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Rebecca Hanner White

As the cover of this annual report illustrates, the recently completed law school renovation is aesthetically pleasing, and I am looking forward to showing you the details in person on your next visit to campus.



However, you need to know that this is much more than a facelift designed for aesthetics. These changes have allowed us to repurpose underutilized areas and address overcrowding of public spaces and offices resulting in a modernized complex that better facilitates the learning of law on the university's beautiful and historic North Campus. I know you will be as proud of this work as we are.

We are even prouder of the recognition the law school continues to receive on a variety of fronts. In a world increasingly focused on measuring success by counting things, we are faring very well indeed. An examination of numbers frequently considered – entering class credentials, comparative tuition costs and graduation/bar passage rates – reveals the basis for Georgia Law's solid reputation in the field of legal education.

Recently, Georgia Law has been recognized for offering the most clinical opportunities (2nd), for a high graduate standard of living (2nd), for being a best value (5th), for its graduates securing a high number of federal judicial clerkships (6th), for having one of the top moot court programs (8th) and for providing the most financial value (10th), as well as for being selected as one of the greenest law schools in the country.

It is our faculty, students, alumni and staff who make such recognition possible. They are the foundation of our law school's excellent reputation and continued success.

During this past year, we have been in the position to make great hires, promote deserving individuals, offer invitations to influential and distinguished guests to come to campus, and extend scholarships to outstanding prospective students, as well as to expand and rework various programs. The following will provide you with some highlights.

Faculty

Earlier this fall we welcomed an outstanding group of new professors to Georgia Law. They are:



Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law Larry Thompson

Former Deputy Attorney General for the United States Larry D. Thompson is our new John A. Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law. Larry, who recently retired as senior vice president of government affairs, general counsel and secretary from PepsiCo, is teaching courses in the areas of corporate law and white collar crime. Previously, he was a Senior Fellow with The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., and

a partner in the Atlanta office of King & Spalding, and he also served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. Larry earned his bachelor's degree from Culver-Stockton College, his master's from Michigan State University and his law degree from the University of Michigan.



Woodruff Chair in International Law
Diane Marie Amann

Diane Marie Amann is the new holder of the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law. She comes from the University of California at Davis, where she served as a professor and was the founding director of the California International Law Center. A former judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and for Judge Prentice H. Marshall of the U.S. District Court for the

Northern District of Illinois, Diane is teaching International Law and the Laws of War. She earned her B.S. with highest honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, her M.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles and her J.D. *cum laude* from Northwestern University, where she served as note and comment editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. She also has a Dr.h.c. in law from the Universiteit Utrecht in the Netherlands.



Professor Joe Miller

Joseph S. "Joe" Miller, who specializes in intellectual property law, is a full professor teaching Patent Law, Intellectual Property Law Survey and Antitrust Law. With approximately 10 years of teaching experience, he comes to Athens from Lewis & Clark Law School. Previously, he worked as an attorney in the Antitrust Division of the U.S.

Department of Justice and served as a judicial clerk for Judge Paul R. Michel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Joe earned his B.A. from St. John's College, where he graduated first in his class, and his M.S. and J.D. *cum laude* from Northwestern University, where he was the articles editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review*.



Associate Professor
Beth Burch

Elizabeth "Beth" Chamblee Burch is serving as an associate professor and is teaching in the areas of complex litigation, mass torts and civil procedure. Before coming to Georgia Law, she taught at the Florida State University College of Law and the Samford University Cumberland School of Law, and she worked as an associate at Holland & Knight in Atlanta. Beth earned her

B.A. *cum laude* from Vanderbilt University and her J.D. *cum laude* from Florida State University, where she served as the writing and research editor for the *Florida State University Law Review*.



Associate Professor
Elizabeth Weeks
Leonard (J.D. '99)

Georgia Law 1999 alumna Elizabeth Weeks Leonard is an associate professor teaching Torts, Health Law Survey and Health Care Finance. Most recently from the University of Kansas, Elizabeth previously worked as an associate at Vinson & Elkins in Houston and served as a judicial clerk for Judge Jacques L. Wiener Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and for Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Supreme

Court of Texas. Her B.A. is from Columbia University. While studying at Georgia Law, where she graduated *summa cum laude* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif, she was editor-in-chief of the *Georgia Law Review*.



