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Mission Statement

Entirely student organized, WIFI seeks to bring together eminent practitioners in their respective fields, students, and faculty to discuss practical approaches to lawyering which can best serve the poor. Practical methods of challenging poverty are often not covered in traditional law school courses. This conference seeks to remedy that and provide dynamic, creative ways to combat poverty through the vehicle of the law.

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be televised live through
Cable Channel 15 on
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Keynote Speaker

Former U.S. Senator John Edwards is currently the director of the Center on Poverty, Work, and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina School of Law. After graduating from the School of Law at UNC-CH, he practiced law for 20 years and then served as a U.S. senator from 1998-2004. During his time in the Senate, he focused on ways to expand opportunity and move more people into the middle class. In his presidential and vice-presidential campaigns in 2004, he brought the nation's attention to the issue of poverty, and has carried that work forward to the Center.



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The banner features a blue background with a white and red circular logo on the left containing a scale of justice and the acronym 'WIFI'. To the right, the text 'Working In The Public Interest Law Conference' is written in large white letters, with 'Challenging Poverty Through Law' in smaller blue letters below it. On the far right, three overlapping circles contain the text: 'Athens, GA' (top), 'April 7-8' (middle), and 'WIFI 2006' (bottom).

Meet the Organizers

Heidi Taylor: Heidi is a 2L from Port Richey, Florida who is pursuing a joint Master of Social Work degree. She was motivated as an undergraduate to pursue a JD/MSW after working in a Day Reporting Center for habitual offenders and she plans to continue working at the crossroads of criminal justice, corrections, and chemical addiction.

Heidi is a strong proponent of clinical education and has worked as a law clerk at the Athens Justice Project, an innovative non-profit that combines legal representation with social services, and the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court. She has also worked as a social worker at the local Athens-Clarke County Jail. Heidi is co-founder of the UGA Living Wage Network, an advocacy group dedicated to campaigning for campus worker's rights and fair wages. Heidi is looking forward to interning as a Public Defender in Colorado this summer and hiking her first fourteener.

Kelly James: Kelly is a third year law student from North Carolina. After a stint in the Peace Corp in West Africa and working for an NGO in Southern Africa, she decided to go to law school and focus on international law. Kelly anticipates moving abroad with her husband and "child" (a boxer named Gus) after graduation.

Rakesh Parekh: Rakesh Parekh is currently a 3L at the Univ. of Georgia School of Law. After spending a semester at Oxford University, interning at the U.S. State Department, and working for a large law firm in Dallas, Texas, Rakesh decided to pursue his J.D. in his homestate of Georgia. While in law school, Rakesh has worked for the South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centre in New Delhi and the American Constitution Society of Law and Policy in D.C.

Rakesh is currently the President of the Student Bar Association and former president of the Asian Law Students Association. He is the founder of the UGA at India program which seeks to send UGA Law students to work in India for a summer. Rakesh hopes to pursue a career in immigration law in the Mid-Atlantic and Southern region.

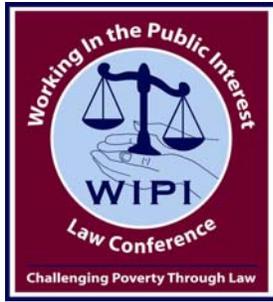
Vanessa Volz: Vanessa Volz is a 3L who has now lived in Georgia, Oregon, New York, and Indiana, and she will soon be relocating to Rhode Island. Prior to law school, she worked as a domestic violence advocate and as a special education instructor for three years, where she helped to develop a high school's first sexual assault awareness curriculum.

While in law school, Vanessa has worked for two disability law agencies and is currently involved in a "Court Accessibility Project" that seeks to identify the best practices to assist individuals with cognitive disabilities who navigate the court system. She also has authored two law review articles about women with disabilities that will be published this upcoming fall, and she regularly contributes legal and political commentary as a student editor to the on-line publication, the ACS Blog.

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Working in the Public Interest: Challenging Poverty Through Law

Comprehensive Schedule of Events and Panelists
(updated 4/5/06)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006

9:30 – 10:30: **Registration** begins, University of Georgia Chapel, North Campus

11:00 – 11:30: **Keynote Address**, University of Georgia Chapel

Welcome: **Vanessa Volz**—University of Georgia School of Law, WIPI Executive Co-Chair (Athens, GA)

Introductory Remarks: **Dean Rebecca Hanner White**—University of Georgia School of Law

Keynote Introduction: **Former Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes**—The Barnes Law Group LLC, Founding Partner (Marietta, GA)

Restoring the American Dream: Fighting Poverty and Expanding the Middle Class

Keynote Speaker: **Former U.S. Senator John Edwards**—The Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Director (Chapel Hill, NC)

12:00 – 7:00: **Open WIPI Registration**, University of Georgia School of Law—Law Library Lobby

12:00 – 2:00: **Lunch** on your own, Downtown Athens

2:00 – 2:30: **One Campaign to “Make Poverty History,”** Room F

Fulfilling the Millenium Development Goals: Proven Steps to Reducing Poverty and Disease in Developing Nations, Presented by Mike Batell, Executive Director of the Athens/UGA Chapter of the One Campaign To “Make Poverty History.”

2:45 – 4:00: **Optional Film Screenings**

“The High Cost of Low Prices,” Room J
Living Wage film hosted by the UGA Living Wage Network

“The Last Abortion Clinic,” Room F
Reproductive Rights film hosted by Georgia Law Students for Choice

4:30 – 6:30: **“Meet and Greet” Student Events, Downtown Athens— Transmetropolitan**

4:30 – 5:30: **American Constitution Society Student Organizing Event**

This student organizing event is open to members of the American Constitution Society (ACS) student chapters that have arrived in Athens. Come meet other students in an informal setting before the welcome reception.

Leader: David Lyle—The American Constitution Society of Law and Policy, Deputy Director

5:30 – 6:30: **Welcome All Students**

This informal student event is open to all students who have arrived in Athens. Come meet other students in an informal setting prior to the welcome reception.

Leaders: University of Georgia School of Law students

7:00 – 9:00: **Welcome Reception, Dean Rusk Hall—4th Floor**

Welcome Remarks: **Rakesh Parekh**—University of Georgia School of Law, WIPI Executive Co-Chair (Athens, GA)

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9:00 – 11:30: **Welcome Social, Downtown Athens—Allgood Lounge**

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006

8:00 – 8:45: **Breakfast/Registration, University of Georgia Law Library**

Breakfast served outside Rooms A and B, UGA School of Law—1st Floor

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9:00 – 9:15: **Welcome Remarks**, Terry College of Business—Brooks Hall

Introduction: **Kelly James**—University of Georgia School of Law, WIPI Executive Co-Chair (Athens, GA)

Welcome speaker: Dean Rebecca H. White—University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA)

9:15 – 10:20: **Opening Plenary Session**, Terry College of Business—Brooks Hall

Framing the Legal Issues: The Role of Lawyers in Combating Poverty, Brooks Hall

Moderator: Professor Milner Ball—University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Professor Fran Ansley—University of Tennessee College of Law (Knoxville, TN)

Panelist: Judith Browne—The Advancement Project, Co-Director (Washington, D.C.)

Panelist: Steve Gottlieb—Atlanta Legal Society, Inc., Executive Director (Atlanta, GA)

This panel will address basic questions related to the legal community's role in fighting poverty: What are the major issues lawyers for poor people presently confront? What can they expect in future? Do they have the occasion, vocation and resources to combat poverty? Does anti-poverty work easily take collaborative form -- with political or religious communities; labor, farm worker and similar organizers; agencies of government, business and philanthropy? What are the grounds for hope?

10:30 – 11:45: **Panel Session A**, University of Georgia School of Law

* Coffee available in the Law School Rotunda, sponsored by Jittery Joe's Coffee

International Trade for Poverty: Can Free Trade Ever Be Fair?, Room A

Moderator: Ambassador C. Don Johnson, UGA School of Law (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Dan Chapman—Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Journalist on International Trade Issues (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: His Excellency M. Abdoulaye Diop—Ambassador of Mali (Washington, D.C.)

Panelist: Tom Ehr—MTV Europe Foundation, Executive Director; U.S. Department of Commerce, Former Senior Counsel for International Trade (London, UK)

Panelist: Edward Gresser—Progressive Policy Institute, Director of Trade and Global Markets (Washington, D.C.)

This panel will focus on the elements of international trade, including its current state, its future, and certain controversial issues associated with international trade in the globalized world. Panelists will explore the state of

the debate surrounding international trade and will highlight different perspectives on trade policies and their effect on poverty initiatives. The panelists will specifically address movements to reform world trade, including those that promote "fair trade" and those that promote "free trade." Particular focus will be on the effects of the opposing trade policies on global poverty and will address the question of whether measures to make trade "fair" actually work to alleviate poverty, or are, as free trade proponents claim, a "cure worse than the disease of poverty."

Issues Impacting Economic Security for Low Income Women and Their Children,
Room B

Moderator/Panelist: Nancy Lindbloom—Georgia Legal Services, Attorney (Athens, GA)
Panelist: Susan Berkowitz—South Carolina Applesseed Legal Justice Center, Director (Columbia, SC)
Panelist: Tim Casey—Legal Momentum (NY), Senior Staff Attorney (New York, NY)
Panelist: Joan Prittie—Project Safe, Executive Director (Athens, GA)

Single mothers and their children represent the highest percentage of people living in poverty, and as a result they face crucial challenges to their economic security. This panel will focus on practical and creative strategies from the recent past, and in the context of current challenges, to assist such individuals. Topics include: utilizing the ADA on behalf of women and children with disabilities; federal TANF reauthorization; restrictions to Medicaid benefits at the state level; and special concerns for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Capital Punishment: A Discussion Over a Moratorium, Hatton-Lovejoy Courtroom

Moderator: Associate Professor Curtis Nessel—University of Georgia School of Law Capital Assistance Program, Director (Athens, GA)
Panelist: Chris Adams—Georgia Capital Defender, Director (Atlanta, GA)
Panelist: Dean Anne C. Emanuel—ABA Georgia Death Penalty Assessment Report, Chair; Georgia State University College of Law, Associate Dean (Atlanta, GA)
Panelist: Mike Mears—Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, Director (Atlanta, GA)

The death penalty is closely tied to poverty law as it is seldom, if ever, imposed on the wealthy. While thirty-eight states, the federal government and the U.S. military still retain the death penalty, recently several states have reexamined the fairness of their capital punishment systems. Several states have declared their death penalty statutes unconstitutional while other states have imposed a moratorium on death penalty sentences in order to examine procedural fairness in its imposition.

Polls show that two-thirds of Americans – including 60 percent of those who are in favor of capital punishment – support a death penalty moratorium until the death penalty is imposed fairly. Death penalty proponents and opponents who support a moratorium share a growing awareness that the death penalty simply is not being applied and carried out fairly and impartially. They also share a concern that poverty and race play a large role in who is sentenced to the death penalty. This panel will address the usefulness of moratoriums in the death penalty debate and the procedural fairness issues that gave rise to calls for moratoriums on the death penalty.

