

## Derek Dooley: From court room successes to game day victories



**D**erek V. Dooley's (J.D.'94) career path has led him more often to stadiums and locker rooms than to court rooms or corporate offices. Now as the head football coach

at the University of Tennessee, Dooley is focused on the athletic, academic and emotional development of his players.

"I hope every young man on our team wins a championship but also earns a degree and becomes a better person from being part of this program," Dooley said.

After completing law school, he practiced law at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Atlanta for a few years. Dooley said he enjoyed and learned from the experience, but after growing up in a family where athleticism was a cornerstone, "something was lacking."

"I had taken a five-year leave from football and missed the great things the sport had to offer – being part of a team, having defined goals, helping young men grow – it's a special experience," he said.

Dooley made the decision to return to his hometown and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant for the UGA football team. Despite the dramatic change from writing depositions as a lawyer to making coffee as an assistant, he felt as though his "spirit was renewed."

From UGA he embarked on a path that led him to Southern Methodist University, Louisiana State University, the Miami Dolphins, Louisiana Tech University and finally the University of Tennessee.

Although he did not ultimately choose to practice law, Dooley said his legal education has been a great asset to him along the way by helping him to anticipate the possible effects a decision may have.

"You make a choice and know what will likely happen as a result, but a law degree teaches you to consider the 10 other things that could happen as well," he said.

While facing numerous responsibilities daily, Dooley makes an effort to keep his

focus on the present and not be anxious about the future. "I just do the best I can every day," he said.

Despite the consistent pressure to win, Dooley strives to also develop a culture of what is best for the personal progress of his players.

"People see the glamour of Saturday mornings but not the nights and early mornings trying to manage 18- to 22-year-olds, teaching them to put away their inherently selfish ways and give to a team," he said.

Another challenge he faces is the misconception about coaching at the college level.

"Coaches are people, too. We are imperfect. We want to win as much as the fans, and when we lose it hurts us as much, if not more, than the fans," Dooley added.

He spends his small amount of free time with his wife and three children. When asked if his children will enter into the family football legacy, he said there are no expectations.

"My only hope is that they do what they have a passion for, and if they do that, then they will be fulfilled. It could be art or music or law, as long as they love what they do," Dooley said.

- CHRISTINA GRAFF

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## Aaron Cohn: A lifetime of devotion to Georgia's youth

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**A**s the nation's oldest presiding jurist in the juvenile court system, Judge Aaron Cohn (LL.B.'38) has been dedicated to serving the youth of Columbus, Ga., for 45 years.

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Growing up, Cohn lived near a courthouse and would watch the lawyers as they went about their day. “I would play on the playground next door, [and] I would also watch the men fight each other in the courtroom then go have lunch as if they were the closest friends. I liked that they competed and then could still be good friends,” he said.

These memories eventually led him to apply to law school.

During his time at Georgia Law, Cohn was commissioned in the cavalry ROTC program. He later served in the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment (XX Corps) during World War II as a combat operations officer in

the headquarters of his unit, which was in General George S. Patton's Third Army (XX Corps) in four major campaigns.

These experiences had a direct impact on Cohn's desire to eventually work with youth.

“The Nazis killed an estimated one million children in the chambers of concentration camps,” Cohn said. “I came out of the military with the idea that I wanted to do something for the children in my community.”

According to the judge, several challenges come with working in the juvenile court system, including the fact that funding for children's programs is often the first to get cut during times of economic hardship. Another issue is the diminishing amount of discretion juvenile court judges are able to use when making decisions.

However, in spite of these issues, Cohn simply said, “I love these kids, regardless of race, creed or color.”

When he was not in court, Cohn enjoyed playing tennis. He served as the captain of the UGA tennis team while he was in college and won the UGA singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships in 1935.

Cohn said he chose the sport because it was played with “integrity and honesty,”

mentioning that when he started there were no referees. The athletes made the calls and they “behaved like gentlemen.”