Assistant Professor
Jaime Dodge

Previously a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer at Harvard Law School, Jaime L. Dodge is an assistant professor teaching Complex Litigation, Bankruptcy, and Dispute Resolution and Systems Design. Previously, she served as a judicial clerk for Judge John T. Noonan Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit and practiced law in San Francisco at Paul Hastings

and Gibson Dunn. Jaime earned her B.A. from Dartmouth College, her Masters in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University and her J.D. from Harvard, where she served as the Supreme Court chair of the *Harvard Law Review*.



Instructor Thomas Burch

Also new to our faculty is Thomas V. Burch, who is an instructor teaching Appellate Advocacy, Contract Drafting and Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar. From Florida State University, Thomas has also been an associate at Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee, at Balch & Bingham in Birmingham and at King & Spalding in Atlanta. He earned two bachelor's degrees from Mississippi State University before obtaining his J.D from Florida State University, where

he served as legislative editor of the *Florida State University Law Review*.

I am pleased to share that nine of our professors were awarded new titles during the past 12 months.



Associate Dean for Faculty Development, University Professor & Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law
Dan Coenen

University Professor and holder of the Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law Dan T. Coenen has been appointed the law school's new associate dean for faculty development (which was vacated earlier this year by Post Professor Paul J. Heald, who is currently teaching at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). In this role, Dan will work closely with the law school's faculty, especially its junior professors, to expand and promote scholarly

activities. A Georgia Law faculty member since 1987, Dan teaches in the areas of constitutional law and contracts. He is the recipient of several teaching awards, including UGA's highest teaching honor – the Josiah Meigs Award. Previously, he served as a judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun and for Chief Judge Clement F. Haynsworth Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. He also practiced law in the Charlotte office of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson.



Distinguished Research Professor & Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law Wally Hellerstein

Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law Walter "Wally" Hellerstein has been named a UGA Distinguished Research Professor. This title is awarded to those who are internationally recognized for their original contributions to knowledge and whose work promises to foster continued creativity in their discipline. (Typically this title is bestowed on no more than five professors campus-wide each year.) Widely

regarded as the nation's leading academic authority on state and local taxation, Wally joined the law school's faculty in 1978. He has served as a judicial clerk for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, in the Honors Program of the Air Force General Counsel's Office and practiced law at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C.

In June, Peter A. Appel became the inaugural holder of the



Smith Professor
Peter Appel

Alex W. Smith Professorship of Law, which was established in memory of well-known Atlanta attorney, civic leader and philanthropist Alexander Wyly Smith III (LL.B.'49). Peter joined Georgia Law in 1997, and he teaches Property, Natural Resources Law, Environmental Law and Animal Law. Prior to entering academe, he worked for six years as an attorney with the Environment and Natural

Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He also clerked for Chief Judge Gilbert S. Merritt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.



Marshall Chair of Constitutional Law
Randy Beck

Additionally, Randy Beck became the first holder of the Justice Thomas O. Marshall Chair of Constitutional Law, which was established by Angie Fitts Marshall in honor of her late husband, Thomas O. Marshall Jr. (LL.B.'48). Randy teaches Property, Trusts and Estates, Constitutional Law and Christian Perspectives on Legal Thought. He is the recipient of several teaching awards at Georgia

Law. Prior to entering the teaching academy, Randy worked for more than five years as a general litigation associate with the law firm Perkins Coie in Seattle and served as a judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and for Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.



Professor Lori Ringhand

Lori A. Ringhand was promoted to the rank of full professor. She joined Georgia Law during 2008, and she instructs in the areas of constitutional law, election law, and state and local government. In 2010, Lori received Georgia Law's C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching. Previously she taught at the University of

Kentucky College of Law and served as a visiting scholar at the Oxford Institute of European and Comparative Law.

Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge, who joined the Georgia Law faculty in 2008, was also named a full professor. His teaching and research interests include international dispute resolution, arbitration, international business transactions and the U.S.



Professor Bo Rutledge

Supreme Court. A former law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and for Chief Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, Bo served as a Fulbright Scholar last academic year.

Fazal Khan, who also has a medical degree, was appointed to associate professor of law with tenure. He joined the law school faculty during 2006, and he teaches in the areas of health law and policy, bioethics, public health law and international products liability. Previously, Fazal practiced law as a litigation associate with Jenner & Block in Chicago.



