



SCHOOL  
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THE  
UNIVERSITY  
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GEORGIA

***BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION***  
**COMMEMORATIVE DINNER**

**HOLIDAY INN BALLROOM**  
**ATHENS, GA**  
**APRIL 7, 2004**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The momentous *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education* decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on May 17, 1954 has resulted in great changes to our nation's education system, including significant changes to the University of Georgia School of Law. Where once only white males were enrolled in the school, today the School of Law has a racially diverse student body, and men and women are represented in almost equal numbers.

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## SHARON "NYOTA" TUCKER



Sharon "Nyota" Tucker (J.D.'74) is the first African-American female graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. She currently teaches legal studies courses in Albany State University's political science department.

Prior to becoming a professor, Tucker worked at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in San Francisco, Calif., and Georgia Legal Services in Albany, Ga., and served as an attorney in private practice. In 1991, she was selected as a Fulbright-Hays Fellow and traveled to Southern Africa to study social and economic changes in that region of the world.

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### **Black Law Students Association**

*The University of Georgia Black Law Students Association strives to create and maintain a law school environment that is conducive to African-American students' study of the law. The National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA), the largest student-run organization in America, has over 200 chapters at law schools throughout the country and a membership of over 6,000 African-American law students.*

## PROGRAM

### *Welcome*

**Rebecca H. White**  
*Georgia Law Interim Dean*

### *Invocation*

**Francys Johnson**  
*Black Law Students Association Parliamentarian  
and BLSA National Board of Directors Member*

### *Dinner*

### *Special Announcement and Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

**Jadun O. McCarthy**  
*Black Law Students Association President*

### *Keynote Address*

**Sharon “Nyota” Tucker (J.D.’74)**  
*First African-American Female Graduate of Georgia Law and  
Albany State University Assistant Professor of Political Science*

### *Closing Remarks*

**Jadun O. McCarthy**  
*Black Law Students Association President*

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