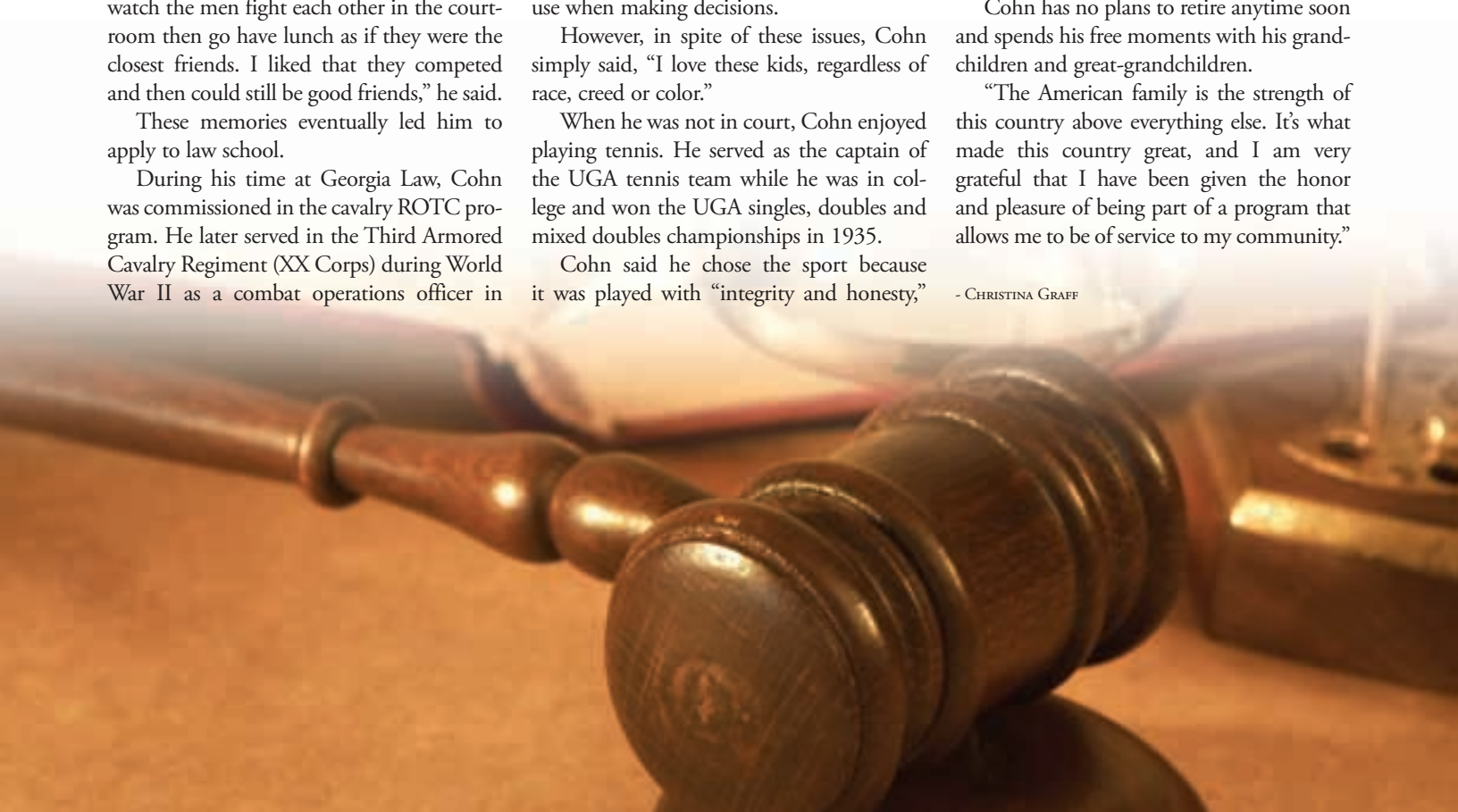
Though Cohn has received numerous recognitions for his achievements, he is most proud of UGA's Bill Hartman Award, which he was awarded in 2005. This honor recognizes former student-athletes who have demonstrated excellence in service through at least 20 years of superior performance as alumni.

