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YOURSELF OR
ANOTHER ALUM!**

The Alumni Programs Office is compiling a listing of UGA law alumni who have interesting hobbies or pursuits. We seek authors (published or non-published), artists, singers, musicians, actors, sports enthusiasts (mountain climbing, skiing, hiking, etc.). . . get the drift? Our hope is to develop a resource pool to assist when trying to arrange seminars or workshops highlighting these skills. Don't be shy -- please share your talent-interest-ability with us or tell us an intriguing tidbit about another alum. Thanks.

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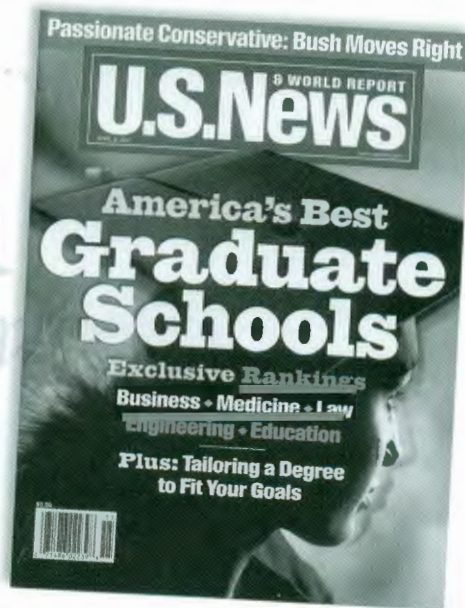
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Georgia Law—Climbing Higher

The University of Georgia School of Law ranks as the 27th best law school in the land, up two positions from last year, according to the annual rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. The survey places the UGA law school in the top 15 percent of the nation's ABA-accredited law schools, among the top 11 public law schools in the country, and among the top three public law schools in the Southeast.

In the rankings, UGA is tied for 27th place with Emory University, Boston University, University of Notre Dame, and Washington University in St. Louis.

"Everyone at the University of Georgia School of Law – faculty, staff and students – is pleased that we moved up two places in the rankings," said Dean David Shipley. "All of our indicators of quality such as student credentials,



placement success and faculty productivity are strong, plus they are improving. Only 13 law schools in the top 25 report a higher GPA ranking for the top quarter of the class. There are many reasons to be optimistic and excited about the future of the law school."

U.S. News bases its law school rankings on four criteria: reputation among lawyers, judges and faculty; student selectivity (median Law School Admission Test

score, median undergraduate grade point average and proportion of applicants accepted); employment success and bar passage; and faculty resources (total expenditures per student for instruction, library and supporting student services; student-teacher ratio; financial aid; and law library volume count).

As it has done for many years, UGA earned high marks in the factual categories of student selectivity (median LSAT score of 162 and median GPA of 3.59); placement (97% of graduates in the class of 1999 employed nine months after graduation); and bar passage (91.9% in Georgia). In numerous instances, these scores were better than those of schools which ranked higher in the overall survey.

Hard to Beat

Final employment figures for the Class of 2000 were reported to the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) in February (nine months after graduation). They are:

Total Graduates:	202	
Total Reporting Employment Status:	194	
99.0% of the Class of 2000 were placed.		
Employed:	95.9%	of known
Private Practice:	61.8%	of employed
Business/Industry:	8.1%	of employed
Government:	11.8%	of employed
Judicial Clerkships:	12.9%	of employed
Public Interest:	4.8%	of employed
Academia:	0.5%	of employed
Unemployed, Not Seeking:	3.1%	of known

Remembering Tara Baker

Gus Suarez last saw his good friend and study partner Tara Baker in their contracts class. He had a strange feeling that he should tell her goodbye, but he didn't. "There has not been a day that I haven't regretted my decision," he said at her law school memorial service in April.

Tara Louise Baker of Lovejoy, Georgia, was murdered in her off-campus apartment on Friday, January 19, 2001, just hours before her 24th birthday. The killer then set a fire in her bedroom to conceal the crime. No arrests have been made.

"The death of a student represents a loss to each and every member of her class and section," said Associate Dean Paul Kurtz, who taught Miss Baker as a student in his first-year criminal law course. "The class is simply not quite as full as it should have been. There is a sense of loss and anger."

The law school brought in grief counselors for students in the days following the tragedy, and professors in Section Z canceled classes so Miss Baker's classmates could attend her funeral. Dean David Shipley sent a letter to the families of all UGA law students to advise them of the situation and of the steps being taken to provide reassurance and support, particularly to the 70 members of Section Z. Several personal safety seminars were held over the semester, which were well attended by students, faculty and staff.

Police conducted interviews with students, and the law school cooperated fully with all aspects of the investigation. A reward in the case now stands at \$26,000, and a billboard in east Athens bearing her photograph and the words, "Who Murdered Tara Louise Baker?" reminds the community of the heinous crime. The Student Bar Association also collected reward money from students, as well as a generous donation from the Troutman Sanders law firm; if the reward is unclaimed, the contributions will be added to the scholarship fund established in Miss Baker's memory.

"She was a remarkable woman," recalled Eric Mueller, another member of Miss Baker's study group. "She was probably the only person I knew who definitely knew what she wanted to do." And that goal, without a doubt, said her friends and family, was to study law at the University of Georgia and become a real estate attorney.

"We went to a Chinese restaurant one time and her fortune said, 'You'll make a great lawyer.' Tara was thrilled," her college roommate Ashley Peevy recalled. "She put that note on her bulletin board and later in her scrapbook. She always thought it was her fate to be a lawyer."

Miss Baker was remembered as a radiant young woman with a beautiful smile, great attitude and strong commitment to service. "She had an unbelievable desire to learn," said Jack Hancock (J.D.'76), who was Miss Baker's first law firm employer. "When she walked in the door, you knew she was special. There was a glow about her, a smile on her face everywhere you saw her."

Miss Baker graduated *cum laude* from Georgia College in Milledgeville in 1998, earning dual degrees in political science and paralegal studies in three years. She first worked for Hancock & Echols in Forest Park, then served a year as a real estate legal assistant at Fortson, Bentley & Griffin in Athens. Her former supervisor, Pam Dillard (J.D.'88), described Miss Baker as an intelligent, motivated person who was always diligent, attentive, patient and professional. "She didn't talk about was she was going to do," said Dillard. "She just did it in a quiet way."

Miss Baker was an active and popular law student who served as a first-year SBA senator. Her devotion to family and friends, as well as her gracious manner and hospitality, were traits warmly remembered by those close to her. Suarez and Mueller both expressed their glee when Miss Baker invited them to join her study group – not just



Tara Louise Baker
January 20, 1977 - January 19, 2001

because she was smart, but also because she was a motherly figure who prepared fresh cookies or muffins as well as "the most perfect Southern sweet tea" for every study session.

"Tara treated everyone as welcome and special. That was just her way," said Suarez. "She was the quintessential Southern belle – what Margaret Mitchell must have had in mind when she named the quintessential Southern plantation 'Tara.'"

Miss Baker's father, Lindsay, fought back tears as he shared remembrances and thanked the law school community for its outpouring of love. "Remember as you practice, you are living Tara's dream," he told her classmates. "And as long as you practice, she will practice law, too. As long as you remember her, she will live forever in our hearts."

Mrs. Barbara Patrie and Mrs. Virginia Baker have established the Tara Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor the memory of their granddaughter and daughter. A Tara Baker Memorial Scholar will be named next fall. Contributions may be sent to Associate Dean Paul Kurtz at the School of Law.

Admissions Lawsuit Resolved Admissions Policy Remains Intact

A lawsuit alleging reverse discrimination against two white applicants to the University of Georgia School of Law was settled out of court in February. As a result, there will be no change in the law school's admissions process and the university has not admitted to any allegations raised by the plaintiffs.

"Our position remains that the admissions policy at the law school is constitutional and defensible," said Special Assistant Attorney General Mark Cohen, who represented the Board of Regents and Dean David Shipley. "We were able to resolve the law school case amicably with the plaintiffs, and the law school will continue its current admissions process without further challenge by these parties."

The dismissal was agreed to by Cohen on behalf of the Board of Regents and Shipley, attorney Lee Parks on behalf of the plaintiffs, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, attorneys for several intervenors.

The case was filed May 23, 2000 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern

District of Georgia by Virginia Noble and Robert Homlar, who were rejected for admission to the law school's 1999 entering class. The settlement provided that Noble, now a rising third-year student at Mercer University School of Law, and Homlar, now a rising third-year student at the University of South Carolina School of Law, be paid \$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively. Homlar was also given the option of attending the UGA law school as a visiting student for his final year of studies if approved by the dean of the USC law school. Should he decide to attend, his law degree will still be from USC. In addition, plaintiffs' attorneys received \$20,000 for their fees and expenses.

"This is a good settlement for the law school," said Shipley. "It enables us to continue our efforts to recruit outstanding students without making any changes in our admissions policy."

The university previously settled two other reverse discrimination cases involving the undergraduate admissions process. Remaining on appeal is a case before the Eleventh Circuit that observers say has potential landmark implications for national policy on the role of affirmative action in higher education admissions processes.

— Adapted from the UGA
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Jessup National Finalists & Regional Champs: (l. to r.) Megan Watkins, Clint Pridgen, Advocacy Director Kellie Casey (J.D.'90), Rob McNiff and Claudia Campo. The Jessup performance capped off an incredible season for the law school's entire advocacy program. For full details on the many championships and awards, see the feature on pages 25-27.

On Top of the World

The University of Georgia School of Law reached the national finals of the 42nd annual Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition April 1-7 in Washington, D.C., and all four of its team members were honored among the top 12 oralists in the world competition. Team member Rob McNiff was named as the tournament's overall Best Oralist; Clint Pridgen - 5th Best Oralist; Megan Watkins - 9th Best Oralist; and Claudia Campo - 12th Best Oralist. In addition, the team's combined brief finished 10th out of 69 briefs entered in the international competition.

"I have never seen four people work so hard in my life," said Advocacy Director Kellie Casey (J.D.'90). "I couldn't be more proud of all the accomplishments they achieved. To make it to the national championship of such a prestigious competition is a great feat in itself, but we also placed all four of our competitors among the tournament's top dozen oralists. That's phenomenal."

Headlines



Stephen Lumpkin Upson (J.D.'00, center) became the 217th member of the graduating Class of 2000 when he was awarded his diploma in December. He's joined by his wife, Sarah, and Dean David Shipley.

The Diploma's on the Wall

It may have taken 70 years, but 92-year-old Stephen Lumpkin Upson of Greensboro, North Carolina – a direct descendant of the law school's founder, Joseph Henry Lumpkin – finally has a diploma from the University of Georgia School of Law to hang on his wall. Upson received his J.D. at a December ceremony in Greensboro. The luncheon was attended by family and friends as well as local alumni, business executives and dignitaries.

"Indeed, I can't tell you how much I appreciate this," Upson said upon receiving his framed diploma from Dean David Shipley. "It's a great honor to be here and I know my great-great-grandfather, if he could see it, and I expect he can, would be proud, too."

Upson, an Athens native, earned multiple honors and degrees while a student at UGA in the 1920s. He completed two-thirds of the law school graduation requirements, but received his diploma from the Southern Law School, which was created by his father, a former UGA

law faculty member. He later earned an MBA from Harvard, and went on to a distinguished career as an attorney and corporate business and finance executive.

Despite his many career accomplishments, Upson always felt something was missing – a juris doctor from his beloved alma mater. The law school now grants degrees to those who complete their final year of study at another institution, but Upson's record could not be confirmed because the transcripts had been destroyed in two fires at the UGA registrar's office in the 1950s. However, the North Carolina Bar had his bar application on file, complete with courses and grades. With that evidence, the UGA law faculty voted unanimously to confer his degree.

Julia Lumpkin (J.D.'90) of Columbus, who serves as secretary of the Law School Association, said her father, the late Frank Lumpkin, would have a fitting comment about his cousin's graduation ceremony: "It's about darn time you became a Law Dawg!"



Timberrrr!

Two massive oak trees fell on the law school quadrangle on the first morning of spring amid heavy rain and 40-mile-per-hour gusts of wind. One tree, in front of Peabody Hall, was estimated at 100 years old; the other, near Waddell Hall, was at least 150 years old and was probably in the original stand of trees when the university was founded. UGA groundskeepers blame the trees' demise on the long-term drought, which depleted ground moisture and took its toll on their root systems. No major damage was reported and no one was hurt, although a law school budget office employee was pulled to safety by a passing undergraduate.

– From UGA Communications



Dreaming Big: A Bold Vision for the Future

“The people of Georgia want and deserve nothing short of the best. The University of Georgia School of Law is, therefore, to be one of such excellence that no citizen of Georgia need ever leave the state because a superior legal education is available elsewhere.”

That familiar charge, chiseled in stone on the outer wall of the law library, is just as relevant today as it was when Governor Carl Sanders (J.D.'48) uttered the phrase at the groundbreaking of the Hirsch Hall addition in 1964. The expansion has served the law school admirably for close to four decades, but now technological upgrades and renovation to the entire facility are overdue.

“Alumni leaders have become quite vocal about visiting classrooms that haven’t changed since they were students,” said Dean David Shipley. “And our students and faculty are aware of the building’s shortcomings as well. We lack the technological capabilities to accommodate the large number of students who want to use their laptops or for professors to incorporate the latest technology in every class. We don’t have group study rooms, and our library is short on space. We don’t use the auditorium for teaching because it’s so poorly designed. These are just a few of the flaws. The law school is doing very well right now, but it’s only a matter of time before we start losing top students and faculty recruits to peer schools with more impressive facilities. No one wants to move from our ideal location on North Campus, but I think it’s fair to say that all of us want to do more with the space we have.”



Dean David Shipley explains preliminary architectural suggestions to LSAC members. BOV members also viewed the sketches at their meeting.

Those concerns and others were magnified in a needs assessment study chaired by Professor Bob Brussack (J.D.'76) last year. The study’s three central findings: 1) the law school needs more space; 2) ubiquitous technology is required; and 3) renovation should also occur. The report was approved by the faculty and, in keeping with the University of Georgia’s capital projects protocol, the law school hired an architectural firm – Ayers Saint Gross of Baltimore – to develop a facilities feasibility study. Ayers Saint Gross also masterminded the impressive renovations at the University of Virginia and Syracuse University law schools. In addition, the firm devised UGA’s campus master plan.

“The architects from Ayers Saint Gross have visited us twice this semester, primarily to listen to us and familiarize themselves with our needs, and then to present possible building options,” said Professor Ann Puckett, director of the law library and coordinator of the executive steering committee for law school renovation. “They’ve heard from a host of faculty members, staff and students and have brought back some innovative and refreshing proposals. We’re far from having a finished plan, as we’re just in a very preliminary feasibility study, but the ideas we’ve seen so far to connect the facilities better and add enhanced classrooms and other much needed space have served their purpose: people are talking and constructively thinking about what we can become. It’s an exciting time.”

Architects from Ayers Saint Gross will return to the school in early summer to put a preliminary price tag on their proposals. After that, more exacting analysis of the law school’s long-term programming needs will commence, and the plans will be further honed by a larger and more representative group. The law school also has been allocated \$3.2 million in lottery funds by Governor Roy Barnes (J.D.'72) and the Georgia legislature, money which will be used for technology upgrades in concert with the broader plan for facilities improvement.

Members of the Board of Visitors and Law School Association Council saw the preliminary drawings at their April meetings and were highly enthusiastic. (See page 33.) Shipley views the refurbishment, renovation and technical enhancement of law school facilities as just one important facet of the law school’s overall strategic plan for excellence – the visible catalyst which will energize the entire campaign to fund new and existing scholarships and student programs as well as new faculty positions, support and research.

“Alumni support of the law school is strong,” said Shipley. “There’s a lot of enthusiasm for the school as we continue to rise in the rankings, our faculty reputation climbs, our student body improves, and we prepare to update the building. People are taking notice of us, they feel that we’re a school on the move. I think we should capture this momentum and move forward to raise the significant amount of money necessary to realize our strategic goals and advance the University of Georgia School of Law.”

Trading Places

Ted Kassinger (J.D.'78) thought he was headed for a career in environmental design until Dean Rusk took him under his wing. He's now general counsel for the U.S. Department of Commerce with 300 attorneys reporting to him.

by Kent Hannon

Ted Kassinger works in a building the size of Sanford Stadium, which would seem an appropriate metaphor for his task as the newly confirmed general counsel of the sprawling U.S. Department of Commerce. But considering all the legal matters, foreign and domestic, that Kassinger and his 300-attorney staff have to deal with – from the integration of China into the world market to salmon problems in the Columbia River basin – a more appropriate vantage point for this FBI agent's son might be the Washington Monument.

You don't apply for Ted Kassinger's job. The president has to nominate you. Congress has to confirm you. And you better be prepared for close scrutiny because, in this particular instance, Kassinger's boss, Commerce Secretary Don Evans, is the president's closest friend and the man who chaired his election campaign.

The Census Bureau. Patent and Trademark Office. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Export Administration. Economic Development Agency. These huge federal agencies all fall under the Department of Commerce umbrella. And when they run into legal problems, they speed-dial Ted Kassinger, his immediate staff, or the attorneys who ultimately report to him from the agency bureaus.

"Most people think of Commerce as a trade agency, but it's much more," says Kassinger (J.D.'78) when asked to size up his new job. "NOAA is a major enterprise in itself. It consumes more than half of Commerce's budget, with major responsibilities in areas like global warming, fisheries management, and coastal zone protection. Much of that work involves balancing critical commercial interests with difficult environmental issues. I see my job as a challenge, but not a daunting one."

