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## News & Announcements

### Upcoming Events

**March 20**

[Georgia Law Alumni  
Reception in Charlotte, NC](#)

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[Law School Association  
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[SBA Golf Tournament](#)

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**April 4**

[Board of Visitors Spring  
Meeting](#)

**April 9**

[Edith House Lecture featuring  
Home Depot's Teresa  
Roseborough](#)

**April 11**

[Sibley Lecture featuring  
Harvard's John Goldberg](#)



**Students win National Moot Court Competition and "best of the best" national moot court tournament plus take top trophy at regional round of national mock trial competition**

Georgia Law recently won the 64th Annual

National Moot Court Competition, which is the oldest and most prestigious moot court competition in the country. Third-year students Steven L. Strasberg, Benjamin W. Thorpe and Emily K. Westberry represented UGA in the tournament, and Thorpe was named the competition's best oralist. [Learn more](#) Third-year students Margaret E. "Maggie" Randels and Utrophia D. Robinson won first place in the invitation-only Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Competition. This tournament pitted the best moot court programs from across the country against each other, with only 16 law schools selected to participate based on their performance during the 2012-13 academic year. Additionally, Robinson was named the tournament's second best oralist, and the pair prepared the third best brief. [Learn more](#) Third-year student Jeremy B. Dailey and second-year students Whitney T. Judson and W. Alexander Smith teamed up to take the top position at Region 5 of the Texas Bar Association National Trial Competition. This win qualifies the trio to compete for this mock trial national championship later this month. [Learn more](#)

### **Georgia Law captures the ABA Tax Challenge top trophy**

Third-year student Morgan L. Klinzing and second-year student Benjamin Newell recently won the 2014 ABA Law Student Tax Challenge. Approximately 90 teams from law schools across the country competed in this tournament where two-person teams

**April 14**

Democracy and Nonviolence  
in Iran Lecture

**April 27**

Music Business Expo

**May 2**

JHLS Spring Twilight Affair

**May 2**

Georgia Law Class of 1984  
Reunion Cocktail Reception

**May 3**

Georgia Law Class of 1984  
Reunion Dinner

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## **Multimedia Gallery**

1L Weekend

Student/Employer Reception  
- 2/7/14 [View Photos](#)

Georgia Superior Court  
Judges Reception - 1/23/14

solved a cutting-edge and complex business problem that might arise in everyday tax practice. Professor Camilla E. Watson coached the team. [Learn more](#)

### **Appellate Litigation Clinic gains victory in court**

Three 2013 alumni - M. Paula Briceno, Brittany M. Cambre and Crystal M. Johnson - recently found success in the courtroom for their UGA Appellate Litigation Clinic work in representing a franchisee in his claim against his franchisor and its former chief executive officer. Johnson argued the case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in front of a panel that included retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The Fourth Circuit certified the case to the Virginia Supreme Court, where the clinic partnered with a major Virginia firm. The state's highest court answered both certified questions in the client's favor. The case likely will be remanded to district court for further proceedings. [Learn more](#)

### **Georgia Law finishes as semifinalists in Transactional LawMeet regional**

Third-year student G. Taylor Wilson and second-year student Andy Shin teamed up to finish as semifinalists in the Southeastern Regional Competition of the National Transactional LawMeet, which the law school hosted late last month. This competition is designed to give law students a hands-on experience in developing and honing transactional lawyering skills. [Learn more](#)

### **School plans to offer new degree**

This fall, Georgia Law intends to offer a graduate level degree for professionals and recent graduates seeking to increase their knowledge of law relevant to their academic discipline or career in order to enhance their professional credentials. The Master in the Study of Law will be a non-thesis, 30-credit-hour degree that can be completed in one year on a full-time basis or over three years on a part-time basis. It will provide students with a solid understanding of the U.S. legal system as well as the opportunity to delve more specifically into law as it relates to a particular field such as employment law, health care law and environmental law, among others. *The M.S.L. has received administrative approval from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and will be submitted for ratification at the Board's March meeting.* [Learn more](#)



### **Concourse named in honor of Kirbo family**

Earlier this month, the third floor on the northern end of the law school's primary building was named the Kirbo Foundation Concourse, acknowledging the Thomas M. and Irene B. Kirbo Charitable Foundation and the Kirbo family for gifts totaling approximately \$3 million. Portraits of the late Charles L. Kirbo (LL.B.'39) and Bruce W. Kirbo (J.D.'51) now hang in this area. Both of these alumni have been trusted advisers to many and are known for their leadership,

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U.S. Congressman David Scott Presentation - 1/17/14

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State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Alumni Reception - 1/9/14 [View Photos](#)

Brazilian judges visit as part of the school's International Judicial Training Program - 12/2-12/13/13 [View Photos](#)

Holiday Luncheon and Employee Service Recognition Program - 12/10/13 [View Photos](#)

International Human Rights Expert Karima Bennouna Presentation - 11/14/13 [View Photos](#)

Diversity on the Bench Panel - 11/12/13 [View Photos](#)

23rd Annual Law School BBQ - 11/9/13 [View Photos](#)

2013 Reunion Weekend Reception for the Classes of 1963, 1968, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 - 11/8/13 [View Photos](#)

*Georgia Law Review* conference titled "The Press and the Constitution 50 Years after *New York Times v. Sullivan*" - 11/6/13 [View Photos](#)

