear Meeting held in Athens/Atlanta**

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- \* [2012 Reunion Reception for the Classes of 1962, 1967, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007 - 11/2/12](#)
- \* [Portrait unveiling and foyer dedication ceremony for Kathelen Van Blarcum Amos \(J.D.'82\) - 11/2/12](#)
- \* [Georgia Law's Federalist Society hosts Secretary of State Brian Kemp - 10/31/12](#)
- \* [Columbus-area alumni reception - 10/30/12](#)
- \* [Ceremony honoring the law firm Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood for winning Category B of Georgia Law's 2011-12 Firm and Corporation Alumni Challenge - 10/24/12](#)
- \* [American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting & Research Forum \(hosted by Georgia Law\) - 10/19 to 10/21/12](#)
- \* [The Second Annual Georgia Symposium of Law & Politics: Ethics in Government Panel - 10/19/12](#)
- \* [2012 J. Melvin England Mock Trial Competition - 10/12/12](#)



Scholars, practitioners and students from around the world convened in Athens and Atlanta during October to discuss compelling issues in international law as part of the American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting and Research Forum. Georgia Law served as the host institution for this three-day event, which featured keynote addresses by United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and U.N. Legal Counsel Patricia O'Brien and U.S. State Department Legal Adviser Harold Hongju Koh. ([View Photos](#))

### Georgia Supreme Court to hear oral arguments at Georgia Law

On Jan. 16, Georgia Law's Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom will become home to members of the Georgia Supreme Court as the justices hear oral arguments in Athens. This will be the third time in the past six years that the courtroom has been used by judicial bodies to allow members of the general public to observe the court system in action. The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims used it in 2010 as did the Georgia Court of Appeals in 2007. The last time the Georgia Supreme Court heard arguments in Athens was in 2004.



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## Faculty Highlights

Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism **Lonnie T. Brown Jr.** was recently selected by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia to serve as the principal substantive consultant for the court's Civil Local Rules Revision Project.

Hosch Professor **Julian A. Cook III** has published *Inside Investigative Criminal Procedure: What Matters and Why* (Aspen Publishers, 2012).

Distinguished Research Professor & Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law **Walter Hellerstein** spoke on a panel that addressed "Applying VAT to International Trade - The Challenge of Economic Globalization" at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's First Global Forum on VAT. This invitation only event, which included participants from more than 70 countries, as well as representatives from business and academia, took place in Paris, France, during November.

Talmadge Chair **Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge** has published *Arbitration and the Constitution* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

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## Around the Law School

**Georgia Law wins Hulsey/Gambrell competition; takes second at national civil rights and liberties moot**

In the [Hulsey/Gambrell Moot Court Competition](#), formerly the Hulsey-Kimbrell Moot Court Competition, Georgia Law students defeated

\* [Presentation on "Globalization of Legal Education: Institutional Development in India" by Vik Kanwar, Jindal Global Law School in India - 10/10/12](#)

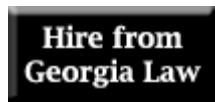
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University of Florida students in the courtroom. Georgia's overall record is now 20-8-2 in this tournament that is traditionally held on the eve of the Georgia-Florida football game. Additionally, Georgia Law took home the Best Oralist Award and captured second place at this year's [Emory National Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition](#).

### Prosecutorial Clinic director and students reach milestones

The influence a professor has on his or her students long exceeds their time in school. Prosecutorial Clinic Director [Alan A. Cook](#) (J.D.'84), who joined the Georgia Law faculty in 2001, recently received evidence of this fact when he learned that former student Teresa M. Garmon (J.D.'11) had been hired as an assistant district attorney in Clayton County, Ga., thus becoming his 100th former student to serve as a prosecutor. Moreover, 2002 alumna Shannon G. Wallace, who coincidentally was a student in Cook's first Prosecutorial Clinic class, will be his first former student to achieve the title of elected district attorney. Wallace will assume her DA post in Cherokee County, Ga., on Jan. 1.

### Georgia Law says goodbye to Sarajane Love (J.D.'73) and Elaine Mitchell; welcomes new alumni and business & finance directors

As 2012 comes to a close, several personnel changes are on the horizon. Chaffin Distinguished Professor in Fiduciary Law [Sarajane N. Love](#) (J.D.'73) will retire Jan. 1 after serving as a faculty member for more than 25 years. A specialist in trusts and estates, Love also taught the regulation of pensions, employee benefits, women and the law, and estate and gift tax. Longtime Director of Business & Finance [Elaine K. Mitchell](#) will also retire this fall after more than 25 years of service. Mitchell's last day advising on law school and university policies and procedures will be Dec. 1. Please join the law school in wishing these two longtime employees well in their new endeavors.

Joining the law school community earlier this fall were [Suzanne Griffeth](#) – the director of alumni relations – and [Kathleen A. Day](#) – the new director of business & finance. Griffeth comes to Georgia Law with more than 10 years of experience in alumni relations and development from the university's College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Previously employed at UGA's Terry College of Business, Day has almost 20 years of financial experience that she will bring to her position at Georgia Law.

### In Memoriam: John Rees, Erwin Surrency (J.D.'48) and Jack Murray



Georgia Law regrets to announce the passing of Law School Association Professor Emeritus John B. Rees Jr., who served as a faculty member at the law school from 1959 to 2002. In addition to his role as a professor, Rees also served as assistant dean from 1964 to 1969 and led the facilities committee that oversaw the design and construction of the law school's 1967 expansion. He died Sept. 26. [\(Learn More\)](#)

Professor and Law Library Director Emeritus Erwin C.

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Surrency (J.D.'48), who served as a faculty member at the law school from 1979 to 1994, passed away on Nov. 8. During his time at Georgia Law, Surrency made many contributions including the introduction of computerization into the library's services and the establishment of relationships with local legal communities. ([Learn More](#))



Col. John "Jack" Murray, who taught at the law school from 1965 to 1976, passed away on Aug. 18 at the age of 94. During his time at the law school, he served as associate dean and director of admissions. His areas of specialty were workers' compensation, contracts and criminal law. ([Learn More](#))



### Digital Commons hits 500,000 downloads

Digital Commons, Georgia Law's institutional repository, recently reached half a million downloads. As an early adopter and leader in this type of technology, the law school currently has more than 4,500 documents in this digital database, which it uses to capture the intellectual output of Georgia Law's faculty and students.

### Include Georgia Law in your year-end charitable giving

Please consider supporting the next generation of lawyers by making a gift to the school's Law School Fund. This fund is the largest single source of annual scholarship dollars at Georgia Law and helps students cover their tuition and fees. For more information, please contact Phyllis Cooke at (706) 542-7637 or [cooke@uga.edu](mailto:cooke@uga.edu). ([Give Now](#))

### Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season

Please note the law school will be closed Nov. 22 – 23 (Thanksgiving Holiday), Dec. 25 – Jan. 1 (Winter Break) and Jan. 21 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

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