Kassinger's easy-going, soft-spoken confidence stems from years of private practice and a succession of legal positions at the International Trade Commission, State Department, and Senate Committee on Finance that lead logically to the general counsel's office he now occupies on the fifth floor of the Commerce building on Constitution Avenue, two blocks from the White House.

"Ted is thorough and smart. . . a good man to have on your team," says law school classmate Randy Nuckolls (J.D. '77) of Long Aldridge & Norman, who has been UGA's Washington counsel since 1986. "And, unlike a lot of people in Washington, he doesn't care about being in the limelight."

The aura of Washington – "the perceived power of the place," as Kassinger puts it – has never appealed to him. "In fact, there were times during the 23 years I've lived here, that I wanted to leave the city because of its self-important atmosphere," he says. "I guess among the things my father instilled in me was a certain skepticism about people who are focused on political power."

Washington has provided parallel experiences for Ted Kassinger and his father Edward, who graduated from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. In 1939, he met Ted's mother Sarah on a trolley in Washington as they both headed to work at the FBI. Remarkably, when it came time for their oldest son (of seven children) to meet his future bride, it happened on a bus in Washington. Ted now lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland, with his wife Ruth and daughters Anna, Austen, and Alice.

Ted was born in Atlanta, but ended up going to high school in Athens when his father went to work for UGA after retiring from the FBI in 1968. Ed Kassinger created UGA's Department of Public Safety and also ran the Northeast Georgia Police Academy until he retired from UGA in 1984. "He was a perfect fit," says Ted of his late father, "not just because of his law enforcement background, but because of his searching, inquiring mind. He loved the academic community."

Like four of his six siblings, Ted followed his father's path to UGA. He also chose a career in government service, but he had no idea it would turn out that way when he was in college. "I was an environmental design major, and I spent long hours for five years to get my degree. It was a struggle, but I fully expected a career working outdoors."



*Georgia native Ted Kassinger's (J.D.'78) responsibilities now span the globe. Huge federal agencies fall under the Department of Commerce's umbrella, and Kassinger and his staff navigate the legal waters for all of them.
Photo by Michael Carpenter*

Along the way, a former U.S. Secretary of State helped Kassinger realize that he was perhaps best suited for something else.

"When I was a sophomore, I chaired the speakers program for University Union," he recalls. "It occurred to me that we ought to get Dean Rusk, who was still fairly new to campus, to help us line up speakers. It took days to get up my nerve to call him. When he picked up the phone, I stammered out my request, and he said, 'Sure, why don't you come up and see me?'"

Rusk became something of a mentor to Kassinger.

"He gave me a list of books to read, beginning with Dean Acheson's autobiography, *Present at the Creation*," says Kassinger. "And he figured out a lot of things about me before I did."

Kassinger inherited his father's interest in international affairs, and Rusk made himself available for what became an unofficial but invaluable independent study course with one of the most influential men of the 20th century. "I fell under his spell," says Kassinger, "and, at some point, Mr. Rusk asked me if I had ever thought about going to law school – which I'm sure was another latent interest on my part."

Kassinger attended Georgia Law, serving as notes editor for the *Georgia Law Review* in his third year. He initially assumed he would practice environmental law when he graduated. But, as he says, "a great magnet kept pulling me in the direction of doing something international."

Close friend and classmate John Carr (J.D.'78) joined Shaw Pittman in Washington, where he is today, and persuaded Kassinger to head north. Ted opted for the government, and joined the U.S. International Trade Commission, an independent agency.

"It was a great place to work, particularly at that time," says Kassinger. "A big round of international trade negotiations – the Tokyo Round – was just wrapping up, and the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees asked the ITC to do an analysis of what was needed to implement those trade agreements into domestic law. I walked in the door and they put me on that project."

Trade agreements must be approved by Congress, so Kassinger got a quick education in trade policy and trade law, in tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, and in the interaction between the Hill and the White House on trade matters. And as he moved up through the governmental ranks, Kassinger raised the profile of the UGA law school.

"When I went to the State Department in 1980," Kassinger recalls, "it was kind of a joke in the legal counsel's office that they recruited people from a very narrow range of law schools – mostly the Ivy League and a few others. . . Stanford, Berkeley, Chicago."

Bob Sloan, now a senior attorney at General Electric, was put in charge of recruiting. Sloan was a Harvard law grad, but he wanted to broaden the range of schools represented in the legal counsel's office, an idea that came to him just as Kassinger's résumé was landing on his desk.

"I was in heaven at State," says Kassinger, "because the legal adviser's office is the place to work if you're interested in public international law. This was also the time of the Iran hostage crisis and other singular events. It was an electrifying place to work."

Although happily immersed in the diplomatic world, when invited in late 1981 to become international trade counsel to the Senate Finance Committee – at what Kassinger calls "the crossroads of trade law and trade policy in Washington" – he moved to the legislative branch. Kassinger worked for Senator Bob Dole, who chaired the committee. When Dole was elected Senate Majority Leader in early 1985, Kassinger decided it was time to make another change.

Kassinger, who breezed through spring confirmation hearings in the Senate, took a logical progression of steps to his new position at the Department of Commerce. The devoted law school alumnus – a member of the school's Board of Visitors – has a wealth of experience under his belt in both the public and private sectors. Photo by Michael Carpenter



“I was coming up on seven years out of law school,” he says, “and I felt like if I was ever to take up private practice, I needed to get going.”

Kassinger wanted to work in the Washington office of a large out-of-town firm with a substantial international practice. He chose Houston-based Vinson & Elkins, which was a fortuitous decision because Senator Howard Baker had just retired from the Senate and gone to work for the same firm.

“It quickly became evident that a lot of his work was going to be transnational, involving a mix of business and government policy issues,” says Kassinger, who had never worked with Baker on the Hill but did so at Vinson & Elkins until 1987, when Baker left the firm to serve as President Reagan’s White House Chief of Staff.

Kassinger became a partner in 1990. His practice was a combination of regulatory, transactional, and international arbitration work. One of his more interesting and important cases involved the nationalization of Venezuela’s petroleum industry in the 1970s, when the government expropriated the property of several foreign companies, including U.S.-based Occidental Petroleum. Ten years later, Venezuela still hadn’t paid Occidental a dime. Kassinger helped devise a strategy that convinced the government of Venezuela that it had more to lose if the U.S. withdrew key international trade benefits than if it settled with Occidental.

Pro bono work was also important to Kassinger, who was part of a legal team that saved a Mexican immigrant from the death penalty in the mid-1990s. Because of his family background in law enforcement, Kassinger saw the case as a test of his legal resolve.

“There was fairly compelling evidence that Ricardo Aldape-Guerra, who had been on death row for more than a decade, was innocent,” says Kassinger. “His trial was a farce. The district court and Fifth Circuit courageously and correctly ordered that he either be freed or given a new trial.” Texas declined to retry Aldape-Guerra.

Like his earlier career steps, Kassinger’s move to the Commerce Department involved an element of serendipity. When a friend of his, Josh Bolten, became policy director for the Bush campaign, he asked Kassinger to work on trade policy papers for him. Following the election decision in December, Bolten directed the policy side of the presidential transition, working under Vice President-Elect Cheney. It was Bolten who recruited Kassinger to head the Commerce Department transition team.

Kassinger understood that the task would be part-time, perhaps three days a week. “But after a couple of hours my first day, I called V&E and said, ‘I don’t think you’re going to see me until January 20!’” says Kassinger, who discovered an enormous amount of work. “The Commerce Department has 43,000 employees, a \$5 billion budget – and a million issues.”

Kassinger also took on the tasks of making sure Don Evans got confirmed as Secretary of Commerce and preparing the President’s former campaign manager to serve the new administration in that post-election capacity.

“We worked pretty much non-stop,” says Kassinger. “With Don’s hearing on January 4, we worked through New Year’s Day.”

Evans was so pleased with how smoothly his confirmation went that he recommended to President Bush that Kassinger be nominated as general counsel. Kassinger, after initial hesitation, recognized this was an honor he couldn’t forego. He reluctantly resigned from Vinson & Elkins and found himself back in government service, where Dean Rusk perhaps imagined he would be after his first few meetings with the eager student from University Union.

No matter how many miles separate Kassinger from his alma mater, it always seems close at hand, thanks to a rolltop desk in his home study and memories of law professors like Perry Sentell.



Adjunct Professor Becomes Deputy A-G

Excellent teaching is the hallmark of the University of Georgia School of Law. Even so, it's not every day that students learn from the second in command at the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Every law student should be so lucky as to have a professor like Larry Thompson before they graduate," said 3L Josh Moore, one of a dozen students in Thompson's weekly seminar on corporate criminal investigations. "Professor Thompson taught his class with an eye toward the practical and a meticulous emphasis on the ethical considerations of investigations. On a personal level, he was very witty and engaging in class. He made a special effort to get to know us individually and our plans for after graduation. After the last class he treated all of us to lunch at a restaurant downtown."

The law school has been trying to arrange for Thompson to teach at UGA for several years. The former U.S. attorney took a sabbatical from his practice at King & Spalding and had offered several segments of the course when he was nominated by President Bush to be deputy attorney general. Even though Washington was calling, Thompson remained focused on his students. He even told senators during his confirmation hearing in early April that he would sever all outside affiliations, except one, if confirmed. "I would like to continue teaching my class at the University of Georgia," Thompson testified. "I really believe I've made a commitment not only to the university but to those students in my class."

Thompson and Associate Dean Paul Kurtz explored means of teaching the course via the Internet or closed-circuit television. Fortunately, such measures were not necessary. Thompson made every class and was confirmed after the final exam.

"President Bush is getting a good lawyer and an even better person," said Moore.

"The desk belonged to Walter B. Hill, who was chancellor of the University of Georgia at the turn of the century," says Kassinger. "His son married into my mom's family."

As for Sentell, Kassinger may be the only UGA law student in history who prayed each night for Sentell to call on him.

"Early on in first-year torts, I actually raised my hand and asked a question – which nobody ever did in Professor Sentell's class. I was just naive," Kassinger recalls. "My question concerned an obscure reference in an old English case, and Professor Sentell said to me, 'Well, that's a very good question. Why don't you research it and then come back and report to the class?'"

"On his fall exam, Professor Sentell actually had a question about that reference, forever making me an enemy to my section classmates. But the main thing was that he would never call on me. So every day I would prepare intensively because I was sure that today would be the day. And everybody in class waited in anticipation and amusement."

The last week of class, Sentell finally said the magic words, "Mr. Kassinger, would you please. . ."

"It wasn't that he was giving me a pass by not calling on me, it was worse," says Kassinger, "because every day I had to be ultra-prepared."

Almost 25 years later, that is still an apt description of Ted Kassinger.

"I came to Washington, like a lot of people, because it seemed to offer exciting possibilities," he says. "So I don't mean to downplay the city or the importance of what people do here. For people who like public policy – particularly in the international area – this is the place to be."

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Legal Aide

Spence Pryor (J.D.'99) has been busy since graduation. First, he directed George W. Bush's victorious primary and general election campaigns in Georgia. Then he was dispatched to Florida to help straighten out the Bush-Gore recount maelstrom.

by Kent Hannon

When Spence Pryor was a kid, one of the things he liked to do best was visit the Georgia Supreme Court and watch attorneys present oral arguments. His friends all wanted to be Dale Murphy, but Pryor (J.D.'99) had this in-bred affinity for the law.

When the proceedings at the Supreme Court concluded for the day, Pryor would take the elevator to Chief Justice T.O. Marshall's private quarters, where he was allowed to wear the justice's long black robe and pretend he was handing down precedent-setting decisions. Grandfathers are like that – even those who are chief justices.

For Pryor, visiting his grandfather's private legal domain was the equivalent of a post-game visit to the Braves' locker room and a hitting lesson from Murphy.

"My grandfather was a real role model for me," says Pryor, who grew up on a chicken farm in Americus and learned to drive a tractor when he was in fifth grade. Three years later, he went off to boarding school at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, realizing even then that he needed to make the most of his education if he wanted to become an attorney like his grandfather.

"I watched how my grandfather interacted with his peers and I could see the respect they had for him," says Pryor. "It made me want to aspire to that level."

When Pryor was a sophomore at UGA, Justice Marshall (LL.B.'48) came to campus to speak to his political science class. The story that fascinated Charles Bullock's students that day was a ruling Marshall made during his days as a superior court judge in Americus that helped Jimmy Carter win election to the state senate.

"There was voter fraud in one of the 10 counties in the district," Pryor recalls, "and my grandfather ruled that all 10 counties had to be recounted rather than just the one where voter fraud took place."

Soon after that pivotal ruling, the future governor and president proposed statewide legislation that to this day requires all Georgia counties in a district to be recounted if a recount is ordered in a particular county.

"Ironic, isn't it?" says Pryor, who had been out of law school for just 18 months when he was thrust headlong into the Bush-Gore recount maelstrom in Florida.

"Austin called on the Wednesday morning after the election," he recalls. "Someone in the political shop asked me if I was available to go to Florida and help the recount attorneys. I said, 'Yes,' and they said, 'Pack your bags.'"

Pryor had never been in a courtroom, aside from his field trips to the Georgia Supreme Court as a kid and his 2-0 record with the UGA Prosecutorial Clinic. But he had made a name for himself as executive director of Bush's victorious primary and general election campaigns in Georgia. He had no way of knowing what lay ahead in Florida, but then no one in America did either – including Bush and Gore. Which explains why Spence Pryor – a fourth-generation UGA law grad who prided himself on always being prepared for Anne Dupre's (J.D.'88) contracts class – underpacked enroute to the land of the undervotes.

"I wore the same suit every day for two weeks," he recalls. "I had one tie and three dress shirts. When I couldn't make it home for Thanksgiving, I had my roommate in Atlanta, Warren Pope (J.D.'98), FedEx me three suits and a bunch of ties."

With "chads" suddenly a buzz word in the nation's vocabulary and a significant portion of the country fixated on the partially perforated ballot controversy in Palm Beach County, Pryor was dispatched to Seminole County, where a mellow drama was unfolding regarding overseas absentee ballots, most of which figured to be for Bush because they came mainly from military personnel. When it was revealed that Republican Party volunteers had completed roughly 6,000 partially-filled-out absentee ballot request forms, the Gore team filed suit. Their reasoning was simple: if they could

Counting rooms like this one in Seminole County, Florida became a second home for Spence Pryor in the weeks following the presidential election. In fact, he could have set up a cot. Pryor and a team of Bush attorneys worked virtually non-stop to review contested ballots, plot legal strategy, research cases and write briefs. AP/Wide World Photos



invalidate those 6,000 ballots, the battle in Palm Beach County – being waged over mere hundreds of votes – would be a moot point and Gore would be the next president.

“I was involved in every aspect of that lawsuit, from the time it was filed in Seminole County till it was transferred to Tallahassee,” says Pryor.

Pryor and his fellow attorneys met regularly in a “war room” at a law firm in Orlando where they plotted legal strategy, worked on motions, and got ready to go to trial over the validity of the absentee ballots. They worked 16 hours a day, in and out of court, researching cases, briefing cases, and reviewing documents at the county board of elections.

“We knew the presidency was on the line – and we were running on adrenalin,” says Pryor, who reported to a staffer who reported directly to GOP recount chairman and former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker. After conducting hearings and listening to motions for nearly a week, a judge in Seminole County dismissed the case and sent it to Tallahassee.

At that point, with some of the best legal minds in the country assembled on both sides in Tallahassee, Spence Pryor packed his meager collection of belongings and flew home to Atlanta, thinking his contribution to American political history was over. He closed down the Bush campaign headquarters in Atlanta, and dutifully called Griffin Bell, a close friend of his grandfather, who had asked him to call and report on what he’d been doing in Florida.

“As I was talking to Judge Bell,” says Pryor, “he said, ‘Listen, if there’s anything I can do to help out in Florida, I’m available. . . because this needs to end.’”

Pryor called some higher-ups in the Bush campaign and told them that Jimmy Carter’s attorney general, a lifelong Democrat, was willing to go to Florida to help their man. Pryor and Bell hopped a private plane to Tallahassee for a half-day of media opps, where Bell said publicly that the Republicans were right in their legal arguments.

Delivering Bell to a half-dozen TV interviews and a slew of radio and print opps raised Pryor’s profile considerably. He met James Baker, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, and gained a new appreciation for how razor-sharp Bell’s mind is, even now that he’s in his eighties.

Pryor returned to Atlanta, feeling sure he had done all he could in Florida. He was playing golf at Cross Creek when his mother called his cell phone to say that the Florida Supreme Court had intervened in the case and ruled that the Florida recount could resume statewide. Within 30 minutes, Pryor and another Bush staffer were barreling down I-75 by car to Tallahassee. They arrived in the middle of the night, meeting 150 people who converged on the Republican Party building from all over the country.

By 7 o’clock the next morning, which was a Saturday, Pryor was at the election supervisor’s office in nearby Jefferson County trying to determine what rules would govern the recount. On Tuesday evening, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that there would be no statewide recount in Florida.

Suddenly, it was over. With his slim lead intact, George W. Bush was president-elect of the United States. And Spence Pryor went home to Atlanta.

But not for long. He received a presidential appointment to the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as an attorney adviser in the Assistant Attorney General’s Office (civil division). He has since been detailed to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Alexandria, Va., where he is a special assistant U.S. attorney. The program calls for him to prosecute federal misdemeanor cases, federal felony cases, and federal criminal appeals in two-month intervals. At the end of six months, he can opt to stay on and prosecute civil cases.

“Three days into this new job, I had already drafted a response to a defendant’s motion to suppress evidence and served as lead counsel on a probation revocation hearing,” says Pryor. “For a young attorney who wants to be a litigator, this is like being a kid in a candy store.”