Keynote address titled "Originalism and History" by retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens [Watch Video](#)

Q&A session for the law school community with retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens - 11/5/13

service and philanthropy. They both are also recipients of the law school alumni association's highest honor – the Distinguished Service Scroll Award. [View photos](#)



### **Georgia Law hosted judicial ethics conference**

Georgia Law recently hosted the 14th Annual Legal Ethics and Professionalism Symposium titled "Who Are They to Judge? - Ethical and Professionalism

Issues Facing the Bench" in late February. The symposium explored the increasing ethical challenges faced by members of the judiciary due to the changing dynamics of both their jobs and the legal profession as a whole. Keynote addresses were delivered by David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and Marsha Ternus, former chief justice of the Iowa Supreme Court. [View photos](#)

### **Students organize music industry conference**

The 4th Annual Protect Athens Music Conference will address issues relevant to the ever-evolving music scene and how to create a more sustainable music ecosystem. Sponsored by the school's Sports and Entertainment Law Society, this event will be held March 5. [Learn more](#)

### **Recent events held at Georgia Law focused on the intersection of public health and environmental law as well as public interest law**

Spring is a busy time at the law school with events targeted to a multitude of interests. Key events recently held include:

The 26th Annual Red Clay Conference that was titled "Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Conversations from Environmental Law and Public Health Perspectives" (Feb. 28)

The 9th Annual Working in the Public Interest Conference that focused on practical approaches to lawyering that promote social justice and the protection of human rights (March 1)

The Annual Equal Justice Foundation Auction which raised money for summer fellowships (March 1)

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## **Faculty Highlights**

### **Meyer and Rutledge testify before U.S. Senate committees**

Associate Professor [Timothy Meyer](#) testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the possible ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and Associate Dean for Faculty Development & Talmadge Chair [Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge](#) testified at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing titled "The Federal Arbitration Act and Access to Justice: Will Recent Supreme Court Decisions Undermine the Rights of Consumers, Workers and Small Businesses?"

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Presentation by free speech advocates Mary Beth Tinker and Mike Hiestand as part of the Tinker Tour - 11/4/13

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## Amann publishes article in the Washington University Global Studies Law Review

Woodruff Chair in International Law [Diane Marie Amann](#) has published "Children and the First Verdict of the International Criminal Court" in 12 *Washington University Global Studies Law Review* 411 (2013).

## Cade publishes article in the Columbia Law Review Sidebar

Assistant Professor [Jason A. Cade](#) has published "Policing the Immigration Police: ICE Prosecutorial Discretion and the Fourth Amendment" in 113 *Columbia Law Review Sidebar* 180 (2013).

## Cohen publishes article in the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law

Associate Professor [Harlan G. Cohen](#) has published "Lawyers and Precedent" in 46 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 1025 (2013).

## Meyer publishes article in the Chicago Journal of International Law

Assistant Professor [Timothy Meyer](#) has published "From Contract to Legislation: The Logic of Modern International Lawmaking" in 14 *Chicago Journal of International Law* 559 (2014).

## Rutledge publishes article in the NYU Journal of International Law and Politics

Associate Dean [Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge](#) has published "With Apologies to Paxton Blair" in 45 *New York University Journal of International Law and Politics* 1063 (2013).

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# Around the Law School



## Law school expands e-communications

Georgia Law has expanded its presence in the digital world with the launch of an official Admissions Facebook page highlighting important admissions information, current law school events and

happenings in Athens. In addition, the Dean's Ambassadors student organization blog gives an insider's perspective about life as a student at Georgia Law. Other ways to maintain your connection to the law school include following us on Twitter and subscribing to receive news and events RSS feeds.

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[Read the Why Georgia Law blog](#)

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## Talmadge, England and Beaird competition results

Congratulations to second-year students Candace D. Farmer and Chelsea E. Ivey for winning the 2013 Talmadge Moot Court



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Brief profiles of members of the Georgia Law community.



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[Third-year Law Student](#)

[Kaitlin Marie Ball](#)

Competition, to second-year students Garrett S. Burrell and Andrew M. Whittaker for finishing in the top position in the 2013 J. Melvin England Mock Trial Competition and to Meredith Gardial for winning the 2014 J. Ralph Beaird 1L Closing Argument Mock Trial Competition.

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[View Beaird photos](#)

### **bulldog 100** Alumni David Jones, Ronnie Mabra and Jim Trotter named to the Bulldog 100 fastest growing business list



Alumni David C. Jones (J.D.'97), Ronald E. Mabra (J.D.'04) and James B. Trotter (J.D.'00) were selected for the UGA Alumni Association's Bulldog 100 list, which recognizes the fastest growing businesses owned or operated by university alumni. [Learn more](#)

### **Law library designated as a sustainable office**

The Alexander Campbell King Law Library was recently certified as a UGA Sustainable Office, meaning the unit is committed to improving the stewardship of natural resources and to advancing campus sustainability in a variety of areas – water, energy, waste, purchasing and transportation. [Learn more](#)

### **Whitehair named law school's employee of the year**

The law school's staff council recently presented Administrative Associate Tina M. Whitehair with the 2013 Emma P. Terrell Distinguished Employee Award. The award is given each year to an employee who demonstrates outstanding dedication and service to the law school. Whitehair joined Georgia Law in 2010, and she provides administrative support to 15 professors. [Learn more](#)

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