To recent UGA graduates, Cohn advises, “Get into the kind of work that you love to do, because you will do a much better job if you have a passion for it. Carry the tradition of what a first class lawyer is – fair and competitive – and, at all times, be professional in executing your duties with integrity.”

Cohn has no plans to retire anytime soon and spends his free moments with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

“The American family is the strength of this country above everything else. It's what made this country great, and I am very grateful that I have been given the honor and pleasure of being part of a program that allows me to be of service to my community.”

- CHRISTINA GRAFF



## Sherry Knowles: Mixing a love of the law with a passion for science



**S**herry M. Knowles (J.D.'86) has developed her career combining her love for the law with a passion for science, and in doing so, she has helped shape intellectual property law

in the United States and other countries.

In 2008, *Managing IP* magazine named Knowles one of the 10 most influential people in IP in the world. She also gained acclaim for her role in the landmark lawsuit *Tafas v. Dudas*, which successfully challenged certain Patent Office regulations.

Her path led her from law firm practice as a partner at King & Spalding, where she founded the Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals Patent Practice Group, to GlaxoSmithKline. Soon she will be embarking on the new adventure of creating an advisory firm focusing on IP management, business development and monetizing assets to be known as Knowles Litvack Advisors.

As senior vice president and global chief patent counsel at GSK, Knowles divided her time among hemispheres as she traveled to places such as South Africa, China, India and the United Kingdom. She managed 200 people in 12 locations around the world, with responsibility for all litigation and transactional matters for the corporation's patents globally.

"It was a challenge to manage so many large groups in a broad range of diverse locations, but also a unique privilege – so often immersed in a variety of fascinating cultures," Knowles said. "Every country has its own statutory and case law, and there are diverse customs surrounding how patents are perceived and enforced."

According to Knowles, we are in one of the most important times in history for the development of patent law, as global financial systems are challenged and emerging markets are growing rapidly. "It is essential that we create and nurture global legal systems that motivate new products and provide enough time to recoup investments and

make a reasonable profit."

Also at GSK, Knowles chaired the company's endeavor to help create drugs for neglected tropical diseases in some of the world's least developed countries. She spearheaded the creation of a unique structure – a "Proprietary Knowledge Pool" to share GSK know how, experience and patents with qualified groups to accelerate the development of drugs to treat these diseases, which include malaria, tuberculosis and elephantiasis.

Knowles was instrumental in creating collaborations with her former client, Emory University, as well as the South African government. The pool is now gaining global recognition as a new way to use intellectual property to help others.

Additionally, she participated in George Washington University Law School's delegation to India, which seeks to foster communication between industry, government and the judiciary on international standards for patenting pharmaceutical and biotechnology products.

With a B.S. and M.S. in chemistry, Knowles describes herself as "a chemistry nerd with a love for politics and government." She began her career as a research chemist making chemical compounds of pharmaceutical interest before deciding to go to law school in an effort to mix these two passions.

After earning her J.D., Knowles worked as a litigation associate for Kilpatrick Stockton in Atlanta and later transitioned into life science patents. She then worked at King & Spalding until 2006.

"It's my dream come true to combine law and sophisticated science and to add significance to groundbreaking research efforts," Knowles added.

Her "ultimate" challenge now is to create her own company, widen the scope of her clients and continue to help shape patent law.

When reflecting on her years at Georgia Law, Knowles said she was taught to "dream the dream," meaning to represent clients with zeal and be creative about how to help

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## LAW SCHOOL LIFE

### 5th Annual Alumnae Evening



Executive Vice President of Corporate Services at Aflac Audrey Boone Tillman (J.D. '89) served as the keynote speaker at this year's alumnae evening, which was hosted by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Atlanta in February. During her presentation, Tillman shared the events leading to her current position with Aflac. She also encouraged her fellow alumnae to branch out and try new things. "Don't stay in that place where it is just – 'Well, I am an expert at this.' ... Get uncomfortable every now and then. It is a good thing and a good growth opportunity."