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The Scholar's Perfect Gift: Books Presented in Honor of Alan Watson



Alan Watson's 65th birthday present from his international colleagues may have arrived a few years behind schedule, but he doesn't mind. The belated greetings, presented in the form of two collections of essays published in his honor, bring a great deal of gratitude, satisfaction and pride.

"I'm extremely pleased, very flattered about the kind things people say, even more about me than about my work," Watson says. "There's a lot of affection which comes through in many of the articles, and that pleases me enormously."

Watson discusses the books in the familiar solitude of his office, where he's surrounded by mounds of paperwork, journals and books. His shelves are overflowing – he needs more room, he comments – and material spills out in piles onto the desk, chairs and floor. Watson has been consumed by his life's work since his earliest days as a student. His passion for inquiry and provocation have earned him enormous praise from critics and counterparts alike. John Cairns of the University of Edinburgh, who co-edited the European compilation, says, "Alan Watson has been a dominant scholar of international standing virtually since his career started. His scholarship has been marked by an ability to innovate, to see matters from a novel angle, and to use devastating analytical skills to expose the sham and problematic."

Watson joined the University of Georgia law faculty in 1989 as Ernest P. Rogers Professor of Law. When nominated for the additional appointment to University Research Professor of Law in 1995, Cairns joined the eminent John Langbein of Yale University in support of his successful promotion. "Alan Watson is among the most productive and stimulating legal scholars ever to work on these shores," wrote Langbein. "He is an ornament to American law."

Most of Watson's admirers cite his enormous publications record: close to 30 books, translated into countless languages, and hundreds of articles in leading journals. Michael Hoeflich, former dean of the University of Kansas, who compiled the American volume, notes in the introduction to *Lex et Romanitas: Essays for Alan Watson*, that "Alan is a rare creature. He has an encyclopedic memory, is master of more than a dozen languages. Has so many degree [sic] and honors that his listing in the *American Association of Law Schools Directory*, instead of including all the degrees simply has an 'et al.' to save space. . . ."

Such tabulations do not impress Watson, who was further promoted to Distinguished Research Professor last fall. "As far as I'm concerned, the quantity doesn't matter," he says. "I'm more concerned with quality, I hope."

Watson calls the festschrifts "good compilations," primarily to be used by scholars for further research. The papers bound in his honor include essays from some of the most distinguished Romanists, legal historians and comparative lawyers in the world. The European volume, *Ancient Law, Comparative Law & Legal History*, covers Watson's primary fields of interest with comments and expounded views from colleagues (including several former students) at such renowned international institutions as Oxford, Edinburgh and Leiden. The American volume primarily includes new works in the areas of Roman law, comparative law and Biblical studies.

Watson has immersed himself in the study of Roman law, although it is no longer his primary focus, for the duration of his career. About 30 years ago, he became intrigued by the notion of legal transplants – the borrowing of rules and institutions into another society, then slave law and, most recently, law in the Gospels. Researching different areas keeps his mind fresh and stimulated, he explains.

Alan Watson received the U.S. festschrift, Lex et Romanitas: Essays for Alan Watson, in the fall and will be presented with the European compilation at an international law conference later this spring.

"I'm basically a textualist," Watson states. "I work from individual texts, try to explain what they're about. I'm mainly concerned with texts that don't fit into the general pattern as other people see it, ending up often with a different pattern developing."

These works can be quite controversial; after all, they shake up the status quo among legal historians and comparative lawyers. Take Watson's path-setting *Legal Transplants* – widely accepted today, but regarded as blasphemous by the scholarly world when it was published in 1974.

"My mentor, David Daube, gave my manuscript to the University of California Press, and the director wrote me an enthusiastic letter but he had to get an outside reader – and he scrawled obscenities on virtually every page and claimed I could not have read the sources I had cited," Watson says, still shaking his head in disbelief. "I retyped it all and sent it to a senior colleague in Oxford who said it was undermining comparative law as he had taught it for 25 years and would not recommend its publication. Then when I did find a publisher, there was virtually no comment. There was one enthusiastic review by someone who wrote privately that he was about to retire and he would not recommend me to be his successor, and there were two very hostile reviews, and then it died."

The book resurfaced in the mid-1980s and now it and another previously stillborn work, *Society and Legal Change*, are center stage at the biggest legal debate in Europe: the creation of a new common law for the European Union. "The books have come to be focal points on what should be avoided, what can be done and what can't be done," explains Watson. "The most frequently used rule is the one that is borrowed from Roman law directly or indirectly, often without thinking, and is not necessarily the best rule." Watson has attended several sessions regarding the development of a common

law for the EU, including one in Maastricht last year, and, at the request of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), served as a member of the two-person U.S. team helping to revise the draft civil code for the new Republic of Armenia.

Even though his works enjoy widespread acceptance now and he is basking in the warmth of two books compiled by colleagues in his honor, the insightful and imaginative scholar realizes that future works may once again meet with resistance.

"Often the way that people cope with my views is to ignore them," he says. "If you're a true scholar, you're always going to be lonely. It's a one-person enterprise."



Faculty Accomplishments



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Two UGA Law Professors Earn Fulbright Chairs

Count them - not one, but two UGA law professors earned Fulbright Chairs this academic year. Russell Professor Ed Larson spent the spring semester in Holland as the holder of a distinguished named chair, the John Adams Chair in American Studies for 2001, and Rusk Professor Tom Schoenbaum served in the spring semester as the Distinguished Chair of International Law at the University of Innsbruck.

“The Fulbright Program is the premier foreign academic outreach program of our country,” said Dean David Shipley. “To have two of our professors hold these prestigious chairs is a tribute not only to the scope and impact of their scholarship, but also to the advancing reputation of the University of Georgia School of Law on a national and international level. We are extremely proud of their achievement.”

Schoenbaum has held the Fulbright-Innsbruck Chair for the 2000-01 academic year, the sixth Fulbright of his career. He previously held Fulbright Scholarships in Belgium (2), Germany, the former Soviet Union and South Africa. While in Austria, Schoenbaum researched the human rights record of the Freedom Party and taught courses in international business transactions and international law. Larson taught two seminars in American legal history and American science policy while at the University of Leiden. He also researched euthanasia, a legal and common practice in Holland, in hopes of doing a comparative study of the laws and public sentiment surrounding the issue.

Schoenbaum directed the Dean Rusk Center for 17 years before becoming the executive director of UGA’s Center for European Studies last July. He holds a bachelor’s degree from St. Joseph’s College in Indiana; a D.E.S.S. (Diplôme d’études supérieures spécialisées) from the University of Leuven (Belgium); a law degree from the University of Michigan; and a doctorate in international and comparative law from the University of Cambridge (U.K.).

Larson, who has received several teaching awards, holds a joint appointment in the UGA law school and history department. He is the author of four books and over 40 published articles, and writes and teaches primarily about issues of science, medicine and law from an historical perspective. Larson earned a bachelor’s degree from Williams College, a law degree from Harvard, and a master’s and doctorate in the history of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



O’Kelley Elected to American Law Institute

Kilpatrick Professor Chuck O’Kelley has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute. The ALI

works to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs, to secure the better administration of justice, and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work.

A total of 3,500 elected and life members belong to the institute. Other UGA faculty who are ALI members include: Hosch Professor Dan Coenen, Cleveland Professor Ron Ellington, Shackelford Professor Walter Hellerstein, Associate Dean and Hosch Professor Paul Kurtz, Sibley Professor Julian McDonnell, Brock Professor Ray Patterson, Alston Professor Margaret Sachs, Rusk Professor Tom

Schoenbaum, Dean David Shipley, Hosch Professor Michael Wells, Dean Emeritus Ralph Beard, Callaway Professor Emeritus Verner Chaffin, and Law School Association Professor Emeritus Richard Wellman.

O’Kelley, who joined UGA in 1997, has written numerous articles and co-authored the book, *Corporations and Other Business Associations*. He currently chairs the law school’s admissions committee. He has also served on the AALS Section on Business Associations’ executive committee, and is a member of the ABA Corporation Banking and Business Law Section.

Law Professors Join UGA Teaching Academy

Four members of the UGA law faculty have been inducted into the University of Georgia’s new Teaching Academy. They are: Callaway Professor Ron Carlson, Cleveland Professor Ron Ellington, Hosch Professor Dan Coenen and Hosch Professor Rebecca White. The development of “teaching academies” on the nation’s college campuses is the latest joint project of the Carnegie Foundation



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for the Advancement of Teaching and the American Association of Higher Education.

UGA's Teaching Academy seeks to promote faculty leadership in teaching and learning, to advocate for effective educational environments, and to foster a community of scholars. The organization's 65 campus-wide members support the academy's mission by participating in teaching/faculty development projects and in other initiatives and activities.

All four law professors have served as UGA Senior Teaching Fellows; three – Carlson, Coenen and White – have also received the Meigs Award, UGA's highest honor for teaching excellence. Carlson was a charter member of the academy and played a pivotal role in its creation.



Faculty Members Honored by Students

Leaders of the third-year class presented faculty honors on behalf of the graduates during the law school's spring awards ceremony. Recipients were: (l. to r.) Callaway Professor Ron Carlson – Student Bar Association Faculty Book Award for Excellence in Teaching; Assistant Professor Randy Beck – Phi Delta Phi John C. O'Byrne Memorial Faculty Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Student-Faculty Relations; and Cleveland Professor Ron Ellington – Student Bar Association and Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Georgia Award for the Teaching of Legal Ethics.

Rusk Center Assoc. Director Elected VP of ASIL



Dorinda Dallmeyer (J.D.'84), associate director of the Dean Rusk Center – International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies, has been elected as vice

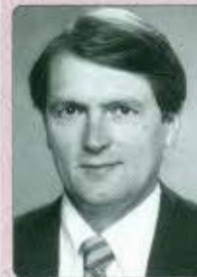
president of the American Society of International Law (ASIL).

The American Society of International Law (ASIL), founded in 1906, is one of the world's leading associations in international law with a membership of more than 4,300 professors, practitioners, civil servants and students from over 100 countries. Its purpose is to educate and engage the public in international law and to expand its frontiers as a vehicle for resolving disputes and international conflict.

Dallmeyer previously served as co-chair of the ASIL annual meeting and as a member of the organization's executive council. She was also executive producer and co-writer of the award-winning ASIL radio documentary, *The Individual in a Global Society*.

"As the Society nears its 100th anniversary, I am looking forward to working as part of ASIL's governing body to promote our mission of educating the public about the importance of international law in our daily lives," Dallmeyer said. "Also, we're beginning a major capital campaign to underwrite our activities well into the new century."

Dallmeyer, who also holds bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from UGA, joined the Dean Rusk Center immediately following her law school graduation. She focuses her research primarily on international environmental law and international trade, with a particular emphasis on the role of negotiation and dispute resolution.



Larson Receives UGA Creative Research Award

Russell Professor Ed Larson received one of UGA's highest honors for scholarship

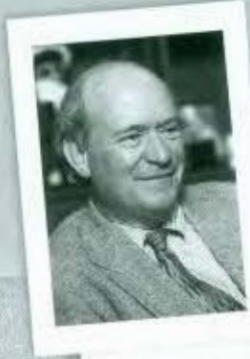
when he was presented with the Albert Christ-Janer Creative Research Award in April. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to creativity and scholarship in the arts and humanities which have gained national and international attention.

Larson's new book, *Evolution's Workshop: God and Science in the Galapagos Islands*, focuses on the biologically rich archipelago where Charles Darwin conducted much of his revolutionary research. The book, which has received highly complimentary reviews, furthers the exploration of the creation/evolution debate which Larson examined in his acclaimed account of the Scopes Trial, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Summer for the Gods*.

Larson's articles have appeared in such varied journals as *Nature*, *Scientific American*, *The Nation*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Virginia Law Review*, *Journal of the History of Medicine* and *British Journal for the History of Science*. He received the 2000 George Sarton Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, presented annually to honor a historian of science for a body of work.

"Considering both the body of his scholarship as a whole and his new book in particular, we know of no one at this university more worthy of this award at this time," wrote six of his colleagues in nominating Larson. "Ed has moved into a leadership position within his field and brought national recognition to our institution. He richly deserves this award."

Editor's Note: The findings of a national multidisciplinary conference on the legal and ethical aspects of dementia, held at the University of Georgia in December, appear in the spring 2001 issue of the Georgia Law Review. The Advocate spoke with the organizer, Professor Ned Spurgeon of the School of Law, about the lasting impact of the conference.



Dealing With the Legal & Ethical Aspects of Dementia: A Policy Blueprint for the Next Decade

Advocate: Did the conference on dementia meet your expectations?

Spurgeon: Actually, I'm pleased to say that it exceeded them. The legal and ethical issues associated with dementia, particularly Alzheimer's Disease, are subjects that demand involvement by multiple disciplines. They include the need for expertise in law and medicine – both practice and research – in social work, in gerontology, and in bio-ethics. This conference brought together 75 national experts from all these disciplines. Therefore, the identification of the issues, the discussion of those issues, and the recommendations of the conference reflected that breadth and depth of thinking.

Advocate: Who sponsored the conference?

Spurgeon: There were five sponsoring organizations: the University of Georgia School of Law; the Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging, of which I am the executive director; the Alzheimer's Association; the American Bar Association's Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly; and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. This co-sponsorship contributed very positively to the interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary aspect of the conference in terms of identifying topics to explore as well as experts to invite to speak and contribute papers. Professor Leonard Poon's many contacts were also very helpful. Professor Poon directs UGA's Gerontology Center and serves as an academic adviser to the Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging. His center offers a wonderful opportunity for collaborative programs; I know my annual law, public policy and aging seminars have been enriched by the enrollment of graduate students who are pursuing certificates in gerontology.

Advocate: How was the conference structured?

Spurgeon: Working papers were written and distributed in advance on the topics that were considered in detail at the plenary and by break-out groups, and recommendations were voted on by the whole body. We started the two-day working conference with a presentation on the etiology of Alzheimer's Disease by Dr. Peter Rabins of Johns Hopkins and a panel discussion exploring a dramatic case study – the poignant story of a vibrant woman who spent the last seven years of her life battling Alzheimer's. The account was told by her daughter, who served as her mother's primary caregiver, and the discussion was very helpful in identifying the major issues that are confronted during the course of Alzheimer's Disease: medical issues, ethical issues, treatment issues and decision-making issues. It set the scene and provided context for the working groups to consider a wide variety of issues.



Alzheimer's disease is "insidious in its onset and slowly progressive" and is expected to affect between 20 to 25 million people by the year 2040, according to Dr. Peter Rabins, director of geriatrics and neuropsychology at Johns Hopkins University. Rabins led off the dementia conference by defining Alzheimer's and sharing news of promising research breakthroughs. "When dealing with the legal and ethical issues surrounding dementia," Rabins noted, "you're usually talking about dealing with a proxy – usually a family member who is under intense emotional strain."

Advocate: What are some of the conference recommendations?

Spurgeon: They cover a very broad spectrum in the areas of policy, law reform, practice guidelines, and topics for further study. One important recommendation is that we need to support efforts to simplify and make uniform as much as possible the state laws which allow an individual to provide an advance health care directive and to open the lines of communication between the individual to the doctors and family members about what he or she wants done; just having a bare bones advance directive is often inadequate. One group considered issues of personal autonomy vs. public safety and recommended that the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease should not automatically result in the loss of driving privileges nor should there be mandatory reporting of such persons to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Another very important conference recommendation deals with genetic discrimination: it should be a matter of public policy to forbid discriminatory rate setting by insurance companies for long-term care insurance based upon the predisposition that one may have because of other family members having had dementia. These are just a few of many recommendations.

Advocate: How will the conference findings be shared?

Spurgeon: The recommendations, along with 10 working papers that were the basis for the conference, are being published in a special symposium issue of the *Georgia Law Review* this spring. The five sponsoring organizations will also work to ensure wide dissemination to academics and practicing lawyers, to doctors, to policy makers, to social service providers and bio-ethicists, among others, all of whom are interested in better ways to care for people with progressive dementia and to help their families.

Advocate: What do you hope the conference accomplished?

Spurgeon: I hope the dementia conference will inspire lively debate and ultimately policy and best practices direction on these various topics throughout the country. The recommendations should serve as a blueprint for the development of policy, laws, practice guidelines and further research studies over the next decade.

A panel examining the role of caregivers, using the case study of a daughter's experience caring for her mother, followed Rabins' keynote.



Hirsch Hall Highlights

The welfare system, said Edith House Lecturer Dorothy Roberts, "was set up to monitor, regulate and punish black families."

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Missing Voices: Black Mothers & the Politics of Child Welfare

19th Annual Edith House Lecture

She is an aunt who took in her sister's children, cared for them and sought to adopt them, but was told her apartment was too small. The children were placed in an abusive foster home and later returned to the same apartment. She is the young, single mother who has overcome substance abuse, yet remains separated from her son. She has vowed to wage "a lifelong battle to hold on to my child."

These are the voices of black mothers, said Professor Dorothy Roberts of Northwestern University – the essential voices missing from debate over the American child welfare system. She presented the law school's Edith House Lecture in February.

The Edith House Lecture Series, hosted annually by the Women Law Students Association (WLSA), is named for one of the first female graduates of the University of Georgia School of Law. A native of Winder, Georgia, House was co-valedictorian of the law class of 1925, the first class to graduate women. She practiced law for 38 years and became assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and acting U.S. attorney for the district.

"The system set up to protect children is one of the most segregated institutions in the country," said Roberts. "Only by examining the role of race can we understand how the child welfare system perpetuates the inferiority of blacks in this country."