Pleasing the People: The Politics of Poverty, Room F

Moderator: Elton Dodson, Athens-Clarke County District 10 Commissioner; Dodson & Dodson LLC, Partner (Athens, GA)
Panelist: Judge Steve C. Jones—Superior Courts, Western Judicial Circuit; Chairman of the Anti-Poverty Taskforce, Partners for a Prosperous Athens

Panelist: State Representative Alisha Morgan—Georgia House of Representatives
(Cobb County, GA)

Panelist: Joe B. Pierce, Jr.—United Way of Northwest Louisiana, Executive Director
(Shreveport, LA)

The “Politics of Poverty” panel brings together three public servants who are working in three diverse fields. Together, they will go beyond the headlines and explore how traditional and nontraditional political forces shape public policy. From a large, established United Way Agency to a local grassroots organization, how can elected officials and nonprofits work together to create positive social change?

The panelists will address agenda-setting on the state level and the challenges of bringing social and economic justice issues to the forefront of the political process. Lastly, the panelists will expound on their personal perceptions of the present political landscape- what barriers prevent change, what are their predictions for the future?

11:45 – 12:15: Lunch, Law School Courtyard

Grab your lunch after Panel Session A and join a roundtable discussion below!

*** Your nametag is your ticket for lunch. You MUST have it.**

12:15 – 1:30: Roundtables Discussions, University of Georgia School of Law

***Vigilante Justice: Meeting Poverty at America’s Borders*, Room F**

Moderator: Professor Larry Nackerud—University of Georgia School of Social Work

Panelist: Sue Colussy—Catholic Social Services, Inc., Program Director for Immigration Services (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Jerry Gonzalez—Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO), Executive Director (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Dr. Michele Waslin—National Council of La Raza, Director of Immigration Policy Research (Washington, D.C.)

Of those surveyed in a Time poll last week, 82 % said they believe the government is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants out of the country, and a large majority (75 %) would deny them government services such as health care and food stamps. One-half (51 %) said children who are here illegally shouldn't be allowed to attend public schools. But only one in four would support making it a felony to be in the United States illegally, as the House voted to do when it approved the tough enforcement bill submitted by Wisconsin Republican F. James Sensenbrenner. State legislatures, such as Georgia, are also amidst major immigration changes. This panel will discuss these changes and their effects on immigrants at the national, state and community levels.

***From Institutions to Community Settings: How to Effectively Implement the Olmstead Decision at State Levels*, Room C**

Moderator: Associate Professor Ani B. Satz—Emory University School of Law and Rollins School of Public Health (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Uche Egemonye—Disability Law and Policy Center of Georgia, Inc., Executive Director (Decatur, GA)

Panelist: Sue Jamieson—Mental Health and Disability Rights Project, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Lead Counsel in *Olmstead v. LC and EW* (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Bryan Jones—Citizen affected by the *Olmstead* decision (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: John Munzenmaier—Georgia Disability Advocate Consulting Group, Founder (Woodstock, GA)

The Supreme Court's 1999 decision in *Olmstead v. L.C. and E.W.* stated that the denial of community placements to individuals with disabilities is precisely the kind of segregation that Congress sought to eliminate with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). However, few states have made the Supreme Court's 1999 *Olmstead* decision a reality. As of February 2004, only 29 states had developed programs to move individuals with disabilities to community-based settings, according to a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures, which tracks *Olmstead* progress. This panel will explain the history of the *Olmstead* decision; discuss why the shift from institutions to community settings has been so hard to achieve; talk with individuals who were directly impacted by the *Olmstead* decision; and talk about some programs that have been successful."

***School Funding Disparities—Meeting the Standards Through Law*, Room G**

Moderator: Assistant Professor J. Kevin Jenkins—Mercer University Program for Educational Leadership and Administration (Macon, GA)

Panelist: Dr. William Hunter—McIntosh County Public Schools, Superintendent (Darien, GA)

Panelist: Dr. Wanda G. Parker-Jackson—NAACP, Education Chairperson; Sumter County School Systems, Assistant Principal (Vienna, GA)

Panelist: Dr. Jeffrey Williams—Georgia School Superintendents Association, Research Director (Atlanta, GA)

With the advent of *San Antonio v. Rodriguez*, the Court has made it clear that adequate funding for public schools is a state issue. Consequently, the issue has become at the forefront of the educational law agenda and scholarship. Organizations such as the Consortium for Adequate School Funding in Georgia (CASFG) have given the issue a rebirth seeking adequate funding for Georgia's schools. All of the funds for public education must be spent wisely and effectively, but the current level of funding is not sufficient to prepare all students for constructive citizenship, meaningful employment, and life-long learning. This panel will describe the role of organizations like CASFG, the constitutional obligations of a State to provide an adequate education for every child, recent cuts in State funding across the U.S., the intricacies of school budgets and administration, and potential policy and legal remedies to raise the level of State financing to give schools a chance to meet performance standards.

***Racial Issues In Sentencing Policy: Is it Black and White?*, Room J**

Moderator: Associate Professor Erica Hashimoto—University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Associate Professor Alan Cook—University of Georgia School of Law Prosecutorial Clinic, Director (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Avi Brisman—Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless, Civil Rights Legal Fellow (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Mary Price—Families Against Mandatory Minimums, General Counsel (Washington, D.C.)

Racial disparity in criminal sentencing is a persistent problem in state and federal courts across America. In 2004, 8.4% of African American males age 25 to 29 were incarcerated, compared to 1.2% of white males in that age group.

Do these statistics result from intentional discrimination or from policies that have an unintentional disparate impact on racial minorities? And do these outcomes indicate a potential violation of the Equal Protection Clause? Perhaps most importantly, how do we prevent this trend from continuing into future generations? The

sentencing panel will close by addressing the collateral consequences of a stigmatizing felony conviction. What types of barriers do men and women who have served their sentence face when they re-enter their community?

A Different Kind of Justice: Problems and Possibilities for Indigent Defense, Room A

Moderator: Associate Professor Russell C. Gabriel—University of Georgia School of Law, Legal Aid Clinic (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Former Chief Justice Norman S. Fletcher—Supreme Court of Georgia (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Associate Professor Mae C. Quinn—University of Tennessee College of Law (Knoxville, TN)

Panelist: Mike Mears—Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, Director (Athens, GA)

The obligation of the states to provide legal counsel to all people who are accused of a crime, regardless of their ability to pay for that representation, was established in 1963 as a matter of federal constitutional law. Forty years later states are still struggling to establish standards for defense services, and to provide the necessary funding and resources to meet those standards.

Are state legislatures willing to pay for quality public defense for felons and misdemeanants alike? What ethical, political, and practical issues surround the notoriously high case-loads carried by public defenders? Finally, how are innovative court programs like Drug and Mental Health courts changing the methodologies and responsibilities of public defenders?

1:45 – 3:00: Panel Session B, University of Georgia School of Law

Accessing the Ballot: Voter ID Laws and How They Affect the Poor, Room B

Moderator: Associate Professor John Neiman, University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Emmet Bondurant—Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore, LLP, Founding Partner; *Common Cause, et al. v. Billups, et al.*, Lead Counsel (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: State Representative Tyrone Brooks—Georgia House of Representatives; Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, President (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Laughlin McDonald—Southern Regional ACLU, Director (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Jennifer Owens—League of Women Voters of Georgia, Executive Director (Atlanta, GA)

Earlier this year the Georgia legislature passed, and Governor Perdue signed into law, a voter ID statute. If "precleared" by the U.S. Department of Justice, the law would require Georgia voters to show one of several specified types of photo identification -- such as a driver's license, a passport, or a special voter ID card issued by the state -- before being allowed to vote. Voter ID statutes this stringent are relatively rare, and may have an adverse impact on poor and minority voters. The panelists will discuss Voter ID litigation, policy arguments for and against the statute, and the practical impact of a Voter ID law.

Healthcare for the Uninsured Working Poor: Potential State Solutions, Room A

Moderator: Bill H. Boling, Jr.—Medical College of Georgia Health Inc., General Counsel; University of Georgia School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Health Law (Augusta, GA)

Panelist: Robert Bush—HIV/Aids Legal Project, Managing Attorney (Savannah, GA)
Panelist: Associate Professor Dan Hatcher—University of Baltimore School of Law,
Civil Advocacy Clinic and Health Law Professor (Baltimore, MD)
Panelist: Joann M. Yoon—Health Law Partnership, Staff Attorney (Atlanta, GA)

When the Census Bureau released its annual report in August 2005 about poverty, income, and health insurance coverage, analysts were startled to see that the number of people without health insurance rose from 45 million in 2003 to 45.8 million in 2004. Poverty and lack of health insurance have been growing worse since 2000. Despite such harsh facts, the federal government has targeted critical safety net programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and food stamps for deep cuts. Thus, while poverty and lack of health insurance have been growing worse, government programs to support such populations are being cut. This leaves the uninsured poor even more vulnerable to falling deeper into poverty and creates serious health concerns for low income families. This panel focuses on this increasingly problematic dichotomy. Panelists will address the current state of healthcare coverage in the US, the link to poverty, and projects they are working on to address the issue.

Trends in Community Economic Development (CED) in the 21st Century: What's Next?, Hatton-Lovejoy Courtroom

Moderator: Skipper StipeMaas—Georgia Legal Services Program, Community
Economic Development Attorney (Athens, GA)
Panelist: Brad Caftel—The National Economic Development and Law Center, VP and
General Counsel (Oakland, CA)
Panelist: John Little—Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Senior CED Attorney
(Miami, FL)
Panelist: Ajulo Othow Norman—Southern Rural Development Initiative (SRDI),
Economic Development Director (Raleigh, NC)

Increasingly, policymakers and urban community development practitioners are applying market-based solutions to housing, education, and job creation challenges in poor areas. Some critics of the market-based paradigm advocate for a politically-engaged form of community development that prioritizes mobilizing marginalized communities to successfully advocate for economic justice. This panel will address questions such as: How is a community economic development movement organized? What areas and organizations have been successful in implementing CED strategies? What strategies are most successfully implemented in the South? What does the future of CED look like? What role can law schools play in contributing to these ideas?

3:15 – 3:45: Dessert/Snack Break, Law School Rotunda

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4:00 – 5:15: Panel Session C, University of Georgia School of Law

Punishing the Poor: A Discussion on Legal Remedies for Decriminalizing Homelessness, Room A

Moderator: Amy Zaremba—Georgia Justice Project, Equal Justice Works Fellow
(Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Anita Beaty—Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless, Executive Director (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Eric Kocher—Lawyer for the Poor (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Michael Stoops—National Coalition for the Homeless, Acting Executive Director (Washington, D.C.)

Panelist: Cindy Wang—Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, Deputy Chief Legal Officer (Atlanta, GA)

Is being homeless a crime? People who experience homelessness often face criminal charges or civil penalties based on conduct that is arguably beyond their control. In addition, as cities across America pass anti-homeless ordinances at an exponential rate, homeless persons are increasingly subjected to hate-crimes and harassment. The growing practice of criminalizing homelessness is harsh and counter-productive, but is it unconstitutional?

Public Interest Work in the Private Sector, Room B

Moderator: David Lyle—American Constitution Society of Law and Policy, Deputy Director (Washington, D.C.)

