# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Legal Ethics & Professionalism Symposium October 16, 2009

# Drawing the Ethical Line: Controversial Cases, Zealous Advocacy, and the Public Good

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

*School of Law, Lobby (outside rooms A & B)* 

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome/Introductory Remarks

Rebecca Hanner White

Dean and J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law

Lonnie T. Brown, Jr. *Professor of Law* 

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Featured Address:

From Attorney General to Attorney for the Condemned

W. Ramsey Clark

Former U.S. Attorney General

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Controversial Cases

This panel will explore the reality of taking on what may be viewed as controversial representations from the perspective of lawyers who have been involved in such matters. Why did they do it, and would they do it again? What were the practical challenges and ethical concerns?

#### Moderator

Russell C. Gabriel

Director, Criminal Defense Clinic, UGA School of Law

#### **Panelists**

Anthony S. Barkow

Executive Director, New York University Law School's Center on the Administration of Criminal Law

George C. Harris

Morrison & Foerster LLP, San Francisco, CA

John E. Stephenson, Jr.

Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, GA

Sally Q. Yates

First Assistant U.S. Attorney, N.D. of Georgia

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Featured Address:

A Prosecutor's Non-negotiables: Independence and Integrity

David C. Iglesias

Former U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch

Dean Rusk Hall, Larry Walker Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: Zealous Advocacy

This panel will address the issue of how far a lawyer should be permitted to go in zealously representing a client, particularly in the areas of extrajudicial commentary, witness examination, evidence presentation and courtroom argument.

#### **Moderator**

Erica J. Hashimoto

Associate Professor, UGA School of Law

## **Panelists**

Laurie L. Levenson

Professor of Law, William M. Rains Fellow and David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Clinton K. Rucker

Senior Assistant District Attorney, Fulton County, GA

Honorable Richard W. Story

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

Andrew W. Vail

Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, IL

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

# 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: *The Public Good*

This panel will focus on ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers when their loyal, zealous representation of a client conflicts with what may be in the best interest of the public. . . . When faced with such quandaries, what should or must a lawyer do?

## Moderator

C. Ronald Ellington

A. Gus Cleveland Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism and Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, UGA School of Law

### **Panelists**

Lawrence J. Fox

Drinker, Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA

Laura D. Hogue

Hogue & Hogue, LLP, Macon, GA

Donald F. Samuel

Garland, Samuel & Loeb, P.C., Atlanta, GA

Honorable Lawton E. Stephens

Superior Court, Western Judicial Circuit, Athens, GA

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Reception

Law School Rotunda