According to Roberts, half of the children in the U.S. child welfare system are black, although they comprise only one-fifth of the youth population; 73 percent of the children in foster care in New York City are black; and one in ten black children in Harlem has been in foster care.

"We should not minimize the real pain caused by separating children from their families," she said.

Roberts argued that a strong parallel exists between child protective services and poverty: children at equal risk of being harmed, she said, were more likely to be in foster care and more likely to be labeled as abused if they were in a poor family than a wealthy one.

Roberts proposed that the child welfare system be reformed with an emphasis on keeping kids in the home rather than removal and adoption. She argued that voluntary, rather than mandatory, participation in support programs in the home would further that goal. She also called for the media to stop perpetuating negative stereotypes by depicting black families as dysfunctional. "Only by listening to the missing voices will we understand the harm caused by separating families."

Roberts' influential scholarship focuses on the interplay of gender, race and class in legal issues concerning reproduction and motherhood. She is a frequent lecturer and prolific scholar, having published more than 50 articles and essays in books, scholarly journals, newspapers and magazines, including *Harvard Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal*, *University of Chicago Law Review* and *The New York Times*.

Roberts earned her bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from Yale and her law degree from Harvard University. She served on the faculty of the Rutgers University School of Law for 10 years before joining the law faculty of Northwestern University.

Farming the Environment: Issues in Sustainable Dining

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Speaks at Red Clay Conference

Europe's devastating experience with foot-and-mouth disease weighed heavily on the minds of those attending this year's Red Clay Conference, a day devoted to discussion of sustaining the world's food supply while preserving the environment.

"Food safety is the most significant issue the country faces in terms of agriculture," said Dan Glickman, U.S. secretary of agriculture during the Clinton administration. "If people have confidence that the regulatory system is independent and at arm's length from industry, then they will have confidence in the basic safety of the food system. In our country, by and large, people have that kind of confidence – and by and large in Europe, they don't."

Glickman noted that pathogens are becoming more serious and are compounded by a worldwide transportation network that facilitates the spread of disease. Despite dramatic improvements in sanitation, "[t]he potential danger in terms of food safety is much higher than it used to be," he said.

Glickman also addressed the tension between farmers and environmentalists, the role of conservation in farming, the growing dependency of farmers upon government subsidies, and recent controversies over genetically modified foods. “Clearly, genetic engineering has to be part of this battle [to feed the world],” he said. “It is impossible to stop the human drive to make the world better.”

Another keynote speaker, FSU law professor J.B. Ruhl, focused on farm pollution and conservation measures. UGA ecology professor Eugene Odum, widely regarded as the father of ecosystem ecology, also spoke. Panels of experts discussed such topics as the new USDA organic labeling regulations, genetically modified foods, irrigation and clean water issues, animal rights, cloning, fish consumption guidelines, and pesticide use.

The Red Clay Conference, presented for 13 years by law students in the Environmental Law Association, was attended by students, concerned citizens and attorneys.



“You’re a lot more likely to get sick from not washing your hands three times a day than by eating hamburgers three times a day,” proclaimed former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, reacting to a reporters’ question regarding food safety. He referred to a Newsweek cover story on mad cow disease as “one of the most exploitative covers” he’d seen in a while.



First Black Applicant Delivers Sibley Lecture

Fifty years ago, the University of Georgia School of Law rejected Horace Ward, the first black applicant to sue for admission to UGA, declaring that he was unlikely to succeed in the law. In October, the law school welcomed the distinguished jurist back to campus, as he shared his eyewitness account of the struggle to desegregate Georgia higher education with a packed house in the UGA Chapel.

“It took ten years and three lawsuits to establish what everyone already knew as fact,” said Ward, “that race was the primary issue in these disputes.”

Ward applied for admission to the UGA law school in 1950, after earning an undergraduate degree from Morehouse College and a master’s degree in political science from Atlanta University. UGA and the board of regents responded by setting up new admissions roadblocks: a battery of tests and the requirement of personal recommendations from alumni. The state offered to pay Ward’s tuition at an out-of-state law school – a common practice among Southern universities fighting integration – but Ward refused and spent the next seven years fighting to enter his home state’s university.

“The parties labored under certain misconceptions,” said Ward. The state contended he “wasn’t sincere” in his efforts to study law and was simply a

“I should be one of the best qualified lawyers in Georgia,” Judge Horace Ward remarked in the law school’s 92nd Sibley Lecture. “After all, I spent seven years trying to get into one law school and three years trying to get out of another.” “The law school today is quite a different world,” said Ward’s Northwestern classmate, Callaway Professor Ron Carlson, in his introduction. “In today’s world, we would battle schools like Chicago and Stanford to get Judge Ward here.”

“pawn of the NAACP,” he recalled. “My own misconception was I somehow thought I would be admitted to UGA without court action. . . . I hadn’t taken note of the fact that the Honorable Herman Talmadge was governor.”

Ward was represented in his discrimination suit by a team of well-known advocates, including Donald Hollowell and Constance Baker-Motley, who represented the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Thirty days before his case was to be heard, he was drafted into the army. After serving two years in the military, he returned and renewed his lawsuit. The case finally went to trial in December 1956, but was dismissed shortly thereafter when the judge ruled the issue as moot upon learning that Ward had enrolled as a law student at Northwestern University.

“I did not agree to appeal,” said Ward. “It was time to go on with my life.” *(cont.)*

The Sibley Lecture Series, established in 1964 by the Charles Loidans Foundation of Atlanta in tribute to the late John A. Sibley (LL.B. ’11), is designed to attract outstanding legal scholars of national prominence to the law school.

Hirsch Hall Highlights

"If they handed out such an award, then Tom Shaffer should have won an Oscar" for his impact on the legal profession, said Caldwell Professor Milner Ball. Shaffer has nearly 400 books and articles to his credit, "an artesian spring of scholarship," according to Ball, which is "inspiring."



Ward completed his law degree at Northwestern, returned to Georgia, and resumed the desegregation battle – but this time, as a lawyer. His former attorney, Donald Hollowell, asked him to help represent Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes in their attempt to attend UGA. "I joined the defense team as an armor bearer and steel carrier for these other great warriors," said Ward. This third lawsuit against the university was successful, and UGA integrated in 1961.

"I bear no ill will," said Ward, noting that many of his opponents in the desegregation battle had moderated over the years, including former Senator Herman Talmadge (LL.B.'36), who nominated him for the federal bench. "The people of Georgia – particularly, Atlanta – have looked out for Horace Ward, and I hope I have merited that trust."

Ward served four terms in the Georgia Senate and was the state's first African-American trial court judge. He was later elevated to the superior court bench and in 1979, became the first African American on the federal bench in Georgia when President Carter appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Ward continues to serve today, but assumed senior status in 1994.

Renowned Legal Ethicist Presents Spring Sibley Lecture

"The law is a toolbox, and lawyers are the ones who use the tools," said Sibley Lecturer Tom Shaffer. The moral and ethical dilemma is – how do they apply those tools: by reaching the most efficient legal solution or by listening to their clients and serving as a consoler and neighbor? Far too often, Shaffer said, it is the former.

Shaffer, the Robert and Marion Short Professor Emeritus of Law at the Notre Dame Law School and one of the nation's foremost experts in the areas of legal ethics and law and religion, delivered the law school's 93rd Sibley Lecture in April. His speech, "Lawyers as Prophets, Consolers, Neighbors," explored ethical possibilities for lawyers in the biblical categories considered in Caldwell Professor Milner Ball's (J.D.'71) latest book, *Called by Stories*.

Shaffer shared examples from his work dealing with clients in legal aid clinics over the years. His clients are poor, and many are elderly widows saddled with unpaid medical bills for their late husbands' care. They feel a societal guilt to pay the bills, even though they are not legally responsible for the debt.

"Those widows come in to me in suffering," said Shaffer. "If I don't head them off in time with my 'professional manner,' those women cry. They cry out from sorrow." He added, "I am ashamed when those women leave me – relieved of debt, but not consoled."

In another case, a young mother enlisting in the armed services wanted to let her mother, who had already been caring for her toddler, adopt the child – a legal maneuver with permanent ramifications. The legal aid attorneys questioned the soundness of the decision. Shaffer took the question to his Sunday School class, where his colleagues convinced him that he was "seeing this as a moral problem for a lawyer and not as a moral problem for the grandmother and her soon-to-be-soldier-daughter." Thus, he learned to listen to his clients and better appreciate their wishes.

"Often what the lawyer/neighbor does is add an element of truth and justice to the law," said Shaffer, adding later, "There are ways to make the law neighborly."

Shaffer spent several days at the law school, meeting with faculty and students in various small-group discussion settings. He challenged students to restrain injustice and help the needy. "Lawyers as prophets should confront the brutality of the law and take risks," Shaffer said. Ball praised his friend as "one of the most loved members of our profession. Ironically, he is also one of the most prophetic, tough-minded critics in our profession."

Shaffer's various areas of expertise include estate planning, law and religion, legal ethics and, most recently, clinical teaching and legal counseling. He joined the Notre Dame law faculty in 1963 and served as its associate dean from

1969-'71 and as dean from 1971-'75. Shaffer was a member of the Washington and Lee University law faculty from 1979-'88, then rejoined the Notre Dame faculty as a chaired professor. For most of his recent tenure, he has been a supervising attorney in the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic.

Shaffer earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Albuquerque and his law degree *cum laude* from Notre Dame, where he graduated first in his class and served as editor-in-chief of the *Notre Dame Lawyer*. In 1983, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas honored him with a doctorate (LL.D.).



A Quarter-Century of Commitment

Associate Dean and Hosch Professor Paul Kurtz was one of two law school employees honored for 25 years of service at the annual winter holiday luncheon. Kurtz joined the faculty in 1975 (at the young age of 12, he wryly remarks) and has served as associate dean for academic and student affairs since 1991. Kurtz and senior secretary Kay Bramlett received commemorative plaques for their quarter century of service. Eula Cross, office manager of the Legal Aid Clinic, received a crystal paperweight with an etching of the law school in gratitude for her 30 years of employment. The law school began the service awards program two years ago; service pins are presented at five-year anniversaries of employment.

Farewell



Associate Professor **Richard Nagareda** has accepted a position as a tenured full professor at Vanderbilt University Law School. Nagareda joined the UGA law faculty in 1994 and taught administrative law, evidence, advanced torts, Supreme Court seminar and criminal law. He chaired the faculty subcommittee on judicial clerkships and had several scholarly articles published in leading journals while on the UGA faculty; his most recent work, "Autonomy, Peace and 'Put' Options in the Mass Tort Class Action," is forthcoming in the *Harvard Law Review*. Richard's wife, Adjunct Professor **Ruth Nagareda**,

who joined the law school in 1995 as a legal research and writing instructor, then later taught advanced writing courses, will also be leaving UGA.

Pat Barron, managing attorney of the Family Violence Clinic, stepped down in May after two years in the position to become an associate magistrate judge for Athens-Clarke County.

Carol Ramsey, catalog librarian for the law library since 1968, retired on November 30, 2000. An afternoon tea was held in appreciation of her 32 years of service.

Cindy Bonner, senior secretary, left the University of Georgia after 14 years of loyal service in January. She moved to Virginia to be closer to her family.

The law school community wishes all these colleagues well in their new ventures.

Lightening Their Load

Two veterans of the faculty have opted to reduce their workloads and begin partial retirements next year, although still playing an integral role on the faculty. Both of them emphasize – they don't want a retirement party any time soon.



Callaway Professor **Ron Carlson**, who joined the law school faculty in 1984, will not teach in the fall semester, but will teach two courses – advanced trial practice and evidence – in the spring semester. Carlson will be on campus from October to May, and students will still see a lot of him: he plans to be in Athens at the onset of fall semester to help with the advocacy program and get some students started on their independent research projects. He'll also be stepping up his media commentary on high-profile cases.



Professor **Rick Huszagh**, who joined the law school faculty in 1977, will be here year-round, but will assume a lighter teaching load. He will offer fiduciary law; agency and partnerships in the fall semester and law practice economics and strategy in the spring. Huszagh also hopes to finish his book on law practice economics and strategy as well as complete an empirical article on transnational legal practice. In addition, he'll be devoting a lot of time to family financial investments and related business activities.

Hirsch Hall Highlights

Preparing for Trial

A growing number of countries are contacting the School of Law about its innovative international judicial training program, a joint venture between the Dean Rusk Center – International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies, the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE), and UGA's Office of International Development. The Advocate talked with the program's co-directors: Maria Giménez (LL.M. '89), the Rusk Center's associate director for programs; and Rich Reaves, ICJE's executive director.

Advocate: Who is the target audience for the international judicial training program?

Giménez: An efficient, reliable court system in which the public has confidence is the key element of structural reform in any country in the world. So we are looking at any countries that are undergoing change - economic change, governmental change, judicial reform, but we are especially trying to work in those countries where the university already has certain ongoing programs. We want to take full advantage of the university's excellent contacts.

Advocate: What countries have participated so far?

Giménez: In late November, the state of Pernambuco, Brazil sent its third group of judges to Athens to participate. Pernambuco's previous, current and future chief justices all have gone through the training program, which began in 1998. Due to our success with Pernambuco, we have been contacted by the National Magistrate School (the school that trains the lawyers who will become judges) in Brasilia - capital of Brazil - to begin to work on establishing a program for all of Brazil. A judge and a court administrator from Ghana also attended the November session. We've traveled to Panama and Guatemala, and talks are ongoing with Mongolia and Venezuela, but we have a long way to go. Argentina is interested in judicial and prosecutorial training, which might be arranged in the future. One of the main issues, of course, is to get outside funding for the countries to be able to participate. For that, we



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seek support from the World Bank, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and Inter-American Development Bank.

Advocate: ICJE has twice been honored by the American Bar Association for its expertise in judicial training. How is that training applicable to foreign judicial systems?

Reaves: Many countries do not have a two-tiered state/federal court system like ours; most have only a state-based system, so our state training focus is particularly relevant. The visiting judges and court administrators attend lectures and discussions on judicial independence, court leadership, legal ethics and professionalism, and efficient administration. They tour and meet with local judges and court administrators, observe a jury trial in Athens-Clarke County, and view specialized trial courts in Atlanta as well as the Georgia Court of Appeals and Georgia Supreme Court. For the most part, they seek practical knowledge. How can they run

their offices more efficiently? They want these answers more than some principle of law like judicial review. And our course gives people a chance to rub shoulders with judges, court administrators or judicial secretaries on these sorts of issues, which is a real strength of our program.

Advocate: What else do the foreign judges learn?

Reaves: There are two thrusts to the training. The first thrust is judicial independence. We have participants who come from places where the judiciary has been in dysfunction, so they want to know what can be done institutionally to establish respect for the judicial branch of government and maintain that respect so that it can begin to emerge as equal with their other branches of government. The second thrust is judicial administration. In Brazil, the caseload is horrendous per judge, and so those judges look very seriously at how they might better manage their caseload, publish their opinions and hold lawyers' feet to the fire who are bringing



The state of Pernambuco, Brazil sent its third group of judges to UGA's training program in late November. A judge and court administrator from Ghana also attended and used the knowledge they acquired at UGA to establish a "Fast Track Court" in the spring. The new court concept relies heavily on modern information and communication technology in its operations and is expected to cut the time required to complete a case in Ghana from the current seven years to six months. Another delegation of Ghanaians attended a session in late May.

repetitive issues to the court's attention, so they can winnow down their workload by establishing a greater acceptance of precedence in the practice of law.

Advocate: Where do you hope to take the program from here?

Giménez: The program is in an early stage, but now we are moving it forward. In addition to its express objective of using our faculty and student expertise to improve the administration of national judicial systems in various parts of the world, it will contribute to the Dean Rusk Center, School of Law, ICJE and other university programs through the contacts we make at the highest level in the countries where we work. UGA has government training programs in the Carl Vinson Institute of Government through its International Center for Democratic Governance, which is working to expand its training internationally. Therefore, we are now one of the few universities in the U.S. to have both government and judicial training programs with an international focus.



LLs Kevin Woolf of Alpharetta (l.) and Amy Neesen of Thomasville (r.), the first recipients of the Dean Rusk Center's new Latin American Scholarships, serve as research assistants at the Rusk Center. Both possess strong language skills as well as previous experience living and working among the Latin American community.

Rusk Center Creates New Latin American Law Scholarship

The face of the United States, and of Georgia, is changing, as the Spanish-speaking population becomes an ever more prominent minority group. The University of Georgia School of Law, in recognition of these changing demographics and in keeping with the strategic goal of increasing the number of foreign study and service initiatives, has established a new Rusk Center Latin American Legal Studies Scholarship Program. The scholarships are created and administered by the Dean Rusk Center – International, Graduate & Comparative Legal Studies and are supported by funding from UGA's Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach.

In this pilot summer, two UGA law students will spend six weeks at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The law school already has a faculty exchange in place with the Argentine university, and the student component will augment it. The students will help coordinate an international conference on arbitration, develop proposals for further collaborations, and pursue independent research projects.

A total of \$6,000 has been provided by UGA's Public Service and Outreach Office to fund the program. While this amount will not completely cover the students' stay in Argentina, it will help defray the cost of transportation, food and academic needs. The students are expected to live either with a host family or in a university setting.

"This program presents an exciting opportunity for the Dean Rusk Center and the University of Georgia," said Rusk Center Executive Director and Associate Dean Gabriel Wilner. "Due to UGA's geographic location, programs emanating from the university have the potential to touch the lives of millions of Spanish-speaking persons living in the southeast. Our Latin American Scholars will gain a unique perspective on the legal world through hands-on experience in a Latin American legal environment, enhance their own personal career opportunities, and enrich the classroom and local community through the sharing of their experiences."