Panelist: Emmet Bondurant—Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore, LLP, Founding Partner (Athens, GA)

Panelist: Seth R. Cohen—Smith, James, Rowlett & Cohen, Partner (Greensboro, NC)

Panelist: Jacqueline R. Knapp—Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, Patent Associate (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Teresa Wynn Roseborough—Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Partner (Atlanta, GA)

Public interest work is not just for attorneys in the public sector. In fact, many law firms actually encourage their attorneys to do public interest work. Law firms work closely with the public interest sector to provide opportunities to their lawyers wishing to provide pro bono services. This panel will discuss the structure of law firms that support working in the public interest, their partnerships with public interest organizations, what questions to ask when interviewing with a firm, and what pro bono means in the law firm context. The panel will reveal the interests that must be balanced for a student or attorney working in the private sector whilst having significant interest in helping the public as well.

Civil Gideon: Why Don't We Have a Right to Counsel in Civil Cases?, Room F

Moderator: Ellie Lanier—University of Georgia School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law

Panelist: Phyllis J. Holmen—Georgia Legal Services Program, Executive Director (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist: Gerald Weber—American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, Legal Director (Atlanta, GA)

A growing national movement focused on implementing a constitutional right to civil counsel in what has been termed 'Civil Gideon' has emerged. Studies indicate large areas of unmet legal need for low and moderate income individuals and families. Programs serving these individuals are forced to set strict priorities that leave many in need unrepresented in areas related to basic civil rights, as well as legal issues related to housing, health care and sustenance. This panel will explore the many issues surrounding the right to counsel in the civil context and the areas in which improvements can be made to meet the civil legal needs of the poor.

State Policies in the South: Restrictions on Reproductive Autonomy for Low-Income Women, Hatton-Lovejoy Courtroom

Moderator: Professor Sarajane Love, University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA)
Panelist: Andrea Costello—Southern Legal Counsel, Attorney and National Lawyers Guild (Gainesville, FL)
Panelist: Ms. Dázon Dixon Diallo—SisterLove, Inc., Founder and CEO (Atlanta, GA)
Panelist: Kay Scott—Planned Parenthood of Georgia, Inc., CEO (Atlanta, GA)

Poverty and restrictions on reproductive autonomy are very interrelated. Low income women typically do not have many of the resources necessary to exercise reproductive autonomy. Furthermore, the inability to control reproduction can contribute to a woman and her children living in poverty. The panel's discussion will include family planning issues, including abortion; other aspects of sexual and reproductive health such as HIV/AIDS; state regulation as a barrier to or facilitator of reproductive autonomy; and Medicaid issues.

5:30 – 7:00: Closing Remarks/ Networking Reception, Dean Rusk Hall—4th Floor

Closing Remarks: **Heidi Taylor**—University of Georgia School of Law, WIPI Executive Co-Chair (Athens, GA)

Take this final opportunity to meet panelists, attorneys, students, and other members of the legal community. Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served.

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**Catering by Marti's at Midday—Athens, GA



Keynote Speaker

Biography: Former U.S. Senator John Edwards

Former U.S. Senator John Edwards was born in Seneca, South Carolina and raised in Robbins, North Carolina, a small town in the Piedmont. There John learned the values of hard work and perseverance from his father, Wallace, who worked in the textile mills for 36 years, and from his mother, Bobbie, who ran a shop and worked at the post office. Working alongside his father at the mill, John developed his strong belief that all Americans deserve an equal opportunity to succeed and be heard.

A proud product of public schools, John became the first person in his family to attend college. He worked his way through North Carolina State University where he graduated with high honors in 1974, and then earned a law degree with honors in 1977 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

For the next 20 years, John dedicated his career to representing families and children just like the families he grew up with in Robbins. Standing up against the powerful insurance industry and their armies of lawyers, John helped these families through the darkest moments of their lives to overcome tremendous challenges. His passionate advocacy for people like the folks who worked in the mill with his father earned him respect and recognition across the country.

In 1998, John took this commitment into politics to give a voice in the United States Senate to the people he had represented throughout his career. He ran for the Senate and won, defeating an incumbent Senator.

In Congress, Senator Edwards quickly emerged as a champion for the issues that make a difference to American families: quality health care, better schools, protecting civil liberties, preserving the environment, saving Social Security and Medicare, and reforming the ways campaigns are financed.

As a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence, Senator Edwards worked tirelessly for a strong national defense and to strengthen the security of our homeland. He authored key pieces of legislation on cyber, bio, and port security.

Senator Edwards brought a positive message of change to the 2004 presidential primaries. During the primary season he spoke about the two Americas that exist in our country today: one for people at the top who have everything they need and one for everybody else who struggle to get by. This powerful message resonated with voters all across America.

After the Democratic primaries, Senator John Kerry picked Senator Edwards to serve as his running mate in the 2004 general election, and Senator Edwards crisscrossed the country and campaigned tirelessly on Senator Kerry's behalf.

Today, he is the Director of the Center on Poverty, Work, and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Senator Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, whom he met when both were law students at Chapel Hill, were married in 1977. They have had four children, including: their eldest daughter, Catharine, who lives in New

York; seven-year-old Emma Claire, and a five-year-old son, Jack. Their first child, Wade, died in 1996.

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Panel & Roundtable Topics

Saturday April 8, 2006**Opening Plenary Session (9:15 - 10:20)**

Framing the Legal Issues: The Role of Lawyers in Combating Poverty, Brooks Hall

Panel Session A (10:30- 11:45)

International Trade for Poverty: Can Free Trade Ever Be Fair?, Room A

Issues Impacting Economic Security for Low Income Women and Their Children, Room B

Capital Punishment: A Discussion Over a Moratorium, Hatton-Lovejoy Courtroom

Pleasing the People: The Politics of Poverty, Room F

Lunch Roundtables (12:15- 1:30)

Vigilante Justice: Meeting Poverty at America's Borders, Room F

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School Funding Litigation-Disparities between Rural and Suburban Schools, Room G

Racial Issues In Sentencing Policy: Is it Black and White?, Room J

A Different Kind of Justice: Problems and Possibilities for Indigent Defense, Room G

Panel Session B (1:45-3:00)

Accessing the Ballot: Voter ID Laws and How They Affect the Poor, Room B

Healthcare for the Working Poor: Potential State Solutions, Room A

Trends in Community Economic Development (CED) in the 21st Century: What's Next?, Hatton-Lovejoy Courtroom

Panel Session C (4:00-5:15)

Punishing the Poor: A Discussion on Legal Remedies for the Criminalized Homeless, Room A

Public Interest Work in the Private Sector, Room B

Civil Gideon: Why Don't We Have a Right to Counsel in Civil Cases?, Room F

State Policies in the South: Restrictions on Reproductive Autonomy for Low-Income Women, Hatton-Lovejoy Courtroom

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Vice President & General Counsel
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Tim Casey

Senior Attorney
Legal Momentum (the new name for NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund)

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Speaker Biographies

Ajulo Othow Norman

Ajulo Othow Norman began work with South Rural Development Initiative (SRDI), which works to build just and sustainable communities in places challenged by poverty and racism, in October 1998 as project manager for the Growing CDCs in the Rural South project, supported by the Ford Foundation. The Growing CDCs project sought to build the capacity of rural community development corporations and to strengthen supportive statewide trade associations of CDCs in AK, LA, SC, GA, and AL. Ms. Norman's work with SRDI has since expanded to include several projects - CDC work across the region, an engaging youth in community development program, and an emerging initiative to build the knowledge, tools and relationships necessary, so that rural leaders can responsibly say "no" to industries of last resort and make choices leading to more just, equitable and sustainable communities.

Ms. Norman currently serves on the boards of The Highlander Research and Education Center, The Fund for Southern Communities, and the Southern Organizing Committee. She is a graduate of Hampton University and the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, where she received her graduate degree in International Development and published *The War on Health and Development in Sudan*. Her interests in development issues have taken her to Africa, the Caribbean, and the rural Southeastern United States.

Alan A. Cook

Alan A. Cook became director of the University of Georgia School of Law's Prosecutorial Clinic in January 2003 after serving as interim director for 18 months. Prior, Cook served as the elected district attorney in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit for 10 years, being first elected in 1990 and re-elected in 1992 and 1996. He has tried over 100 jury trials including 19 homicide cases (of which six were capital cases) and 36 child sexual abuse cases. Cook frequently lectures on the topic of prosecuting child sexual abuse cases at conferences sponsored by the Georgia Department of Human Resources and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. In September of 2004, Cook joined

the "Finding Words, Georgia" faculty, an interdisciplinary training program for forensic child abuse interviewers.

Cook earned his bachelor's degree in political science *summa cum laude* from UGA, where he graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. In 1984, he earned his law degree *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Rep. Alisha Morgan

Alisha Morgan is a graduate of Spelman College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Sociology and Drama. Her passion for making a difference began in Florida when she became involved with the Miami Dade Youth Council of the NAACP. She later served as President of the youth council, the Spelman College Chapter, and State President of the Youth and College Division.

In November 2002, Alisha made history by becoming the first African American to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives from Cobb County. Recently re-elected with 86% of the vote in the primary and 65% in the General election, at 27, she remains the youngest serving member of the entire Georgia General Assembly. She continues to make her mark as she recently stood up to the Speaker of the House for working to protect voting rights as well as policies passed in the House of Representatives that hurt minorities, young people, the poor and the elderly. She is working to make major changes to the way young people are treated in the Georgia Penal system. She continues to work on behalf of the least of these through her work on Children's Issues, Health Care issues and bringing what she calls real people into the political process. In the Georgia House of Representatives, Alisha serves on the Education, Children and Youth and Information and Audits Committees.

Amy Zaremba

Amy Zaremba has worked with, and for, individuals experiencing homelessness for over 13 years. Her experience includes work with men, women, children, and families in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington DC, and Atlanta. She was instrumental in starting a childcare center in Boston for children who were living in homeless shelters with their families. She developed and implemented a job-coaching program for homeless adults in Chicago. Amy also ran a homeless shelter for single adult men and women, worked as a front-line counselor at the largest day shelter in New England, and was the director of a nonprofit working with ex-offenders.

Amy was one of 11 Public Interest/Public Service Scholars who received full tuition funding in American University's Washington College of Law (WCL) 2005 graduating class. While at WCL, Amy served as a student representative on the faculty Public Interest Committee, a 2005 student recipient of the Peter M. Cicchino Social Justice Foundation Outstanding Advocacy in the Public Interest Award, and the 2004 co-chair of the Equal Justice Foundation. Amy was selected as a 2003 John J. Curtin Jr. Fellow through the American Bar Association, which allowed her to spend that summer working with the Georgia Justice Project.

Amy is currently on a two-year Equal Justice Works fellowship where she is able to combine her interest and experience in working with the homeless population with her legal knowledge to be an advocate for the homeless population in Atlanta. Hosted by the Georgia Justice Project, she has developed and is implementing a project that works to eliminate and prevent the criminalization of people simply because they are homeless. Through advocacy, education, and litigation, Amy hopes to help create a less hostile environment for people who are homeless in the City of Atlanta.