This spring, four Georgia Law alumni returned to Athens to share words of wisdom with current students as part of the Alumni Advocacy Series, coordinated by Callaway Chair Emeritus Ron Carlson. Participating in part one of the series were Roy Barnes (J.D. '72) (right), former governor and now attorney at the Barnes Law Group, and Mike Bowers (J.D. '74) (left), former state attorney general and now partner at Balch & Bingham. The duo presented "Current Issues in Appellate and Trial Advocacy" and "The Case for a Strong Judiciary," respectively.

### Alumni Advocacy Series



For the second session, Randy Evans (J.D. '83), a partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge, presented "The Ethics of Advocacy" while Sally Quillian Yates (J.D. '86), U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, discussed "Doing Something That Matters: Advocacy with a Purpose."

### State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Alumni Events



Once again, Georgia Law held a reception and breakfast for alumni and friends in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting. This year's reception took place at Hall Booth Smith & Slover and was hosted by Law School Association President Greg Sowell (J.D. '83). Among those enjoying the event were (l. to r.) Jean-Paul Boulee (J.D. '96), Christopher Rosselli (J.D. '02) and Timothy Mann (J.D. '92).

### Dean's Business Roundtable Series



Students met with Dale Hughes (J.D. '86) (fourth from right), senior vice president of strategic investments and real estate at Cox Enterprises, during a Dean's Business Roundtable. Other roundtable guests this year included: Maria Bouchelle Campbell (LL.B. '67), Maynard Cooper & Gale of counsel and former superintendent of the State Banking Department for Alabama; Hank Harris (J.D. '80), managing director of the tax-exempt finance group at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey; and Sherry Knowles (J.D. '86), senior vice president and global chief patent counsel at GlaxoSmithKline.

**JHLS Spring Twilight Affair**



Opening their home and serving as hosts for the 2010 Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society Spring Twilight Affair were David (J.D.'71) (left) and Elizabeth Golden. Also taking part in the evening were Dee (second from right) and Pete (J.D.'71) Glass. Photo by Dennis McDaniel.

**Thomas B. Murphy Scholars Dinner**



2009-10 Thomas B. Murphy Scholarship recipients, along with other Georgia Law alumni who were friends of the late former speaker of the House, gathered for a dinner hosted by his son Mike Murphy (J.D.'73) (second from the right) in January. From l. to r. are third-year student Natalece Washington, Ronnie Lane (J.D.'76), second-year student Christopher Trant, Lawton Stephens (J.D.'81), first-year student Jehae Kim, William Foster (J.D.'69), Murphy and Tommy Hankinson (J.D.'73).

**Homecoming Weekend 2009**



The annual homecoming BBQ is always a great time for the law school community to come together and celebrate with friends and family. Enjoying the event were (l. to r.) Heather, Maddie, Harper and Rob (J.D.'00) Teilhet.



Representing three generations of Georgia Law men at the 19th annual BBQ was the Kirbo family with (l. to r.) Bruce Kirbo (J.D.'51), his son Bruce Jr. (J.D.'82) and his grandson Bruce III, who is a second-year student at the law school.

**New York Area Alumni and Friends Reception**



Georgia Law alumni and friends in the New York area were invited to WilmerHale in February to participate in one of the regional alumni events that took place throughout the country this year. Members of the law school's National Moot Court Competition team, who were in New York to compete in the national rounds, were also in attendance. Posing for a quick photo were (l. to r.) Ted Chao (J.D.'72), Stefanie Wayco (J.D.'09) and event host Mike Sharp (J.D.'91).

To view more photos from this year's alumni events, please visit [www.law.uga.edu/photo-gallery](http://www.law.uga.edu/photo-gallery).