Shown are: (l. to r.) EU law professor Tony Joris of the Vrije Universiteit Brussels, who taught a course on the internal market of the EC as a visiting professor to UGA in February; Michael Cates of Lawrenceville; David White of Augusta; Eric Kittler of Toronto, Canada; and Associate Dean and Kirbo Professor Gabriel Wilner, who directs the program. (Not shown: Matt Daley of Powder Springs; Michelle Day of Pickens, South Carolina; and Gregory Higgins of Marietta.)

Special Distinction in the Brussels Seminar

Six UGA law students were awarded special Certificates of European Union Law Studies this winter for their exemplary performance in the Brussels Seminar on the Law and Institutions of the European Community and Union. The recognition was made by the Seminar in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies (ULB) and the law faculty of the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB). The three-week summer course, sponsored by the law school and the two universities of Brussels for nearly 30 years, provides a thorough introduction to the law and institutions of the European Union.

Family Day 2001



Parents, spouses, children and significant others got a bird's-eye view of the 1L experience on Family Day, held March 23 at the School of Law.

◀ The day began with a reception and was followed with optional class visitations or tours. Here, 2L Brent Cochran leads parents through the building.

Family members met the law school faculty and senior administrators during a mid-morning reception, then attended a seminar on the 1L experience. A faculty member, legal writing instructor, legal career services representative and two third-year students participated on the panel, moderated by Student Affairs Director Marc Galvin.



◀ A Family Day luncheon followed the panel discussion, then more optional tours and class visitations. Professor Bob Brussack had a full house in his civil procedure class. "You can tell it's law school," Brussack commented. "It's 2:30 on a Friday afternoon, the sun is shining, it's 70 degrees, and yet you're not outside under one of the oak trees that's left reading romantic poetry!"



◀ Here, 1L Jim Davis busily takes notes on his computer while his mother, Helen, contemplates Brussack's theories.

The Black Law Students Association, Student Bar Association and Women Law Students Association held a late afternoon panel discussion, "Women Speak: The Triumphs and Trials of Women in the Legal Profession." Panelists included (l. to r.) Noreen Banks-Ware (J.D.'89), Professor Sarajane Love (J.D.'73), Legal Career Services Director Beth Kirch, Beth Kertscher (J.D.'95), and Amy Gellins (J.D.'85).



◀ Family Day concluded with an ice cream social on the law school courtyard. "I've been looking forward to this day and have really enjoyed it," said Margaret Bailey, mother of 1L Nathan Cronic. "I've heard from my son, and now I've seen it first-hand. I can understand how Nathan really enjoys what he's doing." First-year student Andrea Meucci was also pleased her parents attended. "Now they'll know what I'm complaining about," she said with a laugh.

Advocacy Accomplishments

A Season of Excellence for Moot Court & Mock Trial

"Welcome back, Georgia. It's been a long time."

When Advocacy Director Kellie Casey (J.D.'90) heard these words at the Intrastate Moot Court Competition, her eyes welled with tears. Her students screamed and jumped for joy – the University of Georgia School of Law had not only made the finals of the competition, they had completely shut out the state's other law schools in a final round that was all UGA. The long dry spell in the Intrastate Competition was broken. Not a bad achievement for your first year as the law school's advocacy director. . . but that crown was just one of many.

"I knew that Kellie Casey would be a great director of advocacy when I asked her to join us, but I did not expect her to lead us to one of the best years in the history of our moot court and mock trial programs in her inaugural season," said Dean Shipley. "We had a superb year! With an outstanding group of advocates returning and lots of interest from our first-year class, I am confident that 2001-'02 will be another strong year for our advocacy program."

Moot court teams captured the regional championships and numerous individual honors at every tiered tournament they entered. Mock trial teams also performed very well, reaching the top six of the prestigious Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) national competition and the finals of the Georgetown White Collar Crime Competition.

"This was an incredible year for our advocacy program," said Casey. "Each and every student was truly amazing. I have watched them work, practice and blossom into superb advocates. I have never felt so much pride in both programs, and I am very excited about next year and the level of enthusiasm of the board members. I know all the teams are going to be focused on bringing home the few trophies they left behind."



Jessup National Finalists and Regional Champions: (l. to r.) Best Oralist Rob McNiff, 9th Best Oralist Megan Watkins, Advocacy Director Kellie Casey (J.D.'90), 12th Best Oralist Claudia Campo, and 5th Best Oralist Clint Pridgen.



Multiple Champions: (l. to r.) Advocacy Director Kellie Casey; Hulsey Kimbrell Coach Renee Little and Team Member Laura Hill (Missing: Elisabeth Quinn); National Moot Court Regional Champs Anne Allen Westbrook, Jen Auer and Best Oralist Charlie Bethel; ABA National Quarterfinalists and Regional Champs Tiffany Rowe, Best Oralist Drew Baiter, and Lauren Sheridan.



Intrastate Champions and Finalists: (front row, l to r.) Best Team Members Eric Getty, Darius Pattillo and Natalie Woodward; Best Oralist Jeff Ward with Fellow Finalist and Best Brief Team Member Emily Hammond (Missing: Todd Hayes); Advocacy Director Kellie Casey. (back row, l. to r.) Student Coaches Kevin Weimer and Kwende Jones.

Season Highlights: Moot Court

42nd Annual Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition

Team Members: Claudia Campo, Rob McNiff, Clint Pridgen, Megan Watkins.
Adviser - Myra Creighton (J.D.'91).

National/International Tournament:

- ✓ National Finalists
- ✓ World Quarterfinalists
- ✓ Best Oralist - Rob McNiff, 5th Best Oralist - Clint Pridgen, 9th Best Oralist - Megan Watkins, 12th Best Oralist - Claudia Campo
- ✓ 10th Best Brief

Southeast Regionals:

- ✓ Regional Champions (6th time)
- ✓ Best Oralist - Clint Pridgen
- ✓ Third Best Brief

National Moot Court Competition

Team Members: Jen Auer, Charlie Bethel, Anne Allen Westbrook.

Regional Competition:

- ✓ Best Team
- ✓ Best Brief
- ✓ Best Oralist - Charlie Bethel

American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Team Members: Drew Baiter, Tiffany Rowe and Lauren Sheridan.
Adviser: Holly Pierson (J.D.'96). Student Coaches - Sam Burch and Laura Hill.

National Tournament:

- ✓ Quarterfinalists
- ✓ Best Oralist - Drew Baiter (1st time UGA has won this distinction since 1984)
- ✓ Third Best Brief

Regional Tournament:

- ✓ Regional Champions (Baiter, Rowe, Sheridan)
 - ✓ Regional Finalists (Mary Paige Tucker, David Adams and Ali Sawyer)
- Both teams were undefeated entering the final round of four pairings.

Intrastate Moot Court Tournament

Team Members: Eric Getty, Darius Pattillo and Natalie Woodward; and Emily Hammond, Todd Hayes and Jeff Ward.

Student Coaches - Kevin Weimer and Kwende Jones.

- ✓ Best Team (Getty, Pattillo, Woodward)
- ✓ Best Oralist - Jeff Ward
- ✓ Best Brief and Finalists (Hammond, Hayes, Ward)

UGA last won the intrastate championship in 1994 and last made a clean sweep of the competition in 1990.

Hulsey-Kimbrell Moot Court Competition

(Annual fall tournament with the University of Florida)

Team Members: Laura Hill and Elisabeth Quinn. Student Coach - Renee Little.

- ✓ Champions
- Overall record: 13-4-2

11th Annual Vanderbilt National First Amendment Competition

Team Members: Renee Little and Gardiner Thompson.

- ✓ National Finalists

William B. Spong Invitational Moot Court Tournament

Team Members: Garnetta Burns, Brian Stimson and Leigh Tyson.

Student Coach: Caroline Catalano.

- ✓ National Quarterfinalists

"I think it is safe to say that the advocacy program at Georgia is not only alive and well, but it is also back in the national spotlight where it belongs. Our success is due to many factors. This year we were fortunate to have a group of individuals who were not only gifted advocates and coaches, but who were also willing to put forth the hundreds of hours of work needed to succeed. It was this unwavering commitment that drove our success. In addition, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the support of our faculty and moot court alumni. I can think of numerous occasions where professors would stay late to bench practice rounds or where our alumni would drive in from Atlanta to provide both insight and a fresh pair of ears. But the real hero behind the 2000-'01 moot court program is our director, Kellie Casey. Thanks to Kellie the law school is now presented with a bittersweet dilemma - where do we put all of these trophies?"

*Tom McDaniel
Moot Court Board Chair*

Advocacy Accomplishments

Season Highlights: Mock Trial

Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) National Tournament

Team Members: Shalena Cook, Michele Harris, Mark Mitchell and Ryan Reavis.

Student Coach: Caroline Rogers.

National Competition:

- ✓ Quarterfinalists - 6th place team among 208 competitors in starting field

Regional Competition:

- ✓ Champions - undefeated, never lost the vote of a single judge en route to victory

Georgetown White Collar Crime Mock Trial Invitational

Team Members: Carin Burford, Julie Hall, Todd Hayes and Kevin Weimer.

- ✓ Finalists
- ✓ Best Brief

William Daniel Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Michael Cates, Scott Lenhart, Laura Linville, Lisa Muller, John Oliphant, Stephanie Palmer, Laura Peel and Steve Schroeder. Coach - Attorney Phillip Griffeth.

- ✓ 5th Best Team
- ✓ Most Professional Team

“There’s no doubt that we had a banner year in the mock trial program. We made great strides, and we were successful in all the tournaments we entered. Certainly, a lot of the credit has to be attributed to Kellie Casey. We’ve got raw talent among the students, but we needed someone who could really provide the polish. She put in an incredible amount of time and forced us to practice and improve. We also appreciate the members of the faculty and alumni who spent countless hours helping us to develop our arguments. Because of Kellie’s strategy of mixing second and third-year students on teams, we’ll have a good level of experience on next year’s teams. We’ve got people who are already excited and anxious about returning to the tournaments, and it’s that kind of attitude that’s going to make the difference and take us over the top. I think we’re just a short step away from bringing home another national championship to the University of Georgia School of Law.”

*Mark Mitchell
Mock Trial Board Chair*



ATLA National Quarterfinalists and Regional Champs: (L to r.) Ryan Reavis, Michele Harris, Advocacy Director Kellie Casey, Callaway Professor Ron Carlson, Shalena Cook and Mark Mitchell. (Not pictured: Student Coach Caroline Rogers)



Georgetown National Finalists: (L to r.) Todd Hayes, Carin Burford, Advocacy Director Kellie Casey, Julie Hall and Kevin Weimer.

Student Briefs

Talmadge Finalists and Judges: (front row, l. to r.) Advocacy Director Kellie Casey (J.D.'90), Finalists Clint Pridgen and Claudia Campo, and Champions Tiffany Rowe and Darius Pattillo. (back row, l. to r.) Attorney John Barrow, Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes (J.D.'83), Attorney Erica Daniel (J.D.'94) and Dean David Shipley.



3L Wins National Tax Law Writing Contest



Third-year student Heather Belin of Savannah, senior managing editor of the *Georgia Law Review*, won the national writing competition sponsored by the Federal Bar Association

Section of Taxation. Belin received her award and a \$1,000 cash prize at the association's annual conference in Washington, D.C. in early March. Her paper, "A More Equitable Tax System: A Call for Congress to Codify the Equitable Recoupment Provisions," will also be published in the Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation's quarterly newsletter.

Belin wrote the paper as an independent research and writing project under the supervision of Professor Camilla Watson. "Heather had the enthusiasm and the creativity to strive for something beyond the standard two-credit hour independent research paper," said Watson. "She worked very hard within a tight time frame in order to meet the contest deadline. I am proud of the work that she has done and delighted about the national recognition that she brings to this school."

Making a Strong Case ▲

The bench was active but the advocates were well prepared in the finals of the Talmadge Moot Court Competition in November. Two teams of second-year students argued the hypothetical appeal of a workplace sexual harassment suit, and the judges said their presentations were "outstanding," making the decision "an extremely difficult one."

In the end, though, Tiffany Rowe of Augusta and Darius Pattillo of Atlanta edged out their competitors, Clint Pridgen of Gainesville and Claudia Campo of Lawrenceville. All received cash prizes for their superior performance. Pridgen was also named the tournament's overall Best Oralist, and Emily Hammond and Lauren Sheridan were honored for Best Brief.

Sitting on the bench were Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes (J.D.'83) of the Georgia Court of Appeals; Athens attorney John Barrow; Erica Daniel (J.D.'94) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of General Counsel; and Dean David Shipley.

Two Students Earn Prestigious NAPIL Fellowships

Temika Williams of Atlanta and Jenny Culler of Lexington, South Carolina, both third-year law students at UGA, were two of the 25 recipients selected nationwide for two-year Equal Justice Fellowships from NAPIL (National Association for Public Interest Law). Both students will begin the positions following graduation.

Williams is working with Aid to Children of Imprisoned Mothers (AIM), providing community education for mothers in jail and prisons throughout the state. Culler will work with Georgia Legal Watch in Athens on a project involving the Clean Water Act.



(L. TO R.)
WILLIAMS,
CULLER

The highly competitive fellowships provide salary, loan repayment assistance, training and other support to recent graduates who work on innovative public interest legal projects. NAPIL currently has 130 fellows serving in public interest positions throughout the country. —Jennifer Bogan

Outstanding Advocates Named to Inn of Court

A dozen standouts in the law school's moot court and mock trial programs were selected for membership in the prestigious Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Court. The prime learning and networking opportunity brings law students together with young attorneys and the state's most experienced judges, lawyers and academics.

The Lumpkin Inn of Court, established in 1987, is modeled after the famed

English Inns of Court with 60 members: 30 masters (seasoned professionals); 18 barristers (young practitioners); and 12 pupils (third-year students). The Inn convenes regularly during the academic year, primarily in Atlanta settings.

Pupils for 2000-'01 were: Jennifer Auer, Ansley Bell, Charlie Bethel, Carin Burford, Tippi Cain, Michele Harris, Dana Lennox, Renee Little, Tom McDaniel, Mark Mitchell, Kevin Weimer and Anne Allen Westbrook.

UGA's NAPIL Leadership Continues

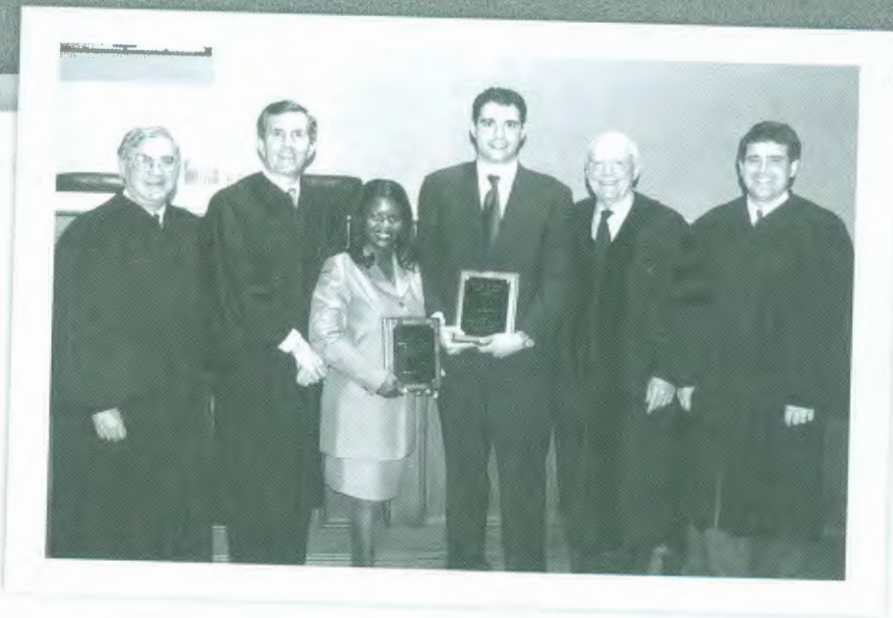
For the third consecutive year, students from the University of Georgia School of Law have been elected to leadership positions with NAPIL (National Association of Public Interest Law). 3L Lisa Taylor of College Park is serving a one-year term as president of the organization. Melissa Gross, a 2L from Newport News, Virginia, succeeds Taylor as the southern regional coordinator.



(L. TO R.) TAYLOR, GROSS

Taylor will represent over 150 law schools in professional conferences and meetings, serve as vice chair on the NAPIL board of directors, and address the needs of public interest groups on law school campuses. Gross will represent law students in 11 southern states, serve on the NAPIL board of directors, conduct outreach to member groups, and participate in NAPIL conferences and retreats. She will also act as a liaison between regional groups and the national office.

—Jennifer Bogan



Russell Finalists and Judges: (l. to r.) Justice Harris Hines, Dean David Shipley, Finalist Tonya Stokes, Champion Josh Belinfante, Judge Marion Pope (LL.B. '53), and Assoc. Provost/Honors Director Jere Morehead (J.D. '80).

Superlative Russell Competition ▲

Superb, splendid, outstanding – just a few of the superlatives lauded upon the finalists in the Russell Moot Court Competition in April. Dean David Shipley remarked, “It was music to my ears to walk out of this courtroom and hear these three judges applaud our students.”

First-year competitors Josh Belinfante of Cumming won the tournament, and Tonya Stokes of Columbia, Maryland was named finalist. The hypothetical addressed the appeal of a woman who was injured in a car accident and sued the employer of the man who hit her, claiming that the company forced him to work to the point of exhaustion and should be liable for damages.

