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Georgia Law students and Appellate Litigation Clinic secure rare presidential clemency grant for indigent client



President Barack Obama has granted a clemency petition prepared by **students and faculty at Georgia Law's Appellate Litigation Clinic**. The clinic first began work on Steven B. Boyd's case in 2013 when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit referred the matter. Then-students Anne Horn Baroody (J.D.'14) and Bryan W. Lutz (J.D.'14) initially litigated the matter before the 11th Circuit, which remanded the case to the District Court for the Southern District of Georgia to decide a procedural question. After litigation on that question proved unsuccessful, then-students Elliott R. Gillooly (J.D.'15) and Matthew C. Mikkelsen (J.D.'15) and current third-year students Elliott C. Ream and Taylor Strickland prepared the clemency petition. All participating clinic students worked under the supervision of Associate Dean Erica J. Hashimoto and Professor Thomas V. Burch.

Advocacy teams sweep intrastate competition and post strong finishes nationally and internationally



Georgia Law **moot court teams** finished the 2015-16 advocacy season with a sweep of all awards in the Intrastate Moot Court Competition (team pictured above), as the number five team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and as a national quarterfinalist and the winner of the Best Brief Award at the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Additionally, **mock trial teams** finished as regional semifinalists in the Texas Bar Association National Trial and the American Association for Justice National Student Trial Advocacy competitions.

Justice Thomas, Deputy Attorney Yates, a federal judge, a state representative and a legal scholar serve as spring speakers



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas served as the keynote speaker at a gala celebrating the 50th anniversary of the *Georgia Law Review*. The event, held in Atlanta, honored past and present members of the law review staff. [View photos](#)



Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86), U.S. deputy attorney general, [will deliver the keynote address at commencement](#) on May 21 at 10 a.m. on the North Campus quadrangle in front of the law school. Yates was confirmed as deputy attorney general in May 2015.



Richard C. Tallman, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, discussed issues relating to national security and the judiciary as the 114th Sibley Lecturer during April. Tallman was appointed by President Bill Clinton to his judgeship. [View the lecture](#)



Georgia state Rep. Stacey Godfrey Evans (J.D.'03) presented “The Voice of a Woman Lawyer: Why it Matters and How to Use it” as the 34th Edith House Lecturer this spring. Evans serves parts of Cobb County in the Georgia House of Representatives in addition to running her own law firm, S.G. Evans Law. [View the lecture](#)



David B. Wilkins, Harvard University’s vice dean for global initiatives on the legal profession, presented “The Accountants Are Coming—Again! The Rise and Transformation of the Big 4 Accountancy Firms and What it Means for the Global Market for Legal Services” as the 113th Sibley Lecturer during January. [View the lecture](#)

Faculty accomplishments

- Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law [Larry D. Thompson](#) testified in a U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice hearing on “Oversight of the False Claims Act.” The purpose of the hearing was to examine the act’s success and seek ways “to prevent, detect and eliminate false claims costing taxpayer dollars, while ensuring fair and just results.”

- Marshall Chair of Constitutional Law **Randy Beck** has been awarded a Garwood Visiting Fellowship through the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University for the 2016-17 academic year. He will research early American *qui tam* statutes that allowed private citizens to sue government officials for failure to perform statutory duties.
- Kirbo Chair **Elizabeth Chamblee Burch** organized a conference titled "The Future of Aggregate Litigation" as part of her receipt of the American Law Institute Young Scholars Medal. It was held during April at New York University and included some the nation's leading scholars, practitioners and judges in the field.
- With the passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Lori A. Ringhand** has been busy sharing her expertise in the areas of Supreme Court nominations and the confirmation process. Ringhand was quoted in *The New York Times* and other media. She is also the coauthor of *Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings and Constitutional Change* and "The Institutionalization of Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings" (41 *Law and Social Inquiry* 126 (Winter 2016)).

Alumni/Alumnae Weekend highlights



The annual Alumni/Alumnae Weekend brought together alumni, students, faculty and members of the judiciary for a variety of programs designed for learning and reflection, awards and recognitions as well as networking.

[View a photo essay of the weekend](#)

Spotlight: Timothy C. "Tim" Batten Sr. (J.D.'84)

Spotlight: Third-year student David T. "Ty" Adams

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Upcoming Events including Commencement (5/21) and Homecoming (10/15)

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