Andrea Costello

Andrea Costello is civil rights attorney at Southern Legal Counsel (SLC), a non-profit public interest law firm, in Gainesville, Florida and joined SLC in 2001 through an Equal Justice Works Fellowship focused on class action litigation to improve independent living services for people with disabilities. She currently works on litigation in areas such as: reproductive rights, health care access, police misconduct, constitutional rights and disability rights. Prior to SLC, she worked at a public interest law firm specializing in plaintiffs' side labor and employment law in New York and New Jersey. Since 1994, she has worked in the National Lawyers Guild (NLG), a national organization of social justice lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers. She co-chairs the NLG's national Anti-Sexism Committee and is on the National Executive Committee. She has been an organizer for women's rights for over 14 years in Gainesville Women's Liberation and as the past President and Vice-President of Chapters of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Gainesville and New York City. She received her J.D. from the City University of New York School of Law at Queens College in 1998.

Ani B. Satz

Professor Satz holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Monash University. Before joining the faculty at Emory Law School and Rollins School of Public Health, Professor Satz lectured at Yale University in the Philosophy Department and the Ethics, Politics, and Economics Program as well as at Monash University Medical School. She also clerked for the Honorable Jane R. Roth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Professor Satz has teaching and research interests in health, disability, tort, and animal law as well as law and philosophy.

Anita Beaty

Anita L. Beaty, Executive Director of the (Metro Atlanta) Task Force for the Homeless for the past twenty years, has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for the Homeless for eighteen years and as President from 1993 - 1997.

Ms. Beaty provided leadership for Atlanta's Olympic Conscience effort to protect the human and civil rights of poor and homeless Atlantans during the 1996 Games. She

has represented that effort in Toronto, Sydney, Madrid, Cairo, and Salt Lake City and now with the Habitat International Coalition and as a consultant to the Council on Housing Rights and Evictions, both internationally recognized for their human rights work around the globe.

Ms. Beaty continues leading the Task Force in its development of a sustainable, inclusive community on Peachtree Street, in the heart of downtown Atlanta, and in its consistent policy and advocacy work to prevent and end homelessness while protecting the rights of people who are presently excluded from housing in our communities.

Anne S. Emanuel

Anne S. Emanuel, Chair of the ABA Georgia Death Penalty Assessment Team, is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law. Prior to joining the Georgia State University Law faculty, Dean Emanuel served as a law clerk for the Honorable Elbert P. Tuttle of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; was in private practice with the law firm of Huie, Brown & Ide; and served as a Law Assistant to Chief Justice Harold Hill of the Georgia Supreme Court. Dean Emanuel currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest; she previously served on the Boards of the Atlanta Bar Association and the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Georgia, and on the State Bar of Georgia Formal Advisory Opinion Board. Dean Emanuel received her B.A. from Old Dominion University, and her J.D. with distinction from Emory University, where she was Editor in Chief of the Emory Law Journal and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Avi Brisman

Avi Brisman received his B.A. from Oberlin College, his M.F.A from Pratt Institute, and his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. After graduation, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ruth V. McGregor, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, and then as a law clerk to the Honorable Alan S. Gold, United States District Judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. Brisman is currently the Civil Rights Legal Fellow at the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless where he is researching how sentencing policies contribute to the problem of recidivism and homelessness. His scholarly work expands to issues arising from the criminalization of homelessness and sustainable development in environmental law.

Brad Caftel

Brad Caftel, Vice President and General Counsel, has been a lawyer on the staff of the National Economic Development and Law Center since 1976. He has extensive experience in providing legal, tax, organizational, and strategic planning advice and training to community- and faith-based organizations on their internal development and

operations, business and real estate development, and community development finance strategies.

Brad received his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall and his B.A. in economics from Michigan State University. Brad has taught courses or guest lectured on nonprofit corporate and tax law at the University of California Hastings School of Law, University of California at Berkeley, Santa Clara University, the University of Michigan, George Washington University, the University of San Francisco, and San Jose State University.

Bill Boling

Currently general counsel and corporate secretary for MCG Health Inc., William H. Boling Jr. leads a course in health care financing at Georgia Law. Previously, Boling was senior partner at Shaw, Maddox, Graham, Monk & Boling, where his practice involved substantial corporate and business counsel including licensing and contracts for area technology companies and the Development Authority of Floyd County, GA. Since 1990, he has specialized in corporate and healthcare law and the defense of medical malpractice cases. Additionally, Boling has substantial experience with defamation, employment, commercial and construction litigation, and in mediation and arbitration.

Boling is currently a member of the American and Georgia bar associations, the American Health Lawyers Association, the Georgia Hospital Association and the Georgia Association of Health Care Attorneys.

Bryan Jones

Citizen affected by the *Olmstead* decision (Atlanta, GA)

Ambassador C. Donald Johnson

C. Donald Johnson rejoined the University of Georgia School of Law in June 2004 as director of the Dean Rusk Center for International, Comparative, and Graduate Legal Studies. As a former U.S. congressman and ambassador, Johnson has distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. In the private sector, he has served as vice-chairman of Fleishman-Hillard Government Relations, Inc. in Washington, D.C., as a partner at the law firm of Patton Boggs in Washington, D.C., as an international banking attorney at the Continental Illinois National Bank in Chicago, and as a senior corporate associate in the international and banking departments at Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta. In the public sector, Johnson was nominated to the rank of ambassador by President Bill Clinton and for over two years served as chief textile negotiator and principal advisor to both the President and the U.S. Trade Representative on all textile and apparel trade matters. In 1993-94, Johnson served as U.S. representative for the 10th district of Georgia. Johnson also served in the Georgia State Senate from 1987 to 1992. In addition, he served four years at the U.S. Air Force

Judge Advocate General's Office (two years in Turkey) and as trade counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

He holds a master of laws degree from the London School of Economics and earned his bachelor's and law degrees from UGA, where he served as articles editor for the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law. He obtained a certificate in private and public international law from The Hague Academy of International Law in The Netherlands.

Chris Adams

Chris is the Chief of the Georgia Capital Defender Office and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). He teaches at the National Criminal Defense College (NCDC) and the two national death penalty defense colleges -- the Santa Clara Death Penalty College and the Clarence Darrow Death Penalty College. Additionally, he has taught a capital punishment course as an adjunct law professor at Emory University. Prior to becoming a full-time death penalty defender, Chris was a public defender in Charleston, SC for more than 7 years.

Cindy Wang

Cindy Wang received her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1999. Since then she has worked for the Athens-Clarke County Solicitor-General's Office, where she was promoted up to Assistant Solicitor-General. After that she went to work for Judge Alvin T. Wong and the State Court of DeKalb County. Ms. Wang then worked for the Georgia Indigent Defense Council (GIDC) in the Governmental Relations department.

Since December 2003, Ms. Wang has worked for the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (formerly GIDC), accepting her current position in June of 2004. She now works as the Deputy Chief Legal Officer which involves drafting policies that affect the entirety of Georgia's indigent legal defense system, serves on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and acts as a liaison to resolve issues that arise from the implementation of the indigent defense system.

Curt Nessel

Curtis Nessel joined the University of Georgia School of Law in 1994. He serves as an instructor in the legal research and writing program and as director of the School of Law's Capital Assistance Program. Nessel also teaches courses on document drafting and capital punishment.

Nessel earned a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Montana; and a doctorate in philosophy and law degree from the University of Utah. He has worked as a scientist, a lawyer, and has teaching experience in both professions. Nessel was a research scientist at the University of Utah College of Medicine, specializing in the early

detection of muscular dystrophy and the replication of poliovirus and rhinovirus. He joined the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association following his law school graduation in 1984 and worked as a trial and appellate attorney until he accepted a position as law clerk/research attorney for the Utah Supreme Court in 1987. In 1991, he opened a solo appellate practice, and in 1992 joined the law firm of Nygaard, Coke & Vincent in Salt Lake City, where he remained until joining the University of Georgia.

Dan Chapman

Dan Chapman is currently a national desk reporter with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC). He has been with the AJC for six years covering “globalization”-related issues, trade, foreign affairs, and all of the above’s impact on and relationship with Georgians. He has reported from Mali, Brazil, Mexico, Europe, Israel, West Bank, and Pakistan in his capacity at the AJC. Prior to his work at the AJC, Chapman worked for the Charlotte Observer and Winston-Salem Journal and Congressional Quarterly. He is currently working on a project focused on the impact of subsidies on U.S. farmers, taxpayers, Malians and Brazilians. Chapman is from Washington DC and attended Denison University and L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques.

Daniel L. Hatcher

Prior to joining the University of Baltimore School of Law faculty, Assistant Professor Hatcher was in a statewide position with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, serving as the assistant director of advocacy for public benefits and economic stability. He previously worked as a staff attorney for Legal Aid in the Baltimore Child Advocacy Unit representing abused and neglected children, and in the Metropolitan Maryland office representing clients in public benefits, housing, consumer and family law issues. He was also a senior staff attorney with the Children’s Defense Fund in Washington, DC where he worked on policy development and legislative advocacy in areas impacting child and family poverty.

Professor Hatcher received his B.B.A., with high honors, from the University of Texas at Arlington and earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia. He teaches the Civil Advocacy Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law and is a professor of healthcare law.

David Lyle

David Lyle is the Deputy Director for the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy. Mr. Lyle joined ACS in June 2002. He previously worked as: a principal in a political consulting firm, an assistant to the president of the Teamsters union, a Clinton administration political appointee in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Senior Counsel to Representative Don Johnson (D-GA), an associate in the Washington office of Arnold & Porter and a law clerk to Judge John C. Godbold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1986 and the University of Chicago Law School in 1990.

Dázon Dixon Diallo

Ms. Dázon Dixon Diallo, MPH, is the Founder and President of SisterLove, Inc., the first and largest women's AIDS organization in the Southeast. In addition to her duties with SisterLove, as an adjunct faculty member, Dazon teaches "Women's Health and Development" as part of Morehouse School of Medicine's Master of Public Health Program, and the Comparative Women's Studies Program of Spelman College. She is also the former Women's Programs Manager for the National Center for Human Rights Education. In 2002, she led her organization to open a satellite program office in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa, where they provide capacity building programs for over 50 local HIV/AIDS service organizations.

Ms. Dixon Diallo has received numerous awards including the Community Leadership Award from the Board of Trustees of Spelman College and the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Community Service Award.

Debbie Segal

Debbie Segal is Kilpatrick Stockton's Pro Bono Partner and leads the firm's attorneys in providing pro bono legal services to low-income clients, community groups and nonprofit organizations. In this capacity, Ms. Segal has provided the firm's lawyers countless opportunities to represent underserved individuals and the organizations which support them. She is the first attorney to be named to a position of this kind in Georgia and North Carolina.

Ms. Segal joined Kilpatrick Stockton from the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, where, as executive director, she was responsible for the administration of the city's largest Pro Bono Program. At AVLAF, Ms. Segal created a Guardian ad Litem Program for the representation of the best interests of children in contested custody cases, a third year law student clinical program, and projects to represent victims of domestic violence and disabled children, among others. Prior to her work at AVLAF, she spent eight years as a staff attorney and a Managing Attorney at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Ms. Segal earned her B.S. in Social Work from Cornell University, and her J.D. from Emory University in 1979.