“I’ve seen a lot of lawyers over the years, and I wish a lot of them were as good as you,” remarked Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Marion Pope (LL.B. '53), who presided as chief judge on a panel with Georgia Supreme Court Justice Harris Hines, Associate Provost and Honors Program Director Jere Morehead (J.D. '80) and Dean David Shipley. Both finalists received plaques and cash prizes.

Annual Auction Raises the Bar

The bids have been climbing each spring, and this year they skyrocketed. The 16th annual Faculty/Staff Auction raised more than \$19,000 for the

sponsors – the Student Bar Association and Equal Justice Foundation. That’s about \$5,000 more than the previous record-breaking year. Most of the funds support summer fellowships for law students who take non-paying public interest law positions. Hot auction items included the perennial favorite, “Dean for a Day,” where 1L sections vie to have a section representative trade places with Dean Shipley - \$3,250; a section party at Hosch Professor Tom Eaton’s home - \$3,000; a bar review course for \$1,700; and a sing-a-long with Hosch Professor Dan Coenen’s family - \$1,000.



For Kids' Sake

3L Paul Rosenthal of Athens made a convincing conclusion in the fourth annual Keenan’s Kids Foundation Law Student Closing Argument

Competition, finishing in third place. More than 100 law students from the state of Georgia applied to the tournament, and 20 were selected to make 15-minute closing arguments before a panel of lawyers, reporters and parents who had previously maintained civil actions on behalf of their injured children. The competition seeks to stimulate law students’ interest in children’s rights advocacy. Rosenthal earned a cash award for his performance.

Student Briefs



Michele Harris – Balance is Key

Michele Harris, a third-year law student from Macon, leads a double-life as an active student leader and full-time wife and mother of two young boys. “The best thing over the past three years is that I have been able to keep a life outside of law school. My family time is my family time,” said Harris.

Harris is what law school administrators refer to as “non-traditional.” She is not the typical law student fresh out of undergraduate school. Her path to law school is a bit unusual, too. She held several odd jobs while earning her associate’s degree. She then got married and had her first son, Alex, who is now six. But even with all the joy of a new family, Harris says she knew something was still missing. She went to work for AmeriCorps, providing an enrichment program for at-risk kids in middle schools. “I always had a desire to be in the Peace Corps, so AmeriCorps was my mini-Peace Corps since I was married and had a child,” she said. And yet, a yearning remained. Harris enrolled at Mercer University after having her second son, Charles, who is now four.

Her duties at Mercer included being mom, attending classes at night, and working full-time with AmeriCorps. Her assignment: working with the police department to produce community education outreach programs for senior citizens, adults and children in high crime areas. “This experience truly made a difference in my life,” she said. “I knew that I had broken barriers and gotten across lines that I never would have had the opportunity to cross otherwise. It was one of those experiences that I will never forget.”

Harris’ service activities stoked a fire that had been kindling for many years in the back of her mind. “I knew I would become some type of advocate, and the groundwork was definitely always there for law school,” said Harris.

In the summer of 1998, the Harrises moved to Athens. Michele’s husband, Michael, enrolled in UGA while she started classes at the law school – an overflowing plate, once again. “I believe in living life to its fullest in everything that I do,” said Harris. “If the activity does not add to my life in some way, I will not do it.”

Obviously, many activities have passed Harris’ litmus test for value. She has served as justice of Phi Alpha Delta, vice chair of mock trial, member of the Georgetown and ATLA mock trial teams, secretary of the Student Bar Association, and Public Interest Practicum summer fellow. She also supports her sons’ activities and teaches in her church’s “Team Kid” program.

“Going to law school with a family was both easy and hard,” said Harris. “It was hard because I had more on my plate and it was a challenge, but the life I lead has made me more focused by far. My house might not always be clean, dinner might not always be gourmet, but my family is happy, and that is the most important thing to me.”

– Jennifer Bogan

Shalena Cook - A Yearning for the Courtroom

When second-year student Shalena Cook looks back, she knows she is not the same young woman who left Brooklyn, New York, for college six years ago. “I wanted adventure, I wanted something new,” said Cook. And that’s exactly what she found.

Cook, who originally moved south to attend Spelman College in Atlanta, found it hard to acclimate herself to a new life with no family in Georgia. “I was a little different than the traditional college student because as soon as I got to Atlanta I began working full time and

attending school,” she said. “Sometimes I look back and think I didn’t have the college experience that a lot of my peers had, but I think it was great because it made me a better person.”



Cook’s interest in law school did not become her primary focus until her junior year at Spelman, when she left her job as a hotel desk clerk to begin working at a law firm. “It was a great experience,” she said. “I wanted to see what it would be like to be a lawyer and what lawyers did on a daily basis.” An attorney at the firm convinced her to consider law school at his alma mater, UGA. Once she visited the campus, she was sold. “I really liked the atmosphere, and I knew that many of the attorneys who practice in the Atlanta area graduated from Georgia,” said Cook.

Throughout law school, Cook has managed a full work and class schedule. She currently works for a telemarketer and a pottery shop and balances multiple extra-curricular activities. She competed on the law school’s award-winning ATLA mock trial team, served as a Public Interest Practicum summer fellow, and is an active member of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). “Those activities give me a chance to channel my energy back into the community,” she explained.

Cook enjoys law school, but calls it “the most difficult thing” she has ever done. “I thought that it was just going to be an extension of college, and I was wrong,” she said with a laugh. “It has certainly been a trial by fire experience.”

The trial by fire has whetted an appetite for the courtroom. “I want to litigate, that I know for sure,” said Cook. “I really like evidence and the rules of civil procedure, I like rule-based concepts. Plus, you also have a lot of stylistic freedom and drama in litigation so it encompasses everything.” Cook is

interning this summer with Nokia's legal department in Irving, Texas. She hopes the experience will help her to zero in on a specific type of litigation interest.

Law school at UGA, she believes, has prepared her to meet the challenges of the real world of trial law. "It has made me a whole lot more disciplined, focused and organized," said Cook. "I used to be a big picture person, and big picture is great, but it doesn't serve you well when you are doing something like law school. Law school has made me more attentive. I now ask the smaller questions to get to the heart of the issues.

"Law school definitely has its rewards, and its rewards far outweigh its costs."
— Jennifer Bogan

Kevin Woolf – Law with a Latin American Flair



At age 23, Kevin Woolf, a first-year law student from Alpharetta, has probably seen more of the world than most people twice his age. "Travel aids in the formation of character," said

Woolf. "It takes what you learn in the classroom and makes it come alive." The young globetrotter has traveled to 16 countries and has not spent a summer at home since his sophomore year in high school.

Woolf's eclectic experiences abroad have shaped his life in many ways. He has worked as a baker's assistant in Spain and as an English teacher and tour guide in Costa Rica. He was selected as a U.S. delegate to attend international youth conferences in Canada and Thailand. The international trail, however, can be rocky. He took a bus ride while studying in Switzerland and sat next to a woman from Yugoslavia at the height of U.S. military intervention there. He introduced himself and was stunned by her cold reply. "I hate you, and I hate your country," she said, "but I also hate

myself and hate my country. That is the only thing that this bombing has given rise to in Belgrade – hatred all the way around." Woolf, after regaining his composure, engaged in an hour-long conversation with her that ended in a hug.

"It was at that point that I really realized that when I travel, people don't see Kevin Woolf, they see what America stands for. And it gave me a real sense of 'what is my relationship to my country, am proud of it?'" he said. "It was a powerful, powerful experience."

Woolf's travels have helped him to identify his true passion – Latin America. "I love the Latin American culture because most of the countries have a nervous energy about them," Woolf recalled enthusiastically. "You get there and everything is always so alive, 'Pura Vida' (pure life) as they always say."

He became intrigued with law school when two undergraduate professors suggested that it could combine all his talents. "I am very interested in politics, education and Latin America, and the law ties in with all three of these perfectly," he said.

Another perfect fit came through the Dean Rusk Center, where he and another 1L work as research assistants. This summer, they will spend six weeks studying in Buenos Aires as the first recipients of the Rusk Center Latin American Legal Studies Scholarship [see page 23]. "It was exciting to work with the Rusk Center and watch them create a new program that gives students, such as myself, the unique opportunity to learn about Latin American law in the native setting," said Woolf. "I cannot wait. We are going to work as volunteer research assistants and take classes during the week and then travel around the country on the weekends."

Woolf says his travels, particularly those to the Latin American region, have definitely influenced his career choice. "I know that I have a strong desire to work with Latinos in a legal setting,"



(l. to r.) Beard Closing Argument Champion Tracey Wagner, Dean Emeritus Ralph Beard, and Finalist Josh Belinfante.

The Final Word

"Our advocacy program is strong and in good hands," remarked Dean David Shipley at the end of this year's J. Ralph Beard Closing Argument Competition. First-year law students Josh Belinfante of Cumming and Tracey Wagner of Seminole, Florida, impressed the judges with their arguments in a hypothetical landlord/tenant dispute.

The panel included several Athens-Clarke County officials: Probate Judge Susan Tate (J.D.'75), Special Assistant Attorney General Tony Coy (J.D.'88) and District Attorney Ken Mauldin (J.D.'80). The panel awarded the top prize to Wagner; both she and Belinfante received plaques and cash awards.

"I am constantly surprised at the level of polish found in the performance of our first-year law students," said Dean Emeritus Ralph Beard, for whom the competition is named.

he said. "The jury is still out on whether that interest will translate into multinational contract work with a large firm, public interest work with immigrants to Georgia, advising on educational legal policies of importance to Latinos, or possibly pursuing a career as a public servant. That said," he grins, "I must admit my 'dream job' would be serving as U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica."

— Jennifer Bogan

Student Awards

Achievement Awards

Awards for student academic excellence and leadership were presented in March, and outstanding faculty members were also honored by students. *(Faculty photos are on page 15.)* These awards are usually presented either during Family Day or at Commencement, but this year the honors were handed out in a separate and distinct ceremony in the Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom. A full house of students and faculty attended the event and the reception which followed in the law school rotunda.



Highest Academic Honors: (l. to r.) Jennifer Solari - Jessie and Dan MacDougald Memorial Award for the 2000 First Honor Graduate and the Isaac Meinhard Award for Highest Academic Average Throughout Law School; Nancy Baumgarten - West Publishing Company Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Class of 2002; and Heather Siegel - Law School Association Award for Highest Academic Average, Class of 2002. (Not pictured: David Cross, Law School Association Award for Highest Academic Average, Class of 2001; Cindy Andrist and Gardiner Thompson, West Publishing Company Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Class of 2001; and Nitin Sathe - West Publishing Company Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Class of 2002.)



(l. to r.) Matthew Horvath - Phi Alpha Delta 1L Member of the Year, and Spalding Nix - Law School Association Award for Greatest Improvement in Academic Standing, First to Second Year. (Not pictured: Matthew Loudermilk - Law School Association Award for Greatest Improvement in Academic Standing, Second to Third Year.)



(l. to r.) Richard Douglass - Verner F. Chaffin Award for Excellence in Fiduciary Law, Fall 2000; Edward Marshall - State Bar of Georgia Award for Excellence in Employment Discrimination, Fall 2000; Justin O'Dell - American Bankruptcy Institute Medal; James Daniel - Donald P. Gilmore, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Employment Law, Class of 2000; Jamie Baker Roskie - Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund Award for Excellence in Real Estate Law; and Mark Bandy - Verner F. Chaffin Award for Excellence in Fiduciary Law, Spring 2000. (Not pictured: Adrienne DerVartanian - State Bar of Georgia Award for Excellence in Employment Discrimination - Spring 2000, and Emily Fish Diaz - Georgia Municipal Association Award for Excellence in Municipal Corporation Law.)



Second-Year Recipients of Awards for Outstanding First-Year Academic Performance: (l. to r.) Kevin Tallant - Property; Clint Pridgen - Civil Procedure, Property, Torts and the Class of 1933 Torts Award; Emily Hammond - Contracts and Sales, Torts and the Class of 1933 Torts Award; Heather Siegel - Property, Torts and the Class of 1933 Torts Award; Nancy Baumgarten - Contracts and Sales; Joseph Gleason - Contracts and Sales. (Not pictured: Kevin Biron and Kyle Wallace - Civil Procedure)



First-Year Recipients of Awards for Outstanding Academic Performance in Criminal Law: (l. to r.) Jeffrey Calabrese, Jason Alloy, Sarah Schindler, Taylor Hanson.

A Message to Alumni from Jim Smith (J.D.'81), Law School Association President

On April 6, 2001, your Law School Association Council held its spring meeting at the law school. The council received numerous reports from the law school administration regarding the status of our school. Our principal task at this meeting was to approve the budget for the coming fiscal year.

Because of your generosity, we were able to approve a budget for fiscal year 2001/2002 of \$425,500, more than an 8 percent increase over last year's budget.

Approximately 52 percent of this budget (\$220,000) is devoted to full and partial scholarships for our students. In today's competitive environment for top quality Georgia residents, the ability to provide scholarships is playing an increasingly greater role in our school's ability to keep the state's best students at home.

As reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Advocate*, our school's mock trial and moot court teams continued to excel in intrastate, regional and national competitions. The success of these teams enhances the reputation of our school and reflects well on the quality of education and the leadership of our faculty.

As was also reported, our school was ranked, along with Emory University and three others, as the 27th best law school in the country in the most recent rankings by *U.S. News and World Report* – 11th among the nation's public law schools. When you consider the comparative costs of attending Georgia Law, it is clear that the real value of the legal education our school offers is unparalleled in Georgia and equal to or greater than that offered by any other school in the Southeast.

Nevertheless, we can do better. While alumni contributions have increased over the last few years, we still lag behind many of the schools with which we compete in both percentage of alumni giving and average gift. As I reported to you last fall, our school

must address and meet the physical and technical challenges posed by our aging facility. The student leaders we met with confirmed what we have heard before – that the state of our facility hurts our student recruiting efforts. At the LSAC meeting, we saw preliminary architectural drawings of proposed renovations to our facility. These plans are exciting and would solve the building concerns.

However, a major renovation will not come without significant costs. Only a small portion of the improvements would be paid by public funds. The majority will come from private sources, including our alumni.

Georgians deserve a law school second to none. As such, our alumni and friends should expect a major capital fund drive which will enable the law school to meet that expectation. I hope that when you are called upon, you will do your part in helping our school meet this challenge.

Sincerely,



James P. Smith (J.D.'81)
Law School Association President

A Message to Alumni from Sam Matchett (J.D.'84), Board of Visitors Chair

Years ago, we invested in our law degrees from the University of Georgia School of Law. Our investment has grown and is paying dividends. Although it would be inappropriate to focus on national rankings as the most valid indicator of the value of our law degrees, Georgia Law's recent number 27 ranking by *U.S. News and World Report* confirms that the law school continues to attract and train many of the nation's best and brightest. We should all take pride in the law school's continuing accomplishments and take time to thank the faculty and administration for the fine work they do to recruit and train great students and cultivate tomorrow's leaders.

As alums, we too have a special role. Future success absolutely depends

on our involvement and financial resources.

With the exception of the Hosch Law Library Annex and Rusk Hall, the law school's physical structure has remained basically the same as it was in 1967. We are technologically limited, and our library space is inadequate. Our physical facilities are in need of substantial upgrades. Why is this important? Our students, faculty and staff deserve it. Continued success depends on it. We cannot effectively compete with peer schools for top students and faculty in any meaningful way without accepting the challenge of improving our facilities. We cannot maintain our current level of excellence by running in place. And we certainly cannot advance if we do not do more. We either consciously move forward or fall behind by default.

We must not allow Georgia Law to slip one inch as it continues to enhance its mission and reputation. A new capital campaign is being planned to address the law school's needs, including increased support for faculty and student initiatives. Your participation is essential. I hope that you will personally commit to increase your giving to the law school and personally contact at least two other law school graduates and encourage them to do the same.

It has been my pleasure to serve as chair of the Board of Visitors. I could not be more proud of our law school and the faculty, students, staff and administration who build upon and safeguard its reputation and legacy. By any standard, we are doing very well. To maintain our current stature and to ensure continued excellence, we must do our part. I know we can count on you.

It is an exciting time to be a Georgia Law graduate.

Best regards,



Samuel M. Matchett (J.D.'84)
Board of Visitors Chair

Alumni Activities



Here, Associate Dean Paul Kurtz speaks with Judge Louisa Abbot (J.D. '82) of Savannah.

Judges' Reception

"We should have done this sooner," was the consensus of many in attendance at a reception held during the Superior Court Judges Winter Conference in Athens. About 40 percent of Georgia's superior court judges are UGA law graduates, and 60 of them attended a cocktail reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres held in their honor at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in January. Veteran judges and newly elected members of the bench from across the state spoke with the dean, faculty and senior administrative staff.

YLAC Members Assist Recruiting Efforts

Recruiting top law applicants now resembles the quest for top athletes. As Admissions Director Giles Kennedy, Associate Director Greg Roseboro (J.D. '87) and Faculty Admissions Chair Chuck O'Kelley can attest, students considering multiple offers from leading law schools require some old-fashioned courtship. Dean David Shipley recently told alumni leaders, "Pretty soon I'll be making home visits to top prospects."



Getting Involved in Student Recruiting: YLAC Chair-Elect Tracy Johnson (J.D. '96) chats with interested students at the open house in March.



Legal Education's Highest Honor

Highest academic honors were bestowed upon 22 graduates of the Class of 2000 when they were inducted into the University of Georgia Chapter of the Order of the Coif in March. Coif membership, the legal profession's version of Phi Beta Kappa, is reserved for those who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. Inductees are: (front row, l. to r.) Associate Dean and Hosch Professor Paul Kurtz, Megan Lenker, Rebecca Sullivan, Beth Brooks, Christina Eikhoff, Timothy Fallaw, and Donna Gilluly. (back row, l. to r.) Hosch Professor Michael Wells, James Attwood, Frank LoMonte, Elizabeth Mustard, Julie Wade, Joe DeGaetano, and Theresa Yelton. Not shown: Dawn Bennett-Ingold, Adrienne DerVartanian, Emily Diaz, Sam Heywood, Timothy Johnson, Mike Loeb, Jennifer Solari, James Trotter, Katherine Wallace, and Amanda Woodall.

