Butler and Bowen honored for excellence

Georgia Law alumni James E. Butler Jr. (J.D.'77) and Dudley H. Bowen Jr. (LL.B.'65) have been named the recipients of the Law School Association's 2011 Distinguished Service Scroll Award.

Presented each year at the alumni breakfast held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting, the award is the LSA's highest honor for alumni whose dedication and service to the legal profession and the law school deserve special recognition.

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Butler enjoys an outstanding reputation for legal and personal excellence. Currently a partner with Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer, he has litigated cases in 27 states, tried more than 150 civil cases to verdict, appeared before more than 100 trial judges and has been counsel in dozens of reported appellate decisions.

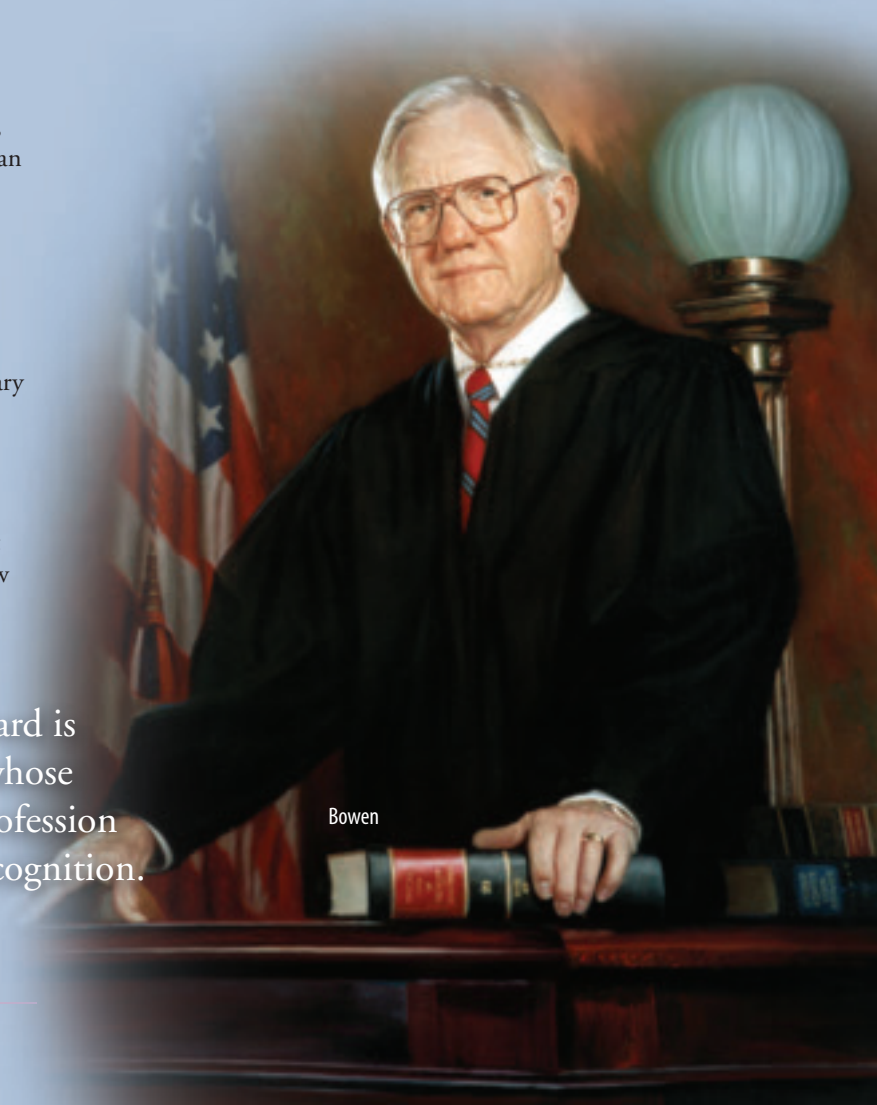
He has served as president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Columbus Trial Lawyers Association. He has also been a member of the State Bar of Georgia Disciplinary Board Review Panel and of various bar and court-appointed committees and commissions.

On campus, he is well known for giving both his time and talents. His service includes establishing the James E. Butler Scholarship, which covers the cost of tuition for a law student in each class who is interested in pursuing a public interest law career. Furthermore, he is a two-time former chairman of the law school's Board of Visitors.

Bowen is a mentor for many in the Georgia Law community. He has served on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia for nearly 35 years and, during his time on the bench, more than 25 Georgia Law judicial clerks called his chambers home.

He also has served as a member of the law school's BOV, as director and treasurer of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute and as director of the Federal Judges Association.

Prior to being appointed to the U.S. District Court, where he was chief judge from 1997 to 2004 and still hears cases as a senior judge, Bowen served as a bankruptcy judge for the Southern District of Georgia in addition to serving as a general practitioner in Augusta, Ga., and as an infantry officer and legal officer in the U.S. Army, where he was awarded a Commendation Medal.



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