

GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS CHIEF JUDGE DELIVERS EDITH HOUSE LECTURE

Dorothy Toth Beasley, chief judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals, challenged law students in the 1995 Edith House Lecture to abide by the four p's as they prepare for a career in the law: past, place, path and passion.

Beasley, the first woman to serve on the state appeals court and the first woman to



become its chief judge, was appointed in 1984, elected in 1986 and re-elected in 1992. Her speech, "Why Are We Here?" was the thirteenth Edith House Lecture given at UGA.

Beasley encouraged audience members to research the *past* — their own genealogies and the legacy of women in the law. "We are tied to these forebearers by the thread of history," she said, "and they inspire us to the future."

She also advised students to find their *place* in the law — the niche where their talents will best serve others; to set a *path* — a plan to achieve their goals; and to practice law with a *passion*.

"You need a mission statement for yourself," Beasley said. "Then whatever you do is not a job, but a response to a calling."

Beasley told the audience that Edith House lived a life of "total immersion in the law" and "inspires a higher commitment to the rule of law."

A native of Winder, Georgia, House was co-valedictorian of the law class of 1925, the first law class to graduate women. She practiced law for 38 years and became assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and acting U.S. attorney for the district. The Edith House Lecture Series, sponsored by the Women Law Students

Association, was established in her honor.

Judge Beasley served as judge of the State Court of Fulton County for 7 1/2 years before her appointment to the appellate bench. She worked as assistant U.S. attorney and assistant attorney general of Georgia, and also practiced privately in both Atlanta and Arlington, Virginia.

Beasley is an active professional and civic leader. She served two terms on the board of directors of the National Center for State Courts and received its first Paul C. Reardon award. She is a member of the American Law Institute and a past-director of the American Jurisprudence Society.

She is a founder of Atlanta's Table, a program to feed the poor, and a former board of directors member of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. In 1991, she was part of a three-person team sent to Albania by the American Bar Association's Central and East European Law Initiative project to consult on the constitution, and in the summer of 1994, participated in a 3-day seminar in Tirana for the judges of Albania.

Beasley earned a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University, a law degree from the Washington College of Law of American University, and a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law. ☪

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: FEASIBLE OR FANTASY?

Promoting development and growth while protecting natural resources and controlling pollution was the focus of the seventh annual Red Clay Conference at the University of Georgia School of Law March 10-11. The sustainable development topic encompassed discussions on population management, endangered species preservation, improved forestry and agriculture techniques, pollution prevention, transportation and ethics.

"Sustainability is the 21st century's effort to complete the promise of the Founding Fathers and what we hoped