Edward Gresser

Ed Gresser serves as Director of the Progressive Policy Institute's Project on Trade & Global Markets. In this capacity, he writes and speaks on the value of open markets, internationalism, and social responsibility in the global economy. Mr. Gresser joined PPI after ten years of service in the Clinton Administration as Policy Advisor to the U.S. Trade Representative and as a senior Congressional staffer. Before that, he served as Legislative Assistant and then Policy Director for Senator Max Baucus (D-MT). Before joining Baucus' staff, Mr. Gresser worked for the consulting firm Podesta Associates, and as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Silvio Conte of Massachusetts. Mr.

Gresser graduated from Stanford University with Distinction in Political Science in 1984. He earned a Master's Degree from Columbia University and a Certificate from the Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union in 1987. He is married to Siriporn Gresser; they have one son.

Eleanor C. Lanier

Eleanor C. Lanier is a consulting attorney for The Center for Social Gerontology in Ann Arbor, MI. She has served as a managing attorney for the Georgia Senior Legal Hotline, as a legislative and economic security/consumer representative for the AARP Southeast Region, as a legal services developer for the Georgia Division of Aging Services and as a staff attorney for Georgia Legal Services. Lanier is a registered mediator and arbitrator with the State of Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She is the co-author of "Adult Guardianship in Georgia: Are the Rights of Proposed Wards Being Protected? Can We Tell?" in *The Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal* and "Ethical Considerations in Medicaid Estate Planning" in the *Fordham University Law Review*. She received her Juris Doctor from Emory University.

Elton Dodson

Elton Dodson is a Partner at Dodson & Dodson, LLC in Athens, GA. He has an extensive commitment to civic and community service. Dodson has ran campaigns for two Commissioners in Little Rock, AR, was a National Council Representative and People of Color Caucus Coordinator for SEAC National. In 2005, Elton was elected to the position of Commissioner for District 10 in Athens-Clarke County.

Attorney Dodson received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Georgia and his J.D. from the Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He is also an instrument-rated private pilot who enjoys woodworking, flying his plane and keeping up-to-date on the latest computer technologies.

Emmet Bondurant

Emmet Bondurant has represented clients in nearly every forum available for a legal dispute, from rural trial courts through the United States Supreme Court (*Hishon v. King & Spalding*, *Toombs v. Fortson*, and *Wesberry v. Sanders*). Emmet has earned a reputation as an independent and implacable adversary who does not shy away from controversial cases, combining innovative legal theories with sheer determination. As a result, he has been recognized by his peers with membership in the prestigious American Law Institute, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

In July 2001, Emmet was recognized as one of the top ten trial lawyers in the United States by the National Law Journal and as one of the leading lawyers in Georgia by Georgia Trend Magazine in December 2003. He has also received the 2001 Georgia Indigent Defense Council's Harold G. Clarke Equal Justice Award and the Anti-

Defamation League's Elbert P. Tuttle Jurisprudence Award. In 2003, he was honored by Emory Law School's Public Interest Committee.

Emmet's career has always included a strong commitment to community service and pro bono litigation, including death penalty habeas corpus (Nelson v. Zant, 261 Ga. 358, 405 S.E.2d 250 (1991)) and reapportionment cases (Wesberry v. Sanders, 376 U.S. 1 (1964), Fortson v. Morris, 385 U.S. 231 (1965)). He currently serves as lead counsel in *Common Cause, et al. v. Billups, et al.*, the challenge to Georgia's Voter ID law.

Eric Kocher

Eric Kocher most recently concluded a ten year period as Legal Director of the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless, which he founded two decades ago. The Georgia Law Center provides free legal representation to the homeless in civil matters in federal and state court and before administrative agencies. During his tenure, the Law Center provided legal services to over ten thousand homeless individuals and families, successfully winning seven out of eight appeals to the GA Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia. The Law Center challenged the systemic conduct of Public Housing Authorities and brought about significant changes in policies and procedures benefiting thousands of public housing tenants who continue to be protected by these efforts.

Prior to working for the Georgia Law Center, Mr. Kocher served as Director of the Georgia Indigent Defense Council, and also as a partner in Kocher, Wilson, Korschun & Cobb, handling civil and criminal cases representing homeless clients on a pro bono basis. Mr. Kocher also served as the first Director of the State Bar of Georgia's Pro Bono Project, Managing Attorney of the Georgia Mountains Regional Office of the Georgia Legal Services Program, and as a Public Defender. Mr. Kocher has been honored with the State Bar of Georgia's H. Sol Clark Pro Bono Award and the Gate City Bar Association's R.E. Thomas, Jr. Civil Rights Award. He earned his B.A. from American University and his J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Erica Hashimoto

Erica J. Hashimoto joined the University of Georgia School of Law faculty in the fall of 2004 as an assistant professor teaching criminal law, evidence, and sentencing. Hashimoto developed a practical understanding of criminal law while serving four years as an assistant federal public defender in the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Washington, D.C.

Prior to holding this position, Hashimoto was a law clerk for Judge David S. Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (1999-2000) and Judge Paul L. Friedman of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (1997-1999). Her other legal experience includes working in various settings with such issues as housing discrimination, insider trading and the right to appeal interlocutory orders.

Fran Ansley

Professor Frances Lee Ansley earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard/Radcliffe College, law degree from the University of Tennessee, and LL.M. from Harvard Law School. Professor Ansley is currently a Distinguished Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law. Professor Ansley is co-author of a memoir concerning a 1989 coal miners' strike in southwest Virginia, co-editor/author of an oral history of labor struggles in several East Tennessee coal mining communities, and co-author of the original edition of **Our Bodies, Our Selves**. Professor Ansley received the 2003 Carden Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship, the Marilyn V. Yarbrough Faculty Award for Writing Excellence, and the W. Allen Separk Award for Superior Achievement in Scholarship. She currently serves as principal humanities advisor to a documentary film project about the impacts of globalization on East Tennessee communities.

Professor Ansley has a particular interest in lawyering for and with organizations that are working to bring about grassroots, bottom-up social change. She has provided pro bono representation, has done legal and empirical research, and has worked as a community legal educator with a range of groups over the years, sometimes together with her students.

Gerry Weber

Gerry Weber serves as Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia. For over a decade, Gerry has litigated numerous cases involving significant issue of constitutional law and focuses on the first amendment, discrimination and poverty litigation. Gerry formerly clerked for the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King, Chief Judge of the United State Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Gerry is also an Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Law and Georgia State College of Law in constitutional litigation and the first amendment. He was recently named one of the "21 Young Lawyers Leading Us Into the 21st Century" by the American Bar Association and "Top 40 Achievers under 40" by Georgia Trend Magazine.

J. Kevin Jenkins

Dr. J. Kevin Jenkins is Assistant Professor in the Program for Educational Leadership and Administration at Mercer University. Dr. Jenkins has a BA in Spanish from Mercer University, and an Ed.D in educational leadership and administration from the University of Georgia. He has taught Spanish at both the high school and middle school levels and has also served as assistant principal in systems ranging from a very small rural system to the largest system in the state of Georgia.

Dr. Jenkins specializes in teaching and researching education law. He has taught education law, leadership of assessment and evaluation, school personnel, special education law, and educational ethics at Mercer University, the University of South

Carolina, and the University of Georgia. Dr. Jenkins' publications focus on racial, gender and religious discrimination law, due process law in public schools.

Jeffrey Williams

Dr. Jeffrey Williams has been the Director of the Consortium for Educational Research in Georgia, a research affiliate of the Georgia School Superintendents Association, at Georgia State University since 1993. In this position, he coordinates the research agenda as established by the Consortium's Policy and Planning Council, develops research designs for educational policy-related studies, disseminates research findings to state policy makers, local school superintendents, and local boards of education and coordinates research activities with affiliated research institutions.

Prior to serving as Director of the Consortium for Educational Research, he was Associate Director of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission for the State of Georgia, and an Education Program Analyst for the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Research Office of the Georgia House of Representatives, and the Legislative Educational Research Council of the Georgia General Assembly. Dr. Williams received his B.S. in Recreation from the University of Oregon, his M.S.E. in Early Childhood Education and Reading from the State College of Arkansas, and his Ed.D. in Educational Administration with a concentration educational finance from the University of Georgia.

Jennifer Owens

A graduate of the University of Georgia's School of Public & International Affairs, Jennifer Owens currently serves as the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Georgia. The League of Women Voters is a statewide nonpartisan political organization that seeks to encourage the informed and active participation in government, educate citizens on major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy. With a focus on election issues, the League is a named plaintiff in the pending federal lawsuit regarding Georgia's new photo ID requirement at the polls.

Previously, Jennifer worked on issues relating to air quality, smart growth and transportation for The Clean Air Campaign and developed an educational effort for elementary school children to learn about these issues and take an active role in making a positive difference in their communities. Jennifer also serves on the Board of Directors for GOAL, Inc., an organization that teaches leadership, diversity and communication skills to middle-school aged girls. Jennifer is a resident of Chamblee, Georgia.

Jerry Gonzalez

Jerry Gonzalez serves as the first executive director of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, where he is charged with developing a legislative agenda and

directing programs that promote the involvement of the Latino/Hispanic community in the legislative process. Gonzalez previously worked as a political campaign consultant and fundraiser for State Senator Sam Zamarripa (SD-36). Gonzalez also served as the legislative policy analyst for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Atlanta Regional Office. Gonzalez is a founder and immediate past president of the Georgia Hispanic Network, Inc., a 501(c) 6 nonprofit professional development and networking organization. Gonzalez, a Laredo, TX native, moved to Atlanta in 1996 for a position as a Field Support Engineer for Rockwell Automation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During that time, he was a member of the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay and lesbian civil rights organization.

Gonzalez received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1995. In May 2005, he completed his Master of Public Administration with a Nonprofit Administration emphasis at the Andrew Young School of Public Policy at Georgia State University. Jerry lives in Atlanta with his life partner of nine years, Ray Deeb, an established and practicing pediatrician, and their dog, Jake.

Joan Prittie

Joan Prittie is the Executive Director of Project SAFE, a local non-profit organization that provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. Project SAFE also works to eliminate domestic violence through educational presentations and professional in-service training. In the six years Joan has been at Project SAFE, the organization has greatly expanded its services, paid off the mortgage on a new, larger shelter facility, started a transitional housing program, and tripled the number of clients served each year.

Prior to joining Project Safe, Joan served as Executive Director of the Elbert County Family Connection, a non-profit collaborative focusing on families and children. Joan is a graduate of Bradley University and the University of Georgia School of Law, an Athens resident for 15 years, and describes herself as a "recovering attorney." As a lawyer with the Prisoner Legal Counseling Project, Joan represented indigent inmates in the Georgia state prison system. During that time, she helped develop the Battered Women's Clemency Project and worked on behalf of more than 75 women in prison for killing their abusers.

Joann Yoon

Joann Yoon is a Staff Attorney with the Health Law Partnership (or HeLP), a community collaboration of Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and Georgia State University's College of Law. HeLP's primary premise is to combine the expertise of health care and legal professionals to provide a more holistic set of services to improve the health and overall well-being of children who are living in poverty. In this capacity, Joann represents low-income families, whose children have been treated or are receiving treatment at either of two pediatric hospital campuses. Prior to joining HeLP in September 2005, Joann served as the Pro Bono Fellow at the law firm of

Hunton & Williams LLP, where she focused exclusively on pro bono cases in a variety of legal issues, including family law, juvenile law, probate law, and immigration law. She also previously worked as the Legal Services Coordinator at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, a non-profit organization designed to address the various needs of members of the Asian Immigrant community in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Joe B. Pierce, Jr.

