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2005 Edith House Lecturer



Chief Justice Jean Hoefer Toal received her J.D. in 1968 from the University of South Carolina Law School where she served as Managing Editor, Leading Articles Editor, and Book Review Editor of the South Carolina Law Review. Chief Justice Toal practiced law for 20 years prior to her election to the South Carolina Supreme Court. She began her service as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of South Carolina on March 17, 1988. She was reelected in February of 1996 and was installed as Chief Justice on March 23, 2000 for the balance of the term of her predecessor, which expired June 30, 2004. She was again re-elected in February of 2004 and was installed as Chief Justice on June 9, 2004, for a ten-year term. She is the first and only woman to serve as a Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

The Edith House Lecture Series in the Law

"Women in the Law"

Presented by

Chief Justice Jean Toal Supreme Court of South Carolina

Thursday, March 24, 2005 3:30 p.m. Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom, School of Law

Welcome	Amy Godfrey WLSA Vice-President
Introductory Remarks	Mandi Ballard WLSA President
Introduction of Lecturer	Thomas R.R. Cobb Professor of Law
Lecture	Chief Justice Jean Toal South Carolina Supreme Court
Questions and Answers	Chief Justice Jean Toal
Conclusion	Amy Godfrey

Reception to follow in the Rotunda Hirsch Hall, University of Georgia School of Law

Women Law Students Association – University of Georgia, School of Law

As one of the largest law student organizations, the Women Law Students Association provides educational, professional, and social events that benefit all students, with a focus on women in law. Past activities include panels such as "Women in the Legal Profession: A View from the Bench," co-sponsored with the Black Law Students Association, lectures such as "Making it to the Top: What Every Woman (and Man) Should Know about the Business of Law Firms," presented by Lind Klein, former President of the Georgia Bar Association, and the annual faculty-student wine and cheese social. The highlight of WLSA's yearly schedule is the Edith House Lecture

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Previous Edith House Lectures:

Linda Hamilton Krieger, Professor of Law, University of California, Berkley, "Naturalizing Anti-Discrimination Law." February 25, 2004.

Kathy Hall-Martinez, Director of the International Program, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, "Using Legal Strategies to Promote Women's Reproductive Rights: Achievements and Challenges." March 3, 2003.

Dr. Kelly Askin, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University, "Securing Justice for Women in the U.N. International War Crimes Tribunals and Beyond." March 26, 2002.

Dorothy Robers, Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, "Missing Voices: Black Mothers and the Politics of Child Welfare." February 15, 2001.

Susan Oki Mollway, U.S. District Judge, Hawaii, "Getting Confirmed as a Federal Judge." October 6, 1999.

Sarah Weddington, Associate Professor, University of Texas, "Roe v. Wade – 25 Years Later." September 23, 1998.

Anne M. Coughlin, Research Professor, University of Virginia, "Sex and Guilt." October 15, 1997.

Martha S. West, Professor of Law, University of California, Davis, "What's In It For Me: Why Don't White Women Support Affirmative Action?" October 24, 1996.

Mary E. Becker, Professor of Law, University of Chicago, "The First Amendment and Sexual Harassment in School and Work." November 2, 1995.

Chief Judge Dorothy Toth Beasley, Georgia Court of Appeals, "Why are We Here?" January 25, 1995.

Brooksley E. Born, Partner, Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C., "Private Practice/Public Service: Reminiscences on the Women's Right Movement." March 9, 1994.

Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, "Mainstreaming Feminist Legal Theory and the Production of Legal Knowledge." March 12, 1993.

Patricia J. Williams, Associate Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin, "Banished Bodies." March 13, 1992.

Mari J. Matsuda, Associate Professor of Law, University of Hawaii, "Toward a Feminist Theory Interconnecting Subordinations." April 8, 1991.

Patricia A. Cain, Professor of Law, University of Texas, "A Postmodern Feminist Critique of Equal Protection Doctrine." March 15, 1990.

Martha Minow, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, "Diversity: Gender, Religion, and Race." March 16, 1989.

R. Lea Brilmayer, Nathan Baker Professor of Law, Yale University, "International Affairs and the Implausibility of Democracy." April 6, 1998.

Antonia Handler Chayes, Chairman, ENDISPUTE Inc., "Beyond Negotiation: Alternative Dispute Resolution." March 12, 1987.

Elaine Vogel-Polsky, Professor of Law, University Libre de Bruxelles, "Positive Action Within the European Economic Community." September 25, 1985.

Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson, Supreme Court of Wisconsin, "Justice and Juror." March 7, 1985.

The Honorable Gladys Keller, Superior Court, District of Columbia, "The Crisis in Child Support." April 3, 1984.

Nadine Taub, Professor of Law, Rutgers University, "Refining the Equality Principle: Formal Equality, Substantive Equality, and Special Treatment for Women." May 3, 1983.

Edith House



Edith Elizabeth House, a native of Winder, Georgia, was covaledictorian of the Class of 1925, and one of the first two women to graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following graduation, Ms. House practiced law for four years in Clearwater, Florida. She was the appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and held that post for the next thirty years. When the Southern District was subdivided to create the new Middle District, Ms. House was appointed to the post of United States Attorney for the new Southern District. Ms. House retired in 1963. She lived in Jacksonville, Florida until her death in 1987. It is in her honor that this lecture series is dedicated.



