# Two outstanding senior hires fill the Sibley and Woodruff positions

Amann (left) and Thompson (above)

Joining the Georgia Law faculty this fall and bolstering its corporate and international law offerings will be Larry D. Thompson, former deputy attorney general for the United States and former senior vice president of government affairs, general counsel and secretary for PepsiCo; and Diane Marie Amann from the University of California at Davis.

As the Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law, Thompson will be teaching courses in the areas of corporate law and white collar crime.

No stranger to UGA, Thompson has been a visiting professor and guest speaker several times during the past decade and was confirmed as the second in command at the Justice Department while teaching a course at the law school during 2001.

As deputy attorney general, a post he held from 2001 to 2003, Thompson supervised the overall operations of the DOJ and led its National Security Coordination Council, its Corporate Fraud Task Force and its Enron investigation. Then, in 2004, he became responsible for the worldwide legal function of PepsiCo, one of the largest convenient food and beverage companies in the world, where he served through May 2011.

Previously, he worked as a partner in the Atlanta office of King & Spalding and served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. Thompson earned his bachelor's degree from Culver-Stockton College, his master's from Michigan State University and his law degree from the University of Michigan.

Amann will be joining the law school as the holder of the Woodruff Chair in International Law, where she will teach International Law and the Laws of War.

Her research examines the interaction of national, regional and international legal regimes in an effort to combat atrocity and cross-border crime. She has published more than four dozen chapters and articles in English, French and Italian in numerous respected national and international publications.

While at UC Davis, where she taught since 1995, Amann served as the founding director of the California International Law Center.

Prior to joining academe, she served as a judicial clerk for Judge Prentice H. Marshall of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court, whose biography she is writing. She also practiced law as an associate at Morrison & Foerster and as an assistant federal public defender in San Francisco.

Amann earned her bachelor's degree with highest honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; her master's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles; her law degree *cum laude* from Northwestern University, where she served as note and comment editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif; and her Dr.h.c. in law from the Universiteit Utrecht in the Netherlands.

# Veterans Claims Court visits campus

This past fall, Georgia Law hosted a session of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

"This court plays a unique and important role in the judicial system by specifically focusing on veterans' rights," Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Paul M. Kurtz said.

"It is a great honor to welcome these judges to the School of Law," he added. "It is also a rare opportunity and a privilege for people in our community to have a chance to observe the workings of this court and sit in on a case."

Judge Mary Schoelen told an *Athens Banner-Herald* reporter that the Veterans Claims Court does a lot of outreach with the hope of interesting students in doing pro bono work for veterans.

The case heard in the Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom involved a Vietnam War veteran who was refused benefits for post-traumatic stress.

The Veterans Claims Court has exclusive jurisdiction to provide veterans an impartial judicial review of final decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, an entity within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The court rules on matters involving administrative decisions on service-connected disabilities, survivor benefits, education payments, waivers of indebtedness and other benefits.