Joe B. Pierce, Jr. is the Executive Director of the United Way of Northwest Louisiana in Shreveport, LA. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Joe and the United Way took a lead role in responding to the dire needs of the people in the Shreveport area and in the State of Louisiana. Joe has served as Executive Director since 1998, where his responsibilities include raising funds in a 10 parish area to support health and human services through 32 affiliated agencies, and developing community needs assessment to determine best applications for resources. Prior to joining the United Way, he worked as an executive in the energy industry. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech University and a graduate degree in Management and Finance from the LSU Graduate School of Business.

John Little

John Little was born and raised in upstate New York's Hudson Valley. He received his B.A. Degree from the University of Alabama in 1969 followed by a short stint teaching 7th and 8th grade science in Alabama's rural Black Belt. Before attending law school he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa and worked as a longshoreman in New York.

He received his J.D. degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1978. Upon graduation he was awarded a two year "community lawyering" fellowship through Howard University and was assigned to work with a small legal services program in north Alabama. Upon completion of the fellowship he worked for five years with Alabama Legal Services in their Tuscaloosa Regional Office. During that time he served numerous individual clients and helped to create a statewide community development initiative providing assistance to nonprofit corporations..

In 1985 he began his present employment as a community development specialist attorney with Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. where he is responsible for providing free legal assistance to over 25 nonprofit corporations engaged in housing, economic and community development activities in ethnically diverse low income neighborhoods.

John Munzenmaier

John Munzenmaier is a disability rights advocate. Mr. Munzenmaier was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1946. At age two he was diagnosed as having muscular dystrophy, yet despite his disability, he completed his education through the Des Moines school system. In 1975 Mr. Munzenmaier moved to the Atlanta area with his parents, and,

except for a four year period when he lived in Dallas, TX, he has lived in the Atlanta area ever since.

In 1985 Mr. Munzenmaier entered a Roswell, Georgia, nursing home and lived there for fifteen years. In 2000, with the help of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and the State Ombudsman Program, Mr. Munzenmaier received an Independent Care Waiver from the state to move into the community. Since moving into the community, Mr. Munzenmaier has been involved with disability rights issues. Together, with his friend Jim Derr, Mr. Munzenmaier founded Georgia Disability Advocate Consulting Group, which deals in disability sensitivity training and disability advocacy. Mr. Munzenmaier also serves on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and the State Ombudsman Advisory Board.

John C. Neiman

John Neiman joined the University of Georgia School of Law in the fall of 2005 as an assistant professor. He teaches and writes about torts and public law.

Before joining the Georgia Law faculty, Neiman was a Hugo Black Faculty Fellow at the University of Alabama School of Law, where he taught classes on federal courts and civil procedure for three semesters. He was previously an associate with the Bradley Arant firm in Birmingham, AL, where his practice included appeals before the Alabama Supreme Court and the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals as well as the representation of Alabama's governor in a recount dispute during the 2002 election. Before he entered private practice, he served as a law clerk for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Paul V. Niemeyer of the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Neiman graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was Supreme Court chair of the *Harvard Law Review* and active in the school's criminal defense clinic. He earned his undergraduate degree with highest distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was secretary of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded highest honors for his senior thesis on empirical law and economics.

Judith Browne

Judith Browne is Co-Director of the Advancement Project, a democracy and justice action group. The group works with communities seeking to build a fair and just multi-racial democracy in America. Using law, public policy and strategic communications, Advancement Project acts in partnership with local communities to advance universal opportunity, equity and access for those left behind in America.

Judith Browne has an extensive background in civil rights litigation, which includes serving as lead counsel in a lawsuit against the State of Maryland for failure to fully implement the "Motor Voter" Law. She is widely respected for her legal work on fair housing issues, and in the public advocacy arena, Browne's work on discipline policies in public schools has received national recognition. She is a recipient of the

distinguished Skadden Fellowship and joined the Advancement Project after working as the Managing Attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. Browne is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and served as a Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar at Florida State University Law School where she taught housing discrimination. In May 2000, she was named one of the "Thirty Women to Watch" by Essence Magazine and, along with several members of Congress, appeared in an article which framed a political and social agenda for African-American women in the year 2000.

Larry Nackerud

Professor Larry Nackerud has been a UGA School of Social Work faculty member since 1994 and served as associate dean from 2000-2003. He received his doctorate from Cornell University and is an authority on poverty, welfare reform, and U.S. immigration and refugee policy.

Nackerud has received research grants to study the mental health needs of refugees, and is published in various academic journals from the International Migration Review to the Journal of Multicultural Social Work. He has also partnered with the University of Veracruz in Mexico and the Department of Family Services and Development in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.

Kay Scott

Kay Scott has been President/CEO of Planned Parenthood of Georgia since 1980. She has led the organization through tremendous growth and change during her tenure. The budget has grown from \$500,000 to over 4.4 million dollars, providing healthcare for over 20,000 women annually and a few hundred good men, educational services to over 5,000 young people and outreach program contacts of more than 15,000 people.

Kay's career began as a Nurse Practitioner in women's health. Here, she saw firsthand the positive effects that family planning can have in shaping healthier families and providing greater opportunities for women. Kay has been a successful leader at the local and national levels. In Atlanta, she helped organize the statewide coalition, Georgians for Choice; is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta; was honored as one of the 50 Georgia Women Pioneers in Healthcare by the Georgia Women Pioneers in Healthcare, by the Georgia Women's History Committee and the Georgia Commission on Women; She received the Atlanta Women's Foundation Shining Star Award for Medicine; was inducted into the YWCA's Women of Achievement Academy, and received national recognition when given the Ruth Green Award, the highest honor a CEO can receive from Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Laughlin McDonald

Laughlin McDonald has been director of the Voting Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in Atlanta, Georgia, since 1972. He has represented minorities in

numerous discrimination cases and specialized in the area of voting rights. He has argued cases before the Supreme Court, testified frequently before Congress, and written for scholarly and popular publications on civil liberties issues. His most recent book is *A Voting Rights Odyssey: Black Enfranchisement in Georgia*.

His Excellency M. Abdoulaye Diop

Ambassador E. and P. of the Republic of Mali to the U.S. Mr. Abdoulaye Diop is a professional diplomat. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Diop acted as the diplomatic adviser to President Alpha Oumar Konaré and President Amadou Toumani Touré. He played an active role when Mali assumed the chairmanship of the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) and the WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union). He also monitored the initiatives taken for the creation of the African Union in which Mali played a very active role.

Ambassador Diop has been member of several national delegations that attended regional and international conferences to discuss issues such as regional integration, economic development, peace and security. He oversaw Mali's participation in the Security Council of the UN in 2000 and 2001 and was very active in the NEPAD process, deputized by the President to be a member of the Steering Committee.

Prior to being the diplomatic adviser to the President, Mr. Diop acted as the advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of political and diplomatic issues. He held the position of Counselor at the Mali Embassy in Belgium and was in charge of multilateral cooperation issues. He actively took part in the negotiations between the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) States and the European Union with regard to the Partnership Agreement for Development signed in Cotonou in 2000.

Mr. Diop is holder of a MA degree in International Relations from the Paris International Institute of Public Administration, a MA degree in Diplomacy and Management of International Organizations from the University of Paris XI and a BA in Diplomacy from the National School of Administration of Algeria.

Mae C. Quinn

Professor Quinn joined the University of Tennessee College of Law after practicing for six years as a public defender in New York City. During that time she represented indigent criminal defendants in trials, appeals, and various post-conviction proceedings. She was an E. Barrett Prettyman teaching fellow at Georgetown University's Criminal Justice Clinic and taught as an adjunct professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York. Her current research focuses on legal and ethical issues facing criminal defense lawyers and the modern problem-solving court movement.

Currently, she will be teaching at UT's Advocacy Clinic where third-year students serve as criminal and juvenile defense counsel. She will be teaching a course on Problem Solving Courts.

Mary Price

Mary Price has been the general counsel for Families Against Mandatory Minimums Foundation (FAMM) since late 2000. She directs the FAMM Litigation Project and works on federal sentencing reform on Capital Hill and before the United States Sentencing Commission. Prior to joining FAMM, Ms. Price was associated with the law firm of Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, Fidell & Bank, LLP where she handled appeals of courts martial and conducted administrative advocacy on behalf of U.S. service members. While in law school, Ms. Price worked for a prisoners' legal services agency, advocating on behalf of D.C. inmates challenging the conditions of their confinement. She is a member of the American Bar Association's Corrections and Sentencing Committee and serves on the Practitioners' Advisory Group to the United States Sentencing Commission.

Michael Mears

Michael Mears is the Director of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. Prior to his appointment to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, Michael was the Director of the Multi-County Public Defender Office. He held that position from June 1992 until January. He has personally served as lead trial counsel in over 60 death penalty cases since 1984. Prior to entering government service as director of the Multi-County Public Defender Office, he was partner-in-charge of litigation for the law firm of McCurdy & Candler. In addition to serving as trial counsel, Michael has authored numerous publications and professional articles dealing with the defense of criminally charged defendants. He is also the several published books including "A Brief History of The Georgia Indigent Defense Counsel," Twenty-Five Years of Struggle to Provide Adequate Counsel for The Poor, Copyright 1996; and "The Death Penalty in Georgia - A Modern History, 1970 -2000, Copyright 2000. He is also a regular contributor to the Mercer Law School Law Review on death penalty law updates. In 1994 Michael was awarded the Indigent Defense Award for Service by the Georgia Indigent Defense Council .

He has been instrumental in helping to develop policies, procedures and guidelines which govern the provision of indigent defense services in Georgia. Michael is a graduate of the Mississippi State University where he received his Bachelors Degree and his Master of Arts Degree. Michael served in the United States Navy in Vietnam and in the Middle East. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law (Class of 1977). Michael served as the Mayor of the City of Decatur, Georgia from 1985 until 1993. Michael is currently the Vice-Chairperson of the State Bar's Indigent Defense Committee and has served as Chairperson of the State Bar of Georgia's Criminal Law Section.

Michael Stoops

Michael Stoops is the Acting Executive Director for the Washington, D.C.-based National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH). Since 1972, he has been working full-time (primarily as a volunteer) with homeless/formerly homeless people and homeless advocacy groups. He was a founding board member of NCH, and joined NCH's staff in 1988. Since 1988, he has worked to establish and provide ongoing support to local/statewide homeless/housing coalitions, and homeless self-help and social justice/action groups. He is the project director for NCH's National Homeless Civil Rights Organizing Project. He also coordinates NCH's national events: National Homeless Voter Registration Week (every election cycle), National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. He has a bachelor's degree in social work and an honorary Ph.D. given to him in recognition of his longstanding work in the movement to end homelessness

Michele Waslin

Michele Waslin, Ph.D., is the Director of Immigration Policy Research at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest, national, constituency-based Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States. In this capacity, Dr. Waslin tracks and analyzes immigration-related legislation at the national and state levels, advocates on behalf of the Latino community, conducts public education and media outreach, and provides technical assistance and training to community-based organizations. Previously she worked as Policy Coordinator at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. She received her Ph.D. in 2002 in Government and International Studies from the University of Notre Dame, and holds an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in Political Science from Creighton University.