## Brumby receives Distinguished Service Scroll Award



**O**tis A. Brumby Jr. (LL.B.'65) has been named the 2010 recipient of the Law School Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Scroll Award.

This accolade is given annually to individuals whose dedication and service to the legal profession and the law school deserve special recognition.

Currently the publisher of *The Marietta Daily Journal* and Neighbor Newspapers, and a trustee of the UGA Arch Foundation, Brumby has always been very involved in giving back to both the law school and the university as a whole.

In 2004, he established the Otis Brumby Distinguished Professorship in First Amendment Law, a joint faculty post that is shared between the law school and the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. He also served as a committee member for the law school during the Archway to Excellence fundraising effort. Additionally, he participated in the law school's Dean's Business Roundtable Series last year, which brings alumni back to campus to share their professional experiences with law students in a small group setting.

Although a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Cobb County Bar Association, Brumby's entire career has been in journalism.

Brumby earned his undergraduate degree from the University of the South, where he majored in political science and minored in economics. After graduating from Georgia

Law, he began working at *The Marietta Daily Journal* as assistant to the publisher. Two years later, he became publisher.

In addition to his responsibilities at the journal, Brumby launched Neighbor Newspapers in 1969 to serve the Atlanta suburbs.

Today, he and his son Otis Brumby III (J.D.'06) are responsible for publishing two daily newspapers and 27 community/suburban newspapers in 10 counties in metropolitan Atlanta. Named to *Georgia Trend's* list of "100 Most Influential Georgians" three times, he is also the director of the Georgia First Amendment Foundation.

To nominate someone for the 2011 Distinguished Service Scroll Award, please visit [www.law.uga.edu/alumni-leadership](http://www.law.uga.edu/alumni-leadership) and complete the online form by Dec. 1, 2010.

## Class Notes Notables

*In an effort to provide Class Notes and In Memoriam listings in a timelier manner, these editorial sections will now only appear in our quarterly electronic newsletter, News @ Georgia Law, and online. Below are some Class Notes "notables" from April 2009 to April 2010. For a full listing, please visit [www.law.uga.edu/alumni](http://www.law.uga.edu/alumni).*

**J. Philip Worthington** (1976) of Dallas, TX, joined FFE Transportation Services as vice president of enterprise sales. **Kenneth E. Gross Jr.** (1978) of Falls Church, VA, was appointed ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan by President Barack Obama. **David E. Ralston** (1980) of Blue Ridge, GA, was elected speaker of the House for the state of Georgia. **James P. Smith** (1981) of Macon, GA, was appointed bankruptcy judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. **Ertharin Cousin** (1982) of Rome, Italy, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture. **Steven W. Smith** (1982) of Marietta, GA, was named senior vice president and general counsel of the Americas of InterContinental Hotels Group. **Mark F. Taylor** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed chief executive officer and vice chairman of the board of directors of the Fred Taylor Company. **Robert P. Hall III** (1985) of Washington, D.C., joined Dutko Worldwide as a senior vice president and director of international trade and tax policy. **Elizabeth B. Chandler** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Asbury Automotive Group as vice president and general counsel. **Thomas C. Chubb III** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was named president of Oxford

Industries. **Scott J. Forster** (1989) of Calhoun, GA, argued the case *Dean v. U.S.* (08-5274) at the U.S. Supreme Court. **Robert L. Shannon Jr.** (1991) of Marietta, GA, was the first African-American to be promoted to Brigadier General in the Georgia Air National Guard. **Matthew E. Carswell** (1992) of Kirkwood, MO, joined Coca-Cola Enterprises as senior corporate counsel. He is also vice president and general counsel of Coca-Cola Bottlers' Sales and Services Company and secretary of Coca-Cola Supply. **Sheri Gates McGaughey** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to vice president-legal at The Weather Channel. **Thomas C. Rawlings** (1992) of Sandersville, GA, has become the director of the Guatemala Field Office of the International Justice Mission. **Julia A. Houston** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel for Mirant Corp. **James K. Reed** (1995) of Marietta, GA, joined YKK Corporation of America as vice president and chief legal counsel. **Elizabeth L. Schuchs-Gopaul** (1996) of Arlington, VA, was assigned to the Pentagon as the chief of the strategic communications branch of the Air Force Office of the Judge Advocate General and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. **Stacey Kyle Luck** (2000) of Alexandria, VA, was appointed chief of staff and counselor for the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice. **Rishi R. Hingoraney** (2002) of Washington, D.C., was named director of public policy & legislation for National Public Radio. **Amitabha Bose** (2004) of Washington, D.C., joined the Federal Railroad Administration as director of legislative affairs.