The red carpet was rolled out for approximately 130 applicants in late March during an open house. The prospects and their families heard about the financial aid process, the law school curriculum and career opportunities, and were treated to a moot court demonstration. Student leaders then met with the applicants in small groups and led them on tours. The event culminated in a reception, which was also well attended by law faculty, students and members of the Younger Law Alumni Committee.

YLAC members and other alumni leaders play an increasingly important role in the admissions process, helping to call applicants or write letters on the law school's behalf. Increased scholarship dollars have also enabled the UGA law school to compete for top students.



Just Calling to Say Thanks

Nearly 2,000 donors to the School of Law were surprised by the voice at the end of the telephone line in late February. The callers weren't soliciting, but thanking the donors for their support of the law school's programs and scholarships. Third-year student Doug Neumeister was one of 32 law students who made the First Annual Thank You Phonathon a success. Students received free pizza and a T-shirt for their efforts, and alumni received a warm word of appreciation from those who benefit from their loyal support.

Alumni Connections

Dean Shipley continued his schedule of regular 'road trips' in the winter and spring, connecting with alumni in Columbus, Greensboro, Augusta, Atlanta, New York City, Savannah, Valdosta, Macon and Marietta.

"I really enjoy getting around the state and beyond to talk about the law school," said Shipley. "The trips are fun, everyone enjoys the fellowship, and it is vital for the law school to stay in touch with the people it serves."



Columbus – (l. to r.) Jaimie Briggs Deloach (J.D.'91), Maureen Callahan Gottfried (J.D.'86) and Audrey Boone Tillman (J.D.'89) chat before November's luncheon in Columbus. Forty people attended. The dean made his regular trip to Augusta in December, where he met with about 35 alumni.



New York City – The law school's National Moot Court team competed in the final rounds of the tournament in January, and alumni in the Big Apple showed their support. Siva Subramaniam (LL.M.'88) graciously hosted a reception for the team at his firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, which the dean also attended. In the foreground are: (l. to r.) Alan Sutin (J.D.'84, with back to camera), Mike Sharp (J.D.'91), Rao Rampilla (LL.M.'87), and host Siva Subramaniam (LL.M.'88).



South Georgia – Close to 80 law alumni attended a reception in Savannah in February, and 20 people came to a luncheon in Valdosta the following day. A March lunch in Macon attracted alumni from a large span of years, including the most recent class. Here, Jeffery Monroe (J.D.'00) and Brian Jarrard (J.D.'00) discuss concerns with Dean Shipley. The dean concluded his road trips in April with a trip to Marietta, where he met with approximately 60 Cobb County alumni.



Mid-Year Bar Meeting

The Law School Association held its annual cocktail reception and breakfast in conjunction with the State Bar's Mid-Year Meeting in January. The cocktail reception, hosted by Arnall, Golden & Gregory, was attended by nearly 90 alumni. Above, young alums (l. to r.) Kendall Butterworth (J.D.'94), Marc Hershovitz (J.D.'96) and Doug Kertscher (J.D.'94), update each other on news. The LSA's breakfast the following morning at the Buckhead Club was attended by 70 alumni, and several of them enjoyed a tour of the new University of Georgia Alumni Club – located a few floors down in the Atlanta Financial Center – following the meeting. Below, Betsy Bloom Hodges (J.D.'84) talked with Donna Barwick (J.D.'77).





America's Lost Subculture

Donna Musil (J.D.'85) considers herself a child of one of America's unique subcultures - military brats. The

former lawyer, now a producer, is currently developing a film designed to help reconnect the brats of the world. "There are an estimated 4 - 25 million military brats spread around the world today," said Musil. "Many of these individuals, such as myself, feel weird and different from everyone else, but they just don't know how to put it all together."

Musil says her film, *BRATS: Growing Up Military*, presents "an intimate portrait of a lost American tribe and a tribute to all brats around the world."

Musil's interest in producing the film sparked from a book she read about the subject, which turned out to be an epiphany for her. "It's the only serious non-fiction book about 'bratdom' and, for the first time, I understood why I was the way I was. After doing some research, I learned no one had ever made a film about the subject, so I decided it was important to address the issues brats face," she explained.

"*BRATS* is also a living study of racial relations," she said. "The military offers a unique environment for integration. Military kids grow up in a weird environment, living next door to one another and going to school together almost never hearing racial epithets. I think that when people live that close together and work that close together, they realize that they are all the same, and the prejudices just go away."

The film, which Musil hopes to finish this year, is scheduled to be an hour-long documentary. It features home-movie footage of brats, archival film sources and provocative first-person interviews, including comments from General Norman Schwarzkopf.

To get the full scoop, Musil invites you to visit her website at www.rckworld.com/thebratsfilm

- Jennifer Bogan

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class notes

1950s

Robert E. Flournoy, Jr. (J.D.'52) of Marietta, Ga., retired from the Cobb County Superior Court in January 2001.

1960s

Terrell W. Benton, Jr. (J.D.'63) of Athens, Ga., remains as partner in the firm of McLeod, Benton, Begnaud & Marshall, L.L.P. In the fall issue, Mr. Benton was listed as associating with the Atlanta law firm of Hall, Booth, et al., but it was his son, Chip. We regret the error. **Brig. Gen. William "Wick" Searcy** (J.D.'67) of Savannah, Ga., has been promoted to brigadier general in the Georgia Air National Guard and assigned the duties of commander during a ceremony on March 4, 2000. **Dennis D. Watson** (J.D.'67) of Lafayette, Ga., combined his firm with Minor, Bell & Neal effective July 1, 2000. **Robert S. Bomar** (J.D.'68) of Atlanta, Ga., received the Emory Public Interest Committee's (EPIC) Inspiration Award for Lifetime Commitment to Public Service during a ceremony at Emory Law School on February 1, 2000.

1970 - '74

Travers W. Paine III (J.D.'73) of Augusta, Ga., is serving as 2000-01 chairman of the bank counsel section of the Georgia Bankers Association. **James E. Mahar** (J.D.'74) of Gainesville, Ga., has become affiliated with Henning Mediation & Arbitration Services, Inc. **Richard G. Milam** (J.D.'74) of Jackson, Ga., was elected district attorney of the Towaliaga Circuit.

1975 - '79

James L. Drake, Jr. (J.D.'75) of Savannah, Ga., has opened his own law

office located at 7 E. Congress Street. **Gary E. Jackson** (J.D.'75) of Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed city court judge by Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell. **Tony B. Griffin** (J.D.'76) of Tampa, Fl., has been selected for inclusion in the 2001-'02 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the labor and employment category. **Ronnie Joe Lane** (J.D.'76) of Donalsonville, Ga., was elected superior court judge for the Pataula Judicial Circuit. **W. Clayton Sparrow, Jr.** (J.D.'76) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined the Atlanta office of Seyfarth Shaw. **Virginia M. McGuffey** (J.D.'77) of Dunwoody, Ga., has joined the Atlanta office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. **Joey M. Loudermilk** (J.D.'78) of Columbus, Ga., was promoted to executive vice president for legal and governmental relations and general



counsel of AFLAC, Inc. **Thomas C. Bordeaux, Jr.** (J.D.'79) of Savannah, Ga., is pleased to announce with his wife, Nelle, the birth of their daughter, Annie Lillian, on February 8, 2001. **Benjamin Pierce Brinson** (J.D.'79) of Claxton, Ga., has been sworn in as a juvenile judge for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. **Joan C. Grafstein** (J.D.'79) of Atlanta, Ga., has been promoted to the position of senior associate general counsel at Emory University. **Shane M. Greeter** (J.D.'79) of Milledgeville, Ga., was elected chief magistrate judge of Baldwin County. **Neil C. Gordon** (J.D.'79) of Atlanta, Ga., was elected to the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. **R. David Ware** (J.D.'79) of Duluth, Ga., has joined the law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, L.L.C. as a partner.

1980 - '84

Daniel R. McGinnis (J.D.'80) of Atlanta, Ga., has become a partner in the Rogers & Hardin law firm. **O. Lisa Dabreu** (J.D.'80) of Burlington, N.J., is the first African-American woman to be appointed as director of the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights. She has also been appointed to the New Jersey Human Relations Council and to the New Jersey Governor's Study Commission on Discrimination. **Timothy W. Floyd** (J.D.'80) of Lubbock, Tx., has been named the J. Hadley Edgar Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law. **Fredric D. Bright** (J.D.'81) of Gordon, Ga., has been re-elected district attorney of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit. He is pleased to announce with his wife, Cinda, the birth of their second son, Richard Jacob, on July 17, 2000. **Louisa Abbot** (J.D.'82) of Savannah, Ga., was named superior court judge for the Eastern Judicial Circuit. **Patricia G. Griffith** (J.D.'82) of Atlanta, Ga., has been selected for inclusion in the 2001-'02 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the labor and employment category. **Michael L. McGlamry** (J.D.'82) of Atlanta, Ga., has become a named partner in the firm of Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick & Morrison, L.L.P. **Ginger S. McRae** (J.D.'82) of Decatur, Ga., has joined Employment Practices Solutions as a consultant. **Robert J. Middleton, Jr.** (J.D.'82) of Albany, Ga., has left his partnership at Alston & Bird in Atlanta to return home to join the Albany law firm of Watson, Spence, Lowe & Chambliss. **James Y. Rayis** (J.D.'82) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined the firm of Meadows, Ichter & Trigg. He will practice in the firm's corporate section and chair the firm's immigration section. **Susan L. Rutherford** (J.D.'82) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined the firm of Gray, Hendrick & Edenfield, L.L.P. as of counsel. **James S. Sibold** (J.D.'82) of Dunwoody, Ga., has merged his practice with the law firm of McCalla, Raymer, Padrick, Cobb, Nichols & Clark, L.L.C. **Alvah O. Smith** (J.D.'82) of Atlanta, Ga., has formed

the firm of Levine & Smith, L.L.C. with **Jonathan R. Levine** (J.D.'85). **Shelley Rucker** (J.D.'82) of Hixson, Tn., is the first female fellow inducted into membership of the American College of Bankruptcy. **Laurie A. Fowler** (J.D.'83) of Athens, Ga., has been awarded a gubernatorial commendation from Governor Barnes for her support of his Community Greenspace Program 2000. She was also designated one of Athens-Clarke County's Ten Citizens of the Year for public service. **Patricia Guilday** (J.D.'83) of Marietta, Ga., has become of counsel with Drew Eckl & Farnham, L.L.P. **Alan P. Shor** (J.D.'83) of Dallas, Tx., has been promoted to president and chief operating officer at Zale Corporation. **Kathryn J. "K.J." Tanksley** (J.D.'83) of Atlanta, Ga., has become associated with Browning & Tanksley, L.L.P. **Cary Ichter** (J.D.'84) of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected to act as the managing partner of Meadows, Ichter & Trigg for 2001-'03. **Maria N. Sorolis** (J.D.'84) of Tampa, Fl., has been appointed to the St. Mary's Day School board of trustees for the 2000-'01 school year.



1985 - 89

Randall K. Coggin (J.D.'85) of Newnan, Ga., has opened his own law office located at 8 Lee Street. **Jonathan Levine** (J.D.'85) of Atlanta, Ga., has formed the firm of Levine & Smith, L.L.C. with **Alvah O. Smith** (J.D.'82). **Benny C. Priest** (J.D.'85) of Marietta, Ga., has become of counsel with Drew Eckl & Farnham, L.L.P. **Alan F. Rothschild, Jr.** (J.D.'85) of Columbus, Ga., a partner at Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, has been elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. **Herbert J. Short, Jr.** (J.D.'85) of Atlanta, Ga., has been named to the 2001 Georgia Chamber of Commerce board of directors. **Phillips**



In the Public Eye

If you've tuned in to *COURT TV* or a network newscast over the last few months, you might have recognized a familiar face. B.J. Bernstein (J.D.'87), an active alumna who recently chaired the Younger Law Alumni Committee (YLAC), was prominently featured when *COURT TV* broadcast a trial in which she defended a daycare provider accused of shaking a baby and causing catastrophic injuries. Bernstein's client was acquitted. "I forgot that the cameras were even around because I was so wrapped up in the trial," she said.



In fact, the glare of the camera is becoming 'old news' to Bernstein, who has grown quite accustomed to the media spotlight in recent months. "I have learned to tailor my comments to what the media is looking for - soundbites," said Bernstein. Her high-profile clients include rapper Da Brat and a manager of the Gold Club.

Bernstein has been in private practice as a criminal defense lawyer in Atlanta for the past six years. She switched from prosecuting to criminal defense in the private sector for multiple reasons. "Most criminal defense lawyers don't hire associates, it's more of a solo practice," said Bernstein. "And that helped drive me to decide, I guess, that I would have a solo practice."

Although Bernstein's demanding, fast-paced practice may make it sound as if she is all work and no play, she rewards herself each year with a lengthy exotic vacation. Over the years she has traveled to numerous Third World countries and visited six out of the seven continents: only Australia remains.

"If you had told me that I would be doing all that I am getting to do now, I never would have predicted this," said Bernstein. "It is just wonderful."

- Jennifer Bogan

Class Notes

D. Wilkins (J.D.'85) of Carrollton, Ga., received the 2000 International Sertoman of the Year Award in recognition of his civic activities and leadership. **William C. Gentry** (J.D.'86) of Marietta, Ga., was sworn in as president of the Cobb County Bar Association, the second largest local bar in the state. **Carol L. Buffum** (J.D.'87) of Fredericksburg, Va., has associated with The Mediation Center, Inc. as a mediator. **Kevin J. Gough** (J.D.'87) of St. Simons Island, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to **Susan Cole Mullis** (J.D.'89) on December 30, 2000. **Charles G. Hicks** (J.D.'87) of Stone Mountain, Ga., has joined the law department of DeKalb County as county attorney. **Kenneth B. Pollock** (J.D.'87)



of Atlanta, Ga., has become a partner at Kilpatrick Stockton, L.L.P. **Marjorie L. Fishman** (J.D.'88) of Athens, Ga., is with Alternative Solutions as a mediator. **E. Gail**

Gunnells (J.D.'88) of Atlanta, Ga., has become a partner at Long, Aldridge & Norman. **James M. Jordan III** (J.D.'88) of Lilburn, Ga., is senior counsel with E-Business of GE Power Systems in Atlanta. **David J. Maslia** (J.D.'88) of Atlanta, Ga., has become associate general counsel with Compucredit. **Duane D. Sitar** (J.D.'88) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined the Atlanta office of Greenberg Traurig. **Pamela D. South** (J.D.'88) of Lilburn, Ga., was sworn in as state court judge in Gwinnett County. **Nancy N. Bills** (J.D.'89) of Conyers, Ga., has become associated with the firm of Walker & Waldrop. **Dorothy B. Franzoni** (J.D.'89) of Dunwoody, Ga., has become a partner at Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. **David A. Fugett** (J.D.'89) of Pensacola, Fla., has become a named partner at Young, Bill & Fugett, P.A. **Gregory B. McMenemy, Jr.** (J.D.'89) of Atlanta, Ga., has formed the firm of Mayfield, Commander & McMenemy, L.L.C. located at 127 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 720.



Eric C. Miller (J.D.'89) of Atlanta, Ga., has achieved board certification as a civil trial advocate through the National Board of Trial Advocacy. **Susan Cole Mullis** (J.D.'89) of Saint Simons Island, Ga., is pleased to announce her marriage to **Kevin Robert Gough** (J.D.'87) on December 30, 2000. **C. Gregory Ragsdale** (J.D.'89) of Lawrenceville, Ga., has become a partner at Mabry & McClelland.

1990 - '94

J. Michael Boeck (J.D.'90) of Silver Spring, Md., is pleased to announce with his wife, Lara, the birth of their first child, Corinna Grace, on October 28, 2000. **Bruce D. Cohen** (J.D.'90) of Atlanta, Ga., is vice president and general counsel for the southwest region of Verizon, Inc. **William C. Collins, Jr.** (J.D.'90) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined the firm of Burr & Forman, L.L.P., as a partner. **David I. Matthews** (J.D.'90) of Atlanta, Ga., has become a partner at the firm of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial. **Lisa R. Roberts** (J.D.'90) of Newnan, Ga., has opened her own law firm at 7 Greenville Street. **W. James Sizemore, Jr.** (J.D.'90) of Smithville, Ga., has opened his own law firm, Sizemore Law Offices, with offices in Leesburg at 101-A Walnut Ave., and in Albany at 413-C Flint Ave. **David L. Smith** (J.D.'90) of Newnan, Ga., has been named a member at Constangy, Brooks & Smith, L.L.C. **Eric J. Hertz** (J.D.'91) of Atlanta, Ga., has been certified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. **Arnold C. Moore, Jr.** (J.D.'91) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with the firm of Morris, Manning & Martin, L.L.P. **Michael C. Pruett** (J.D.'91) of Athens, Ga., has been named county attorney for Madison County by the Madison County Board of Commissioners. **Lisa A. Wade** (J.D.'91) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers, L.L.P. as a partner. **Laura E. Watts** (J.D.'91) of San Francisco, Ca., has become a partner at Pillsbury Madison & Sutro.