Milner S. Ball

Milner S. Ball, Caldwell Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Georgia, is an ordained Presbyterian minister who writes and teaches in such fields as constitutional law, law and theology, Native American law, and jurisprudence. He has been a proponent of the practice of public interest law and founded the School's Public Interest Practicum in 1992. He holds degrees from Princeton (1958, bachelor's), Harvard (1961, divinity), and Georgia (law). He came to Athens to be a campus minister in 1966 and graduated from the Law School in 1971 where he was editor-in-chief of the Law Review and first in his class. He then taught at Rutgers-Camden before returning to Athens in 1978.

He is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Called by Stories: Biblical Sagas and Their Challenge for Law* (2000), *The Word and The Law* (1993), and *Lying Down Together* (1985). Ball was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Tubingen and a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Iceland. Milner is married to the artist June Ball.

Nancy Lindbloom

Nancy R. Lindbloom is an attorney with the Georgia Legal Services Program. She has practiced law in Georgia for more than 25 years, with an emphasis on issues impacting the lives of low income children and their families. Her work with Georgia Legal Services includes: training and technical assistance for legal staff and clients on TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), food stamps, child support enforcement issues, job training & education for low income mothers and acting as co-counsel with regional office staff in state and federal litigation. Additionally, she has engaged in pro bono work including advocacy with the Georgia state legislature on budget issues and legislation impacting low income children. She received her B. A. degree from Gettysburg College, and her J. D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Norman S. Fletcher

Norman S. Fletcher served on the Georgia Supreme Court from 1990-2005, as Presiding Justice from 1995-2001 and Chief Justice from 2001-2005. In 2003, Fletcher was the leading voice for indigent defense reform in Georgia, a proponent of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act's enactment and execution. Georgians can also thank Fletcher for facilitating increased productivity and efficiency by establishing the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Court Technology, a data collection mechanism to increase the effectiveness of the Georgia judicial records system.

Fletcher was born in Fitzgerald, GA, admitted to the Bar in 1958 after receiving his B.A. and LL.B from the University of Georgia. In 1995, he received his LL.M from the University of Virginia. He is currently Of Counsel with the Rome, Georgia law firm of Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis where his practices include mediations, arbitrations, trials and appeals.

Phyllis Holmen

Phyllis currently serves as Executive Director of Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP), a position she has held since June 1990. GLSP is a non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal services to low-income Georgians who live outside the metro Atlanta area, through ten locations throughout the state. Phyllis began her legal career with GLSP following graduation from the University of Illinois College of Law. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors, and is active with several State Bar committees.

She is a member of the President's Task Force on Access to Civil Justice of the American Bar Association, and a former member of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID) of the ABA, currently serving on its Indigent Defense Advisory Group. In April 2005 Phyllis received the Atlanta Bar Association's "Lifetime Achievement" award, and in June 2005 she received the "Traditions of Excellence" Award from the State Bar of Georgia's General Practice and Trial Section.

Robert Bush

Bush is a Senior Attorney for the Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc. He graduated from the Lumpkin School of Law at UGA in 1989. Bush then moved to Savannah that same year and worked for two years on his own. He was then hired as a staff attorney for GLSP.

A year later, Bush started the HIV/AIDS Legal Project, and he has been the staff attorney for that project ever since. He has presented at the National Conference on AIDS; the International Conference on AIDS in Durban, South Africa; several state and local conferences on HIV/AIDS legal issues. Much of his work has been healthcare-related, including direct and systemic advocacy on Medicaid, disability and other issues.

Roy Barnes

Described as a “lawyer’s lawyer” and recognized by the American College of Trial Lawyers as one of the top trial attorneys in the nation, Roy E. Barnes’ law and commitment to serving others have never wavered. A lifelong resident of Cobb County, Georgia, Roy Barnes received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and graduated with honors from the Lumpkin School of Law at UGA in 1972. Upon graduation, he went to work as a prosecutor in the Cobb County District Attorney’s office, where he stayed until opening his first law firm in 1975, The Barnes Law Group, LLC.

For over 30 years, Barnes has tried civil and criminal cases throughout Georgia and in neighboring states. His practice has concentrated primarily on civil litigation, where he has developed an expertise in consumer class action cases, medical malpractice matters, products liability law, general tort matters and commercial litigation. Barnes has appeared in more than 150 cases in the state and federal appellate courts.

Barnes has been a public servant nearly as long as he has been a lawyer. At age 26, he was elected the youngest member of the Georgia State Senate. He went on to serve a total of eight terms and was a member of the Appropriations, Rules and Transportation committees. In addition, he was Chairman of the Select Committee on Constitutional Revision, which rewrote the state’s constitution as well as Chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee. He also served as a floor leader to Governor Joe Frank Harris from 1983 to 1989. After an unsuccessful bid for the Governor’s Office in 1990, Barnes was elected to the State House of Representatives, where he served for six years and was Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and Chair of the Subcommittee on General Law.

In 1998, Barnes was elected to serve as the 80th Governor of the State of Georgia. During his term, he concentrated on education reform, health care reform, and remedies for urban growth and sprawl. He created the Georgia Cancer Coalition and served as Chair of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Southern Governor’s Association and the Education Commission of the States. He was defeated for reelection in large

part because his efforts to change the Georgia flag, a decision for which he was honored with the 2003 John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Profiles in Courage Award.

Russell C. Gabriel

Russell C. Gabriel is the director of the University of Georgia School of Law's Criminal Defense Clinics. He has a long history of experience as a public defender. He joined the school's Legal Aid and Defender Clinic in 1988 and was promoted to associate director in 1991. From 1993 to 1996, he served as a staff attorney with the Federal Defender Program, Inc., in Atlanta. In July 1996, he returned to UGA as the director of the Legal Aid and Defender Clinic. After the reorganization of the public defenders program in GA, Gabriel chose to remain at the law school and continue to teach Criminal Defense Clinics, as well as teaching courses such as Criminal Procedure, Race and the Law, and Approaches to Lawyering.

Gabriel is a member of the National and Georgia Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has been honored by the law school's student branch of the Equal Justice Foundation as an outstanding public interest attorney. He is involved in training new public defenders and speaks at criminal defense seminars. He is also a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Indigent Defense Committee. "

Sarajane N. Love

Professor Love is the Verner F. Chaffin Professor of Fiduciary Law. Her areas of expertise are trust and estates, pension regulation and women and the law. Love presents an annual lecture on case law development each year at the Georgia Probate Judges Spring Seminar and lectures regularly on wills and estate planning and legal issues pertaining to women.

Love practiced as an associate with Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan in Atlanta upon her graduation from law school, then was a staff attorney in the ACLU Southern Regional Office in Atlanta. She served as a law clerk to Judge Lewis R. Morgan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She taught at the Rutgers University-Camden School of Law from 1975-79 and at Tulane University from 1979-83 before joining the UGA Law faculty. She earned her bachelor's degree from Emory University and graduated first in her class at the University of Georgia School of Law.

Seth Cohen

Mr. Cohen graduated from from the University of Georgia with a major in Religion in 1978 (Phi Beta Kappa) and received his ABJ in Journalism from UGA in 1979. Cohen then worked as a journalist until 1986 at various newspapers, including the Augusta Chronicle, Gwinnett Daily News and Greensboro News and Record. In 1991, Cohen graduated with Highest Honors from UNC School of Law, served as a clerk with Justice Henry E. Frye of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and later became Partner with Smith, James, Rowlett & Cohen in North Carolina. His general practice includes civil

litigation, employment and labor law (representing unions), personal injury, civil rights and civil liberties, business litigation, criminal defense, post-conviction death penalty litigation, and state and federal appeals. He also serves General Counsel to ACLU of North Carolina and is an Adjunct Professor of Agency Law at Wake Forest University Law School.

Skipper StipeMaas

Skipper StipeMaas is a community economic development specialist attorney with Georgia Legal Services Program Inc. and the president of the Board of the Georgia Community Loan Fund Inc. Her position with GLSP is an extension of her experiences as a solo practitioner and Equal Justice Fellow doing environmentally and economically sustainable community-based development throughout Georgia. She has provided community-building and legal services to the Athens Land Trust, Sapelo Island Cultural Revitalization Society Inc., and numerous other community-based nonprofits. Ms. StipeMaas received her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Judge Steve C. Jones

The Honorable Judge Steve C. Jones is a native of Athens-Clarke County, a graduate of the Cedar Shoals High School and received his B.B.A. at the University of Georgia. After graduation, Judge Jones served as Director of the Child Support Recovery Unit and later developed an interest in the law. While working for the Child Support Recovery Unit, he attended the University of Georgia School of Law and received his J.D. in 1987.

On November 17, 1995, Judge Jones was appointed to the Superior Court of the Western Judicial Circuit by former Governor Zell Miller and began his term on December 1, 1995. Prior to that appointment, he served as a Municipal Court Judge (1992-95), as an Assistant District Attorney for the Western Judicial Circuit (1987-91), and as the Director of the Child Support Recovery Unit (1978-85). Judge Jones is a very active member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Western Circuit Bar Association. He is also the Chairman of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission, the former Chairman of the University of Georgia School of Law Board of Visitors, and a Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, Inc. He is also a member of the Supreme Court of Georgia Commission on Equality, and the American Judges Association. Judge Jones also serves on the board of several nonprofit organizations in Athens and has received numerous awards for his dedication to community and social organizations.

Steve Gottlieb

Mr. Gottlieb performed his undergraduate studies at Hamilton College. He attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he earned his LLB in 1969. He received the Anti-Defamation League's 1999 Elbert P. Tuttle Jurisprudence Award and the Atlanta Bar Association's Leadership Award in 2000.

Mr. Gottlieb's first job after law school was with Atlanta Legal Aid. He became a managing attorney with Atlanta Legal Aid, then moved to Savannah to manage a staff of twenty people and all litigation in an eight county region for Georgia Legal Services. After a two year stint with Georgia Legal Services, Mr. Gottlieb returned to Atlanta Legal Aid as the Deputy Director, a position which he held for three years. Mr. Gottlieb became Director of Atlanta Legal Aid in 1980 and has served in that capacity since that time.

As the Director of Atlanta Legal Aid, Mr. Gottlieb supervises 110 employees and a budget of over \$7 million. Atlanta legal Aid represents clients including the homeless, clients with AIDS and cancer, the mentally and physically disabled, elderly clients, and minority clients.

Sue Berkowitz

Sue Berkowitz is an attorney and director of the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center. South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center is dedicated to advocacy for low income people in South Carolina to effect systemic change by acting in and through the courts, legislature, administrative agencies, community and the media, and helping others do the same through education, training and co-counseling.

Prior to working with SC Appleseed she was a staff attorney with Palmetto Legal Services and the Department of Social Services. She is a graduate of University of South Carolina and Western New England College School of Law, cum laude. Her primary areas of focus are health, welfare, hunger and consumer issues. She has worked on the passage of numerous pieces of legislation and works with a number of state agencies on policy issues. Sue has published articles addressing consumer and public benefit issues, and has been awarded the SC Commission on Women's Woman of Achievement in 2002 and the Order of the Palmetto in 2003 for her work on behalf of the low income community.