## Firm and Corporation Alumni Challenge is launched



**N**ot surprisingly, raising money for the School of Law has required a tremendous effort in the past year.

Many of our supporters – alumni, friends, law firms and foundations – have endured nearly unprecedented financial challenges, and even those who have continued to do reasonably well have found that there are many worthy nonprofits and charitable institutions seeking their help.

Thankfully, however, we have benefited from the loyalty of many alumni and friends. With their assistance, the law school has continued to prosper despite the pressure of budget cuts and uncertainty about future funding for higher education in Georgia.

In the 2009 fiscal year, our Law School Fund was down 7 percent. While this decrease in annual support created challenges for us – particularly with respect to scholarship availability for our students – it was a modest decline compared to the nationwide drop in annual giving to public higher education. According to a recent study, annual fund revenues for public schools were down 15.6 percent in 2009.

The relative strength of our Law School Fund helped the law school to recruit our best-credentialed class ever and aided in the pursuit of several outstanding new faculty members.

This spring, we launched our new Firm and Corporation Alumni Challenge, which encourages annual support for the law school through friendly competition among our alumni in law firms and corporate legal offices.

Participating firms show their support for the law school and our students by seeking 100 percent participation in giving by alumni at the firm.

While the challenge will result in additional gift revenue to support the education of our students, it will also improve overall participation among our alumni.

Most other top law schools are able to count on a higher percentage of their alumni giving every year, and among elite public schools it is not uncommon for 100 percent of their alumni in large firms to make a gift year over year.

If you would like your firm to participate, please contact Phyllis Cooke at [cooke@uga.edu](mailto:cooke@uga.edu) or (706)542-7637.

This challenge will be a fun and easy way to remind our alumni of the importance of annual investment in their law school and for firms and corporations to demonstrate their support for our students.

As I write this column, the Law School Fund is running ahead of our 2009 pace. In part, this is due to robust outreach to our alumni. Beginning last summer, the law school held receptions and other special events both outside of Georgia, including Chicago, Washington, D.C. (twice!), Charlotte, Dallas and New York City, and in the state, including Atlanta, Columbus, Tifton, Gainesville, Marietta, Savannah, Brunswick and Sea Island.

Our visits were made possible by one or more volunteer hosts, who not only helped to spread the word but also covered costs out of their own pockets.

It has been gratifying to find that at every stop we meet alumni who want to become more involved as donors and volunteers, and we are particularly grateful to our hosts for their assistance.

On the subject of great volunteers, we have benefited from a veritable army of them in the last year: class agents, law firm representatives, regional agents, parents and members of our Board of Visitors and Law School Association Council.

All have worked hard to ensure our success. This has been no easy task, and we offer our thanks to those who are willing to solicit their colleagues, classmates and acquaintances on behalf of the law school.

And, of course, we are grateful to all of those who have chosen to invest in our continued success.

- DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SCOTTY G. MANN

## 2010 Reunion Weekend

Oct. 15 & 16 (Fri. & Sat.)

### Save the Date!

Reunion Weekend is held in conjunction with the law school's annual Homecoming BBQ. The following law school classes will have a significant anniversary reunion this year: 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005.

Plan to join your classmates in Athens to celebrate your reunion! For more information, go to [www.law.uga.edu/alumni](http://www.law.uga.edu/alumni).