Associate Professor
Fazal Khan

Sonja R. West was named an associate professor with tenure. Teaching Constitutional Law, Media Law and the U.S. Supreme Court, she came to Georgia Law during 2006. Formerly a Hugo Black Faculty Fellow at the University of Alabama School of Law, she has also served as a judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and for Judge Dorothy W. Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.



Associate Professor
Sonja West

Specializing in international law, Harlan G. Cohen was promoted to associate professor, and he is a candidate for tenure this year. Prior to joining the Georgia Law faculty in 2007, he served as a Furman Fellow at the New York University School of Law. Additionally, Harlan worked in the New York City office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and served as a judicial clerk for Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.



Associate Professor
Harlan Cohen

As I have often said, the Georgia Law faculty prides itself on striking the very important balance of excellence both in and out of the classroom. Our faculty members strengthen and maintain their expertise in the classroom by conducting meaningful research and producing thought-provoking scholarship.

During the past 18 months, articles written by Georgia Law professors have been published, or will soon be published, in journals from some of the nation's top law schools. These schools include: Boston, Emory, Harvard, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Notre Dame, NYU, Stanford, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Washington and Lee, and UCLA. Furthermore, publishers such as the Oxford University Press, the Cambridge University Press, the University of Toronto Press, the Yale University Press, Aspen Publishers, LexisNexis and Thompson/West have printed, or will soon be printing, books carrying the work of our faculty.

In addition to written scholarship, several of our professors have served the teaching academy, the legal profession and the broader community with distinction during the past 12 months. Key appointments and honors include:

Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism Lonnie T. Brown Jr. was named a UGA Senior Teaching Fellow for the 2011-12 academic year. (Only eight senior level professors are chosen university-wide each year.) Lonnie was also appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's Formal Advisory Opinion Board and to the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam Drafting Committee by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Associate Professor Harlan Cohen was named co-chair of the American Society of International Law's 2012 Annual Meeting and was chosen to be an executive committee member of ASIL's International Legal Theory Interest Group.

Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Paul M. Kurtz received the Athens Justice Project's Milner S. Ball Social Justice Award for his tireless work on behalf of indigent criminal defense in Georgia, on reform of family law nationally and for countless community organizations and causes.

Professor Lori Ringhand received a Congressional Research Grant from The Dirksen Congressional Center. She and her fellow awardee, political scientist Paul M. Collins Jr., will use the grant to expand the scope of their research on the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process.

Director of the Law Library Carol A. Watson (J.D.'87) was elected the 2011-12 president of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

On a very sad note, I regret to share with you the passing of two of Georgia Law's most respected professors and alumni. In April, we lost Milner S. Ball, the holder of the Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law, who retired from the law school in 2007 after almost 30 years of teaching and service. A 1971 Georgia Law graduate, he taught Law and Religion, Race and Law, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence.

And, in June, Hosch Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre lost her yearlong battle with cancer. A 1988 alumna of Georgia Law, she joined the law school faculty in 1994 and specialized in education law and contract law. I know you share in the grief of their surviving spouses, June and Bill, respectively, and other family members.

Distinguished Guests

Each year, distinguished visiting professors enrich the scholarly environment and help to broaden the curriculum offered at Georgia Law. Joining us for the entire academic year are Mercer University School of Law's Michael D. Sabbath, who will instruct Payment Systems, Contracts, and Sale and Lease of Goods; and Sally R. Weaver, who recently retired from the University of Montana School of Law and who will teach Contracts, Legal Drafting for Transactional Practice and Unincorporated Business Associations. For the fall term, we are hosting the Southern Center for Human Rights' Stephen B. Bright, who will teach Counsel for Indigent Criminal Defendants, and the Delaware Court of Chancery's former Chancellor William B. Chandler III, who will lead a course in advanced corporations. During the spring semester, University of Missouri School of Law's Dale A. Whitman will teach Real Estate Transactions and Real Estate Development.



While visiting the law school, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas (center) helped judge a moot court competition between Georgia Law and Gray's Inn of London. Representing the law school were third-year students Jennifer Case (left) and Melissa Bailey (right). Also helping critique the competition were U.S. District Court Judge Steve Jones (J.D.'87) and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Lisa Godbey Wood (J.D.'90).

