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# Justice Melton returns to Athens

A little over six months ago, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Georgia Law alumnus Harold D. Melton (J.D.'91) to the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Previously, Melton served as executive counsel to the Georgia governor, representing the state leader on legal issues covering the entire scope of state government. He also served in the Attorney General's Office for nearly 12 years, where he worked in the fiscal affairs and business finance sections and was a senior assistant to the attorney general

over the consumer interests section.

At the request of the Davenport-Benham Chapter of the Black Law Students Association, Melton returned to campus in late October. While on campus, he addressed the student body, attended a reception with faculty and students, and was given a tour to view some of the recent law school renovations.

During his address to students, he said some of the life lessons he has learned are:

1) Be where you are – Be prepared academically and professionally so you

can take advantage of the opportunities before you and be faithful to the task at hand.

- 2) Work on your internal engine – What will separate you is who you are as a person. Who you are will make the difference. Your preparation is everything you have done all of your life.
- 3) Be idealistic – Great things have been accomplished by those who have been idealistic and committed to their principles.



*Georgia Law faculty enjoyed the opportunity to talk with newly-appointed Georgia Supreme Court Justice Harold Melton when he was in Athens. Pictured here are (l. to r.) Associate Professor Lonnie Brown, Melton, Dean Rebecca White and Associate Professor Randy Beck.*



*Melton shares a few words with second-year students Enjolique Aytch (left) and Lauren Bellamy prior to his question and answer session with students.*