Sue Colussy

Sue Colussy has been the Director of Immigration Services at Catholic Social Services for 17 years and with the agency for 20 years. She is an attorney licensed in the State of Georgia, a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association in which she has held local offices, taught at many local and national AILA meetings and has written several articles on immigration law. She served for a year as an adjunct professor of immigration law at the University of Georgia School of Law and was a contributing editor for AILA's Litigation Toolbox. CSS Atlanta is an affiliate of CLINIC, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. and Sue has served on its Diocesan Advisory Board and on the legalization advisory board to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. She was also involved in the development of the Atlanta Bar Asylum Project and serves on its board. She has been active in her church, local school and community boards and is the wife of a jewelry industry executive, mother of two grown children and grandmother of one very active 3 year old.

Sue Jamieson

Sue Jamieson is the Project Director of the Mental Health & Disability Rights Project of Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Sue has worked for three legal services programs during her 30-year career: Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Legal Services of North Carolina, and Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Her emphasis is on the basic legal rights of this population under state and federal law and finding ways to expand legal and advocacy resources to protect and enforce their rights. In 1999, in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, a case brought by Sue and others on behalf of two women in a Georgia state institution, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to place persons with disabilities who are in institutions in more integrated, community-based settings, if their clinicians agree and this is their choice. Since then, Sue's work at the ALAS rights projects has focused on ways to establish mechanisms at the individual representation level to apply and implement the ADA principle of integration. Sue has a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law. Sue was in the Peace Corps before attending law school.

Teresa Wynn Roseborough

Teresa Wynn Roseborough is a partner in the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan in Atlanta. She focuses her practice on complex litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level. Recently, Teresa argued before the en banc Eleventh Circuit on behalf of former Vice President Al Gore. From 1994-1996, Teresa served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice. She also served as law clerk for Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court during the 1987-1988. Teresa is a member of the Executive Committee of State Bar of Georgia. She is currently serving a three-year membership to the Standing Committee of the Federal Judiciary with the ABA. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Constitution Society, Leadership Georgia and The Howard School. She is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Children's School. Teresa is also the Board Chair of the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority. In 1999, Governor Roy Barnes appointed her to serve on Georgia's Judicial Nominating Committee. In 2001, she began a six-year term as a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Bar Examiners. In 2002, Teresa was appointed to the Board of Advisors for the Center for Civil Rights at the University of North Carolina. She also serves on the Supreme Court Historical Society's Publication Committee. Teresa earned her B.A. at the University of Virginia, an M.Ed at Boston University and her J.D. at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the North Carolina Law Review.

Tim Casey

Tim Casey is a Senior Attorney at Legal Momentum (the new name for NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund). His work focuses on economic security issues such as welfare, poverty and childcare. Before joining Legal Momentum in 2001, Tim served as

Policy Director at the New York Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, as Senior Attorney at the Welfare Law Center, and as the Welfare Law Coordinator at Legal Services of New York City. Tim has published many articles on welfare and poverty including "Child Poverty And Public Transfers In International Perspective." Tim received his law degree from New York University Law School in 1975. He also has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbia University.

Tom Ehr

Thomas G. Ehr is the Executive Director of the MTV Europe Foundation, the independent charitable foundation of MTV Networks Europe, which he conceived and launched with senior MTV management in 2003. Based in London, Tom oversees all of the Foundation's activities designed to educate young Europeans (chiefly via MTV's European broadcast network) regarding the critical social issues facing them and their peers, and inspire them to action.

Tom is the Executive Producer of MTV EXIT, MTV's multi-platform European campaign to End Exploitation and Trafficking (www.mtvexit.org). He also represents MTV Networks Europe in various corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Prior to joining MTV, Tom headed multimillion-dollar economic and legal transition projects for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Serbia and Kazakhstan, under contracts held by international management consultants Booz Allen Hamilton and IBM Business Consulting Services. Tom also served as President and Executive Director of international children's assistance organization War Child USA, where he secured implementation of a \$1 million donation from Luciano Pavarotti to the UNHCR to assist Kosovar refugees.

Before War Child, Tom served for a decade as attorney and Senior Counsel at the United States Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., where he acted as chief legal adviser on complex international trade negotiations including the WTO Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft, the Agreement Between the United States and the Russian Federation Concerning the Disposition of Highly Enriched Uranium Extracted from Nuclear Weapons, and various steel import quota arrangements. Tom also volunteered as an Elections Supervisor in the 1996 elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and as an Elections Observer in the historic post-apartheid 1994 South African elections. He gained his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1988, and his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1984.

Rep. Tyrone Brooks

Representative Tyrone Brooks is now known around the world as the man who brought down that old, racist, divisive symbol, the Georgia Confederate flag. He currently represents House District 63 in the Georgia General Assembly, elected in 1980. Tyrone Brooks began his career at age 15 in public service as a volunteer with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He became a full-time staffer and served many positions in the organization under Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Brooks is president

of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials (GABEO), and is also a member of the GA Legislature Black Caucus and co-founder for the People's Agenda. He has been at the forefront and involved in the struggle for freedom, justice and equality since 1960 and has been jailed 65 times for civil rights work.

During his tenure as state representative he has consistently created and supported legislation to help the poor by leading the successful movement to reactivate the town of Keysville, GA in spite of the many threats against his life. He also led the campaign against Apartheid in South Africa by championing legislation to divest all public funds controlled by the state of Georgia from that former brutal, inhumane government. He sponsored legislation calling for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and was arrested at the South African Embassy in Washington, D. C. on Thanksgiving Day (1976) and jailed for protesting the massacre in Soweto while calling for the end to the Apartheid government. Brooks works every day in the movement towards full political empowerment of African-Americans in the "American Body Politic" trying to register and educate 600,000 unregistered African-Americans in Georgia and 7 million throughout the US.

Dr. Wanda G. Parker-Jackson

Dr. Parker-Jackson is currently the Education Chairperson for the NAACP, Assistant Principal for Sumter County Schools and Online Faculty at the graduate level for Walden University in Reading and Literacy, Indiana Wesleyan University in Curriculum and Instruction and Grand Canyon University in Education Leadership. Dr. Parker-Jackson has about twenty-seven years of experience in education as an assistant principal, educational consultant, college faculty, certified online facilitator, and speech-language pathologist.

Dr. Parker-Jackson received her PhD in Education from Walden University. She also has degrees in speech pathology from Florida A&M University (Bachelors) and Florida State University (Masters).

Dr. William Hunter

Dr. Hunter is the Superintendent of McIntosh County Public Schools in Georgia. He is also the current President of CASFG, Consortium for Adequate School Funding in Georgia, which advocates for adequate school funding.

Uche Egemonye

Uche Egemonye, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Disability Law and Policy Center of Georgia, Inc. (DLPC). The DLPC is Georgia's only nonprofit dedicated to advocacy and pro bono legal representation for people with disabilities. Uche also serves on the Board of the American Coalition of Africans with Disabilities and volunteers with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation.

Prior to working with the DLPC, she was an attorney with the United Nations (Geneva) and the U.S. Immigration Court. She was also a history professor at Emory University, Spelman College, and Georgia Perimeter College. She earned a J.D./Ph.D. at Emory University and a bachelor's degree at Spelman College, *summa cum laude*.



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Art Exhibit

Location: UGA School of Law Library

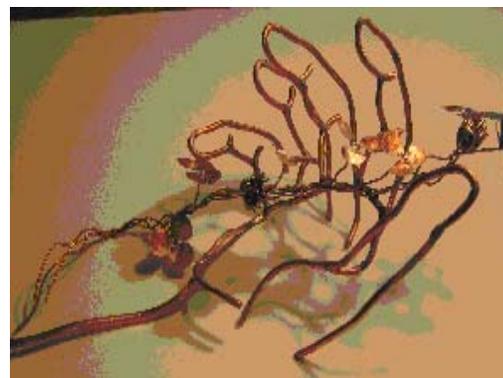
Time: All day Friday and Saturday

The Olmstead decision was a groundbreaking US Supreme Court decision that opened up many doors for persons with disabilities. Among the many effects of the case is its impact on artists with disabilities. While there were artists with disabilities prior to the Olmstead decision, the case allowed persons with disabilities to move from institutions to community settings where creativity and space to construct their work flourished.

This small exhibit of art showcases the fruits of these artists' labors. All of the art featured is generously exhibited by these artists in honor and support of our conference mission. Our hope is that these beautiful works of art will inspire law students and practitioners to take on public interest cases and remind us about what law, at its best, can achieve.



By: Sarah Hatch



By: Catherine Stefanavage





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Thank you to the artists who have generously agreed to exhibit their art:

Lois Curtis (one of the Plaintiffs from the Olmstead case)

Catherine Stefanavage

Eric Kissel

Sarah Hatch

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1. What is the cost of the conference?

Due to the generous support of our sponsors, this year's conference is free to all students and practitioners. This includes breakfast, lunch, and a coffee break on Saturday, as well as all materials needed for the conference.

2. Can I just register for the keynote speech on Friday morning?

Yes, you can just register only for the keynote speech. However, seating in the UGA Chapel is limited and, if seating becomes an issue, priority will be given to those who are attending the entire conference. We will contact all persons who register prior to the keynote to inform you if you will be able to attend.

3. Can I request free housing with a law student?

Only students are allowed to register for free housing.

4. If I request to be housed with a law student, am I guaranteed a spot?

We hope to fulfill all requests for student housing. However, we cannot guarantee this. As we get closer to the conference we will be able to assess how much capacity we have for housing. Housing will be assigned based on the order in which registrations were received.

5. Is CLE credit available for the conference?

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The city of Athens, with a population of just over 100,000, offers small-town charm and comfort. The Classic City, as it is known, is the legal and commercial center for Northeast Georgia. The entire University of Georgia campus has been designated as an arboretum, and law students study in the most beautiful and historic section - North Campus. Here, century-old oak trees shade buildings that date from the early 1800s. Georgia Law's facilities sit on a quadrangle beside UGA's main library and are within walking distance of downtown Athens.

Local Weather Forecast

Getting Here

The UGA School of Law is served by the Atlanta-Hartsfield Airport and the Athens- Ben Epps Airport. Atlanta is located approximately 90 minutes West of Athens, GA. The WIFI Conference Team hopes to provide transportation to and from the airport FREE OF CHARGE for all students and panelists.

For assistance with transportation please contact [Heidi Taylor](mailto:heidimt@uga.edu) at heidimt@uga.edu

Airport Shuttle Services From Atlanta to Athens
AAA Shuttle
Phone: (800) 354-7874

Driving Directions

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Parking

Complementary parking passes are available for Friday and Saturday if requested during registration process.

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Students attending the WIFI Conference will have the opportunity to room with UGA Law students free of charge. In order to encourage student attendance we will do our best to set you up with comfortable and safe student housing. Student housing will be arranged via the WIFI Conference registration process.

Please contact [Kelly James](mailto:kejames@uga.edu) at kejames@uga.edu for more student lodging information.

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