James "Josh" M. Wilson (J.D.'91) of New York, N.Y., has joined the firm of Parker, Duryee, Rosoff & Haft, P.C. **Adam E. Aronin** (J.D.'92) of Indianapolis, In., has joined the national office of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity as director of risk management. **Kelly Russell Caffarelli** (J.D.'92) of Atlanta, Ga., has been promoted to senior counsel at Home Depot, Inc. **Warren "Wit" R. Hall, Jr.** (J.D.'92) of Atlanta, Ga., has become a partner at the firm of Alston & Bird in their labor and employment law department. **Paige Ann Smith** (J.D.'92) of Atlanta, Ga., is pleased to announce her marriage to Stacy G. Freeman on January 6, 2001. **Stephen M. Brooks** (J.D.'93) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined the Atlanta office of Smith, Helms, Mulliss & Moore as a partner. **Neal J. Callahan** (J.D.'93) of Columbus, Ga., has become a partner at the firm of Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild. **Curtis L. Doster** (J.D.'93) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined GE Power Systems as e-business counsel. **Robert B. Dulaney III** (J.D.'93) of Atlanta, Ga., has become associated with the firm of Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer & Risley, L.L.P. **J. Allen Hammontree** (J.D.'93) of Dalton, Ga., has been re-elected to a third term in the Georgia House of Representatives. **Carla R. Johnson** (J.D.'93) of Atlanta, Ga., has become associated with the firm of Bird & Mabrey, P.C. **Elizabeth Pope Holmes** (J.D.'93) of Atlanta, Ga., has become a member of Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick & Morrison, L.L.P. **Thomas S. Cullen** (J.D.'94) of Savannah, Ga., has become a partner at Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn. **Edward O. Henneman, Jr.** (J.D.'94) of Savannah, Ga., has become a partner at Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn. **Frank S. Macgill** (J.D.'94) of Savannah, Ga., has become a partner at Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn. **Shell L. Rutledge** (J.D.'94) of Marietta, Ga., has become a partner at the firm of McCalla, Raymer, Padrick, Cobb, Nichols & Clark, L.L.C. **Harry R. Tear III** (J.D.'94) of Atlanta, Ga., is pleased to announce with his wife, Jennifer, the birth of their daughter, Lauren Alina, on September 24, 2000. **John P. Webb** (J.D.'94) of

Stockbridge, Ga., has become a partner at Smith, Welch & Brittain.

1995 - '99

Kris D. Bailey (J.D.'95) of Cary, N.C., was elected district court judge for North Carolina's 10th Judicial District. **John C. Borden IV** (J.D.'95) of Miami, Fl., has become chief operating officer of LearningSoft Networks, an educational entertainment company building Internet sites for children. **Blair K. Cleveland** (J.D.'95) of Macon, Ga., has become a partner at the firm of Martin, Snow, Grant & Napier. **Erika Blum Johnson** (J.D.'95) of Alpharetta, Ga., is pleased to announce with her husband, Cliff, the birth of their triplets: Colton Michael, Jennifer Reagan and Christopher Reagan, on December 11, 2000. **Elizabeth Thompson Kertscher** (J.D.'95) of Decatur, Ga., has opened her own law office located at 114 Ponce De Leon Avenue. **Sami O. Malas** (J.D.'95) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer & Risley, L.L.P. **Gregory M. McCoskey** (J.D.'95) of Tampa, Fl., has become a shareholder in the firm of Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker. **William W. Tanner** (J.D.'95) of Charlottesville, Va., has joined the Lexis Law Publishing Co. as a legal analyst/editor. **James D. Blitch IV** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with the firm of Kidd & Vaughan. **Cale H. Conley** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., has formed the plaintiffs'-side litigation firm of Conley, Sacks & Griggs. **David S. Gruskin** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., has been named regional vice president and managing partner of the Carolina office of The Partners Group. **Sima Singadia Kulkarni** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., is pleased to announce with her husband, Vishu, the birth of twin sons, Akshay Vishwajit and Akhil Vishwajit, on May 28, 2000. **Christopher J. Moyon** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with the Atlanta office of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. **Jason Sinclair Rooks** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., is pleased to announce



his marriage to **Amy Elizabeth Groves** (J.D.'97) on September 16, 2000. **Mark A. Shaffer** (J.D.'96) of Decatur, Ga., has associated with the Atlanta office of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. **Toysha Flowers Sharpe** (J.D.'96) of Albany, Ga., has associated with Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers. **Michael H. Smith** (J.D.'96) of Savannah, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to Jessica Lea Stadt on June 10, 2000. **M. Leslie Watkins** (J.D.'96) of Santa Monica, Ca., is general counsel with Sony's San Francisco digital music start-up division known as Unsurface. He will continue to be based in Los Angeles. **William H. Weber IV** (J.D.'96) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Altman, Kritzer & Levick, P.C. **Robert E. Alderson, Jr.** (J.D.'97) of New York, N.Y., has associated with Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel, L.L.P., in the intellectual property department. **Michael P. Dickey** (J.D.'97) of Lynn Haven, Fl., has joined Barron & Redding as a shareholder. **Beth Ellen Dotson** (J.D.'97) of Pensacola, Fl., has joined the guardian ad litem program of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida as the family law/criminal law coordinator for Escambia County. **W. Thomas Lacy** (J.D.'97) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Chitwood & Harley in the complex litigation department. **Jacob A. Maurer** (J.D.'97) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Bodker, Ramsey & Andrews, P.C. **Amy E. Groves** (J.D.'97) of Atlanta, Ga., is pleased to announce her marriage to **Jason Sinclair Rooks** (J.D.'96) on September 16, 2000. **Patrick Specht** (LL.M.'97) of Maacksgasse, Germany, has associated with the Hamburg office of the law firm of Gaedertz. **Kelly A. Casey** (J.D.'98) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P. **C. Andrew Childers** (J.D.'98) of Decatur, Ga., has formed the firm of Schlueter, Buck & Childers located at 940 Center Street, Conyers, Ga. **Melanie Winskie Crowe** (J.D.'98) of Smyrna, Ga., has associated with Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, L.L.P. She also is pleased to announce her marriage to Bart Crowe on August 19, 2000. **Cameron W. Fogle** (J.D.'98) of



A Dream Practice

Tina Woodson's (J.D.'98) dream of practicing public interest law landed at her feet during her third year of law

school when she was hired as a legal honors intern with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She had completed a HUD student internship the previous summer. "It gave me a sense of what community development was - it was my first real taste, and I loved it," said Woodson. "HUD is the only place that I wanted to work."

The career match must have been a perfect fit, because Woodson earned seven awards during her 14-month tenure in HUD's new attorney program. She recently was named as the recipient of the 2000 Nelson A. Diaz Outstanding Intern Award for exemplary scholarship, commitment and dedication. "While seeing the fruits of my labor result in stronger, safer neighborhoods is rewarding in and of itself," Woodson said, "being named Intern of the Year has been one of the highlights of my career."

Woodson landed a permanent position as attorney adviser on the HUD staff in October 1999. "I came here to make a difference," she said, "and I feel like I definitely have, from being actively involved on a day-to-day basis advising the staff on program matters that directly increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing available in the region." Woodson primarily works as in-house counsel addressing the practice areas of multi-family real estate investment/finance, FHA mortgage insurance and real estate property management. She encourages budding public interest lawyers to seek out similar legal honors intern programs at other federal agencies.

"I love what I do, especially knowing that the ultimate recipient of my work is a family out there who needs a safe, decent and affordable place to call home," said Woodson. "That is what makes me come to work each day."

- Jennifer Bogan

Washington, D.C., has associated with the D.C. office of Holland & Knight, L.L.P. He also is pleased to announce his marriage to Evelyn Rose Wright on January 13, 2001. **David P. Gessert** (J.D.'98) of Avondale Estates, Ga., has associated with Webb, Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair, L.L.P. **Angela Briguccia Hitch** (J.D.'98) of Atlanta, Ga., has joined The Partners Group as a legal placement director. **Martin J. Lynch** (J.D.'98) of Albany, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to Holly Hudgens on September 9, 2000. He also has been appointed to a two-year term on the Albany historic preservation commission. **Stephen K. Marsh** (J.D.'98) of Alexandria, Va., has associated with the Washington, D.C. office of Arnold & Porter. **Leigh H. Martin** (J.D.'98) of Decatur, Ga., has associated with the Atlanta office of Butler, Wooten, Overby, Fryhofer, Daughtery & Sullivan. **Chrisna J. Walker** (J.D.'98) of Lithonia, Ga., continues her association with the Atlanta law firm of Delvin & Robinson, P.C. **Robert D. Alexander** (J.D.'99) of LaGrange, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to Lori Anne Lesslie on November 4, 2000. **Kerry Ingram Banister** (J.D.'99) of Gainesville, Ga., has been sworn in as assistant district attorney for the Enotah Circuit. **Adam S. Caveney** (J.D.'99) of Augusta, Ga., has become a pro se law clerk to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. **Demetria Nicole Gibson** (J.D.'99) of Forsyth, Ga., is pleased to announce her marriage to Richard Hadley Williams on October 14, 2000. **Julia Hill Jernigan** (J.D.'99) and **Keith A. Jernigan** (J.D.'99) of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Keith Alan, Jr., on February 28, 2001. **Melissa D. Peeler** (J.D.'99) of Marietta, Ga., has associated with Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, L.L.C. **Anna Watkins** (J.D.'99) of Athens, Ga., has joined the Athens-Clarke County District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney. **Murry S. Whitt** (J.D.'99) of Montgomery, Al., is

pleased to announce with his wife, Carolyn, the birth of their son, Casey Alford, on August 11, 2000.

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James Lanier Allgood III (J.D.'00) of Dublin, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to Katherine Sinclair Hilburn. **Kenneth C. Bruley** (J.D.'00) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer & Risley, L.L.P. **Lt. Shannon L. Drake** (J.D.'00) of Hinesville, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to Jill LaFountaine on September 2, 2000. **Lori A. Gelchion** (J.D.'00) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Rogers & Hardin. **Joseph S. Habachy** (J.D.'00) of Atlanta, Ga., has opened his own law office located at 44 West Broad Street, Suite 600 and will specialize in entertainment law. **Christopher J. Hoofnagle** (J.D.'00) of Arlington, Va., has associated with the Electronic Privacy Information Center, Inc. (EPIC) of Washington, D.C. as legislative counsel. **R. Lawton Jordan III** (J.D.'00) of Atlanta, Ga., has become associated with Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C. **R. Bates Lovett** (J.D.'00) of Atlanta, Ga., is pleased to announce his marriage to Catherine Spalding Braswell on December 30, 2000. **Brian C. Meadows** (J.D.'00) of Atlanta, Ga., has associated with Needle & Rosenberg, P.C. **J. Patrick Millsaps** (J.D.'00) of Marietta, Ga., has opened his own law firm, The Millsaps Firm, P.C., at 166 Anderson Street, Suite 101. **Stacie L. Sawyer** (J.D.'00) of Baltimore, Md., is a staff attorney with the House of Ruth, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. **Paul B. Smart** (J.D.'00) of Cornelia, Ga., announces his marriage to Kristine Ann Chosewood on December 16, 2000. **Wanda Lynn Vance** (J.D.'00) of Buford, Ga., is pleased to announce her marriage to Richard Keith Steele on May 13, 2000.

In Memoriam

The School of Law expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following law school alumni:

Billy R. Cain (LL.B.'49)
Buford, Ga.
February 1, 2001

Forrest L. Champion, Jr. (LL.B.'45)
Columbus, Ga.
October 2000

William Eckhardt (J.D.'71)
Albany, Ga.
December 8, 2000

Glenn W. "Jack" Ellard (LL.B.'35)
Cornelia, Ga.
March 6, 2001

Omer W. Franklin, Jr. (J.D.'39)
Berkeley Lake, Ga.
February 8, 2001

William E. "Pete" Frey (J.D.'69)
Griffin, Ga.
November 12, 2000

Henry J. Heffernan (LL.B.'30)-
Augusta, Ga.
September 23, 2000

G. Bertand Hester, Sr. (LL.B.'50)
Brunswick, Ga.
March 1, 2001

Paul B. Huckeby (J.D.'50)
Port Saint Joe, Fl.
March 2000

Edward W. Killorin (LL.B.'57)
Atlanta, Ga.
July 19, 2000

Pauline Dickson Nicholls (J.D.'83)
Athens, Ga.
January 2001

C. Michael Roach (J.D.'74)
Canton, Ga.
December 2000

The School of Law deeply regrets the loss of A. Gus Cleveland of Atlanta, Ga. on December 4, 2000. Mr. Cleveland was a matriculate of the law school and one of the founders of the Law School Association, serving as its second president. He received the LSA's Distinguished Service Scroll Award in 1977. The law school's A. Gus Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism bears his name.

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The symposium issue, "Re-Examining First Principles: Deterrence and Corrective Justice in Constitutional Torts," addresses civil rights issues. Thomas A. Eaton provides the Foreword to the following contributions: "In Defense of Making Government Pay: The Deterrent Effect of Constitutional Tort Remedies," by Myriam E.

Gilles; "Turning Section 1983's Protection of Civil Rights Into an Attractive Nuisance: Extra-Textual Barriers to Municipal Liability Under *Monell*," by Brian J. Serr; and "Corrective Justice and Constitutional Torts," by Bernard P. Dauenhauer & Michael L. Wells. Marshall S. Shapo writes the Afterword. Also featured is Michael L. Wells' article, "Section 1983, The First Amendment, and Public Employee Speech: Shaping the Right to Fit the Remedy (and Vice Versa)." Two student notes by Nancy Baumgarten and Emily Hammond also appear.

GEORGIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

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This issue features the work of two scholars: Rett R. Ludwikowski, "Constitutional Culture of the New East-Central Democracies"; and Alan Reed, "To Be or Not to Be: The Forum non Conveniens Performance Acted Out on Anglo-American Courtroom Stages." Two student notes are included: Christofer Coakley's "The Growing Rule

of Customized Consent in International Commercial Arbitration," and Lisa Taylor's "Face Off: Acid Attacks Against Women and the Laws of Bangladesh and India vs. the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women." Recent developments also appear: Brandon L. Bowen's "The World Trade Organization and Its Interpretation of the Article XX Exceptions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade: A Top Hat or a Noose?," and Anita C. Johnson's "The Extradition Proceedings Against General Augusto Pinochet: Is Justice Being Met Under International Law?."

JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

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The issue features the following article: "Network Effects in Technology Markets: Applying the Lessons of *Intel* and *Microsoft* to Future Clashes Between Antitrust and Intellectual Property," by John T. Soma & Kevin B. Davis.

Notes include: "A Satellite Dish or a Bird Bath: The Efforts of the 106th Congress to Revise the Satellite Home Viewer Act," by Chad Hunt; "Patent Fairness Act of 1999" by Shilpa Patel; "Extrinsic Evidence in Patent Claim Interpretation: Understanding the Post-*Markman* Confusion" by Karl Koster; and "Phantom Trademarks: Good Law or Chain Rattling? (The Negative Effects of Strict Interpretation of the Landham Act in International Flavors & Fragrances Decision)," by James Carlson.



Upcoming fall attractions...

Law Dawg Reunion Weekend

September 14 & 15, 2001

If your graduating year ends in a 1 or 6, this is your weekend to celebrate an anniversary reunion with your classmates and former professors! See the law school's homepage at <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu> or e-mail the alumni office at lawdawg@uga.edu for a detailed schedule of activities and hotel reservation information.

Law School Homecoming BBQ

October 20, 2001

Grab your family & friends and head to the UGA North Campus because it's time for the annual get-together of law dawgs and bulldogs! Go to the law school's homepage at <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu> or e-mail the alumni office at lawdawg@uga.edu for information about bbq & football tickets and hotel reservations.

Younger Law Alumni Committee Tailgate

November 10, 2001

If you've been out of law school 12 years or less, then bring your family & friends to the third annual YLAC Tailgate! Go to the law school's homepage at <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu> or e-mail the alumni office at lawdawg@uga.edu for information about tailgate tickets and hotel reservations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer and Fall 2001

June 14

Alumni Cocktail Reception
Kiawah Island Resort
Kiawah Island, SC
5:30 - 7 p.m.

June 15

**Alumni Breakfast Meeting
& Distinguished Service
Scroll Presentation**
Kiawah Island Resort
Kiawah Island, SC
7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

August 10

First-Year Orientation Begins
School of Law

August 14

2L & 3L Classes Begin
School of Law

September 3

Labor Day
School of Law Closed

September 7

**Joseph Henry Lumpkin
Society Reception**
School of Law
5:30 - 7 p.m.

September 14-15

Law Dawg Reunion Weekend 2001
School of Law
Check our website at
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for details



September 28

**Fall Meeting of the Board
of Visitors (BOV)**
School of Law
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

October 11

Edith House Lecture
Speaker: Maria Vulliamy, Esq.
Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton
& Garrison - NYC
Topic: International Rape Victims' Civil Suit
School of Law

October 12

**Law School Association
Council (LSAC) Fall Meeting**
School of Law
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



October 20

Law School Homecoming BBQ
Reception & BBQ Begin 2 1/2 Hrs.
Before Kick-off
North Campus Quadrangle



November 10

**Younger Law Alumni Committee
(YLAC) Tailgate**
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Before Kick-off
North Campus Quadrangle

November 20

Law Classes End

November 22-23

Thanksgiving Break
School of Law Closed

January 10

Alumni Cocktail Reception
(In Conjunction w/State Bar
Midyear Meeting)
Location TBA
Atlanta, GA
5:30 - 7 p.m.

January 11

Alumni Breakfast Meeting
(In Conjunction w/State Bar
Midyear Meeting)
Swissôtel
Atlanta, GA
8 - 9 a.m.



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