Another sign of being a great law school is the caliber of the guests who come to campus to meet and talk with faculty and students. In September, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spent time at Georgia Law teaching a few classes, judging the biennial international moot court exchange with Gray's Inn of London and fielding questions during a Q&A with students and faculty. We were

also fortunate to have Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal come and speak to members of the law school community during the same month.



Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Carol Hunstein served as this year's Edith House Lecturer.

In the spring, Columbia University's John C. Coffee Jr. served as the 107th Sibley Lecturer and explored the aftermath of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 as well as the current vulnerability of the U.S. financial system. Delivering the 29th Edith House Lecture was Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Carol W. Hunstein, who shared her insights on being a woman in the judiciary and, more generally, on being a woman in the legal profession. And, at graduation, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed delivered the keynote address.

Other prominent speakers hosted during the past academic year were Paul Begala, political commentator and former counselor to President Bill Clinton, and Tomiko Brown-Nagin, author of the book *Courage to Dissent: Atlanta and the Long History of the Civil Rights Movement*.

Conferences also enhance the intellectual atmosphere at our law school and promote important dialogue on timely matters. Key symposia coordinated by the Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy during the past year include: "15 Years of TRIPS Implementation: International Intellectual Property Protection from a Global Perspective," where IP law experts from around the country gathered to discuss the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights; "The Future of International Trade: An American Perspective," which explored where the United States currently stands and its future with regard to international trade and featured Ambassador Demetrios Marantis, a deputy U.S. trade representative; and "Fallout: The Future of Nuclear Security and Non-Proliferation," where the U.N. Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was discussed and ideas regarding the future legal framework for nuclear non-proliferation, balancing nuclear energy and security needs, and emerging nuclear threats were shared.

Other symposia included the 23rd Annual Red Clay Conference titled "Coastal Change: A 'Shore' Thing" that featured Savannah Mayor Otis S. Johnson and Altamaha Riverkeeper Sonja M. Cox (J.D.'00) as well as the Sixth Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference that featured Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Steve Gottlieb.

To help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of UGA, the Davenport-Benham Black Law Students Association organized a February re-enactment of the legal trial that led to the desegregation of the university, which was followed by a panel discussion featuring Georgia Supreme Court Justice and the second African-American Georgia Law graduate Robert Benham (J.D.'70); U.S. District Court Judge Horace T. Ward, who represented Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter during the original trial and who was denied admission to the law school himself during the 1950s; *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* education reporter Maureen Downey; and attorney Kenneth I. Dious (J.D.'73). (Of special note, this event earned UGA's S.O.A.R. Award for Outstanding Campus Event.) Then, in August, Georgia Law Review members hosted "Civil Rights or Civil Wants?" which explored civil and human rights issues of today and tomorrow and featured Georgia House of Representatives Minority Leader Stacey Y. Abrams.



Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham (J.D.'70) (left) and U.S. District Court Judge Horace Ward (right) were among those who participated in a panel discussion following a re-enactment of the legal trial that desegregated UGA.

Moreover, last month, students convened the Georgia Association of Law and Politics Symposium, which provided a forum to discuss current political issues in our state and featured Georgia Court of Appeals Chief Judge John J. Ellington (J.D.'85), Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Carol Hunstein, District Attorney for the Western Judicial Circuit Kenneth W. Mauldin (J.D.'80), Georgia Superior Court of the Western Circuit Chief Judge Lawton E. Stephens (J.D.'81), U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia Edward J. "Ed" Tarver (J.D.'91) and Georgia Senate President Pro Tempore Tommie Williams, among others.

On the international front, the Rusk Center's International Judicial Training Program (coordinated in partnership with the Georgia Institute of Continuing Judicial Education) passed the 1,000 participant mark this past year. Since the IJTP's

inception in 1998, judges and court personnel from Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana and the United Arab Emirates have been introduced to the U.S. judicial system with the goal of providing potential ways to strengthen their own judicial systems.

Students

Georgia Law's entering classes continue to be among the best in the nation. This year's entering class is the most academically talented and diverse class in the history of our law school. This class has a median Law School Admission Test score of 165, which is a school record. Moreover, this is the second consecutive year in which the 75th and 25th percentile LSAT scores were 166 and 162 respectively, which also represent school bests. These results place 65 percent of this class in the top 6 percent of LSAT test takers nationwide. The class' median GPA was an impressive 3.6.

