

**Media Advisory -- February 28, 1997**

**"MIDNIGHT" MURDER TRIALS TO BE FOCUS OF UGA LAW DAY**

**WHAT:** The Law Day Program at the University of Georgia School of Law features a re-enactment of key witness testimony in the third murder trial of Jim Williams, the wealthy Savannah antiques dealer whose legal battle was the subject of the best-selling novel, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.

**\*\*Williams' was the only murder case in Georgia history to be tried four times and end in acquittal.**

**WHO:** Sonny Seiler, the acclaimed Savannah attorney who represented Williams in three of the trials, will share trial exhibits and photographs, provide analysis, and answer questions from the audience. Students from the law school's mock trial program will portray witnesses and attorneys. Prof. Ron Carlson, a leading authority on trial practice and evidence, will portray the judge and also offer commentary.

Mrs. Emma Kelly, "The Lady of 6,000 Songs," in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, will entertain guests on her piano at a reception following the re-enactment. Both she and Seiler will autograph guests' personal copies of the book.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Friday, March 7, 1997

Re-enactment: 2:30 p.m., UGA Chapel

Reception: 5-6:30 p.m., Dean Rusk Hall Fourth Floor

These events are open free to the public. Attorneys desiring CLE credit must pay a \$10 registration fee.

**\*\*CORRECTION:** The original press release stated that Williams' murder trial was the only one in Georgia history to be tried four times. However, another Georgia murder trial in Clarke County was tried four times, but ended in a conviction. Williams' is unique because it ended in acquittal.

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