Entering Class of 2011 Statistics

	Median LSAT Score	Median Undergraduate GPA
75th Percentile	166*	3.8
Median	165*	3.6
25th Percentile	162*	3.3

* Represents a school record.

Of the 225 students composing the Class of 2014, almost 30 percent indicated they are members of a minority group, which reflects a school record as well. African-Americans comprise the largest subgroup at 37.

Members of the Class of 2014 claim 26 different states as home, and they studied at 88 undergraduate institutions. The most common being: UGA (58), Furman University (11), the Georgia Institute of Technology (10), Emory University (8), Georgia State University (7), Georgia Southern University (6), the University of South Carolina (6) and Florida State University (4).

This year's Master of Laws class, composed of primarily foreign lawyers, includes nine students from countries such as Belarus, Bulgaria, China, France, Germany, Nigeria and Northern Ireland.

The challenging economic climate facing us all has been particularly tough for our law students seeking legal work and especially for our most recent graduates. A few bright spots in this area include: approximately 96 percent of the Class of 2010 was employed within nine months after graduation (the official reporting period of the National

Association for Law Placement) and the average private practice starting salary was approximately \$108,000.

As mentioned earlier in this report, our students continue to be considered and selected in the prestigious and competitive judicial clerkship arena. More than 14 percent of the Class of 2010 received judicial clerkships. And, as I proudly announced last fall, 2009 Georgia Law alumnus Brian C. Lea became our fifth graduate to secure a U.S. Supreme Court clerkship in seven years. He is currently serving Justice Thomas.

Despite these impressive numbers, I ask that if you or your organization plan to do any hiring to please contact your alma mater. You are well aware of the hard work that is required to earn a Georgia Law degree and of the excellent foundation your law school provides.

We have made some recent changes to the school's career services team. Paul B. Rollins was recently promoted to associate dean for administration and now supervises legal career services and professional development as well as oversees the law school's J.D. and LL.M. admissions processes and portions of student affairs and registrar operations.

Additionally, David P. O'Brien has been hired as legal career services director and comes to Georgia Law with approximately 20 years of experience as a practicing attorney in a variety of legal fields. He earned his bachelor's degree *cum laude* from Harvard University and his law degree *cum laude* from Cornell University, where he was notes editor for the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

The former director, Beth Shackelford, now serves as our director of professional development and seeks to provide more professional development opportunities for our students.

I am confident our current career services staff will be able to assist you in finding the quality legal help you need.

As prefaced earlier, Georgia Law students obtain a great legal education while they are studying at UGA. This educational base includes service learning opportunities. Over the past decade, the school has nearly doubled its clinical offerings and now has 13 such programs.

Our newest is the Washington, D.C., Semester in Practice program, which will launch this coming spring and will allow up to 15 students to live and work in our nation's capital for a semester while earning course credit. Heading up this new initiative is 1997 Georgia Law alumna Jessica L. Heywood, who has lived for the past nine years in the

D.C. area, where she worked as an associate at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi before joining The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. At the school, she served as director of the Office of Career & Professional Development, as an instructor for the school's legal externship program and, most recently, as director of employer outreach.



Georgia Law students now have the opportunity to live and work in Washington, D.C., for a semester as part of the school's newest service learning opportunity.

Service learning opportunities provide a crucial skill development component to one's legal education. For instance, this past year, through the Appellate Litigation Clinic and under the direction of Associate Professor Erica J. Hashimoto, third-year students drafted and filed both an opening brief and a reply brief and one student argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case of *Anderson v. Holder*.

Also, six Prosecutorial Clinic students assisted with the State of Georgia's response to an out-of-time appeal filed by a man who was convicted of child molestation in 1997. Clinic Director Alan A. Cook (J.D.'84), who successfully tried the original case when he was the district attorney in Walton County, drafted the brief while his students provided the supporting research used to refute the appellant's enumerations of error.

I have shared with you before that international study and work abroad opportunities are in high demand by today's law students. This past summer, a record 25 percent of the first-year class participated in one or more of the school's international offerings.

The school's long running Brussels study abroad program was reworked this year. This ABA-approved, four-week offering remains focused on providing an introduction to the legal system of the European Union but now also incorporates an international trade emphasis. Furthermore, this program now takes place in two countries – Belgium