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## Dean's Report 2007

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Dean Rebecca Hanner White

It is always a pleasure to provide you with my annual *Dean's Report* as it offers me the opportunity to reflect over the past year's accomplishments.

During the past several years, we have concentrated our efforts on strengthening our faculty and expanding the curriculum; recruiting the very best students, who will become the future leaders of our state, region and country; and increasing monetary contributions to the school. The growth in the law school's record of private giving has provided much needed resources for advancement. In this report, you will see the progress your generous support of the School of Law has afforded during the last 12 months.

### Faculty

Much of Georgia Law's success stems from its dedicated and accomplished faculty. Our faculty continues to excel in the classroom, while producing some of our country's top legal scholarship. Our professors have works recently published by or forthcoming from the Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press, Yale University Press, Aspen Publishers, Thomson/West and LexisNexis, among others. For example, earlier this year, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Woodruff Chair in International Law Daniel M. "Dan" Bodansky published his book *The Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law* (Oxford University Press), and University Professor and Hosch Professor Dan T. Coenen published *The Story of The Federalist: How Hamilton and Madison Reconciled America* (Twelve Tables Press). Both Dan Bodansky and Hosch Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre (J.D. 1988) also have titles in progress with the Harvard University Press.

Building on Georgia's tradition of outstanding scholarship, our junior faculty members have been quite productive. Forthcoming articles include: Assistant Professor Robert P. "Bobby" Bartlett III's article "Taking Financing Seriously: How Debt Financing Distorts Bidding Outcomes in Corporate Takeovers" in the *Fordham Law Review*, Assistant Professor Harlan G. Cohen's article "Finding International Law: Rethinking the Doctrine of Sources" in the *Iowa Law Review*, Assistant Professor Erica J. Hashimoto's article "The Price of Misdemeanor Representation" in the *William and Mary Law Review*, Assistant Professor Usha Rodrigues' article "The Fetishization of Independence" in the *Journal of Corporate Law*, and Assistant Professor Jason M. Solomon's article "Judging Plaintiffs" in the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and review essay "Law and Governance in the Post-Regulatory State" in the *Texas Law Review*. A few recently published pieces by junior faculty include Bobby Bartlett's "Venture Capital, Agency Costs, and the False Dichotomy of the Corporation" in 54 *UCLA Law Review* 37 (2006) (reprinted in 49 *Corporate Practice Commentator* 183 (2007)); Erica Hashimoto's "Defending the Right of Self-Representation: An Empirical Look at the Pro Se Felony Defendant" in 85 *North Carolina Law Review* 423 (2007) and Assistant Professor Sonja R. West's article "The Story of Me: The Underprotection of Autobiographical Speech" in 84 *Washington University Law Review* 905 (2006).

It is no secret that Georgia Law professors are routinely recognized by their academic peers as well as by the broader legal profession for their teaching prowess, scholarly work and contributions to the legal community.



Cleveland Chair and  
Josiah Meigs  
Distinguished Teaching  
Professor Ron Ellington

One of the most notable recognitions during the last 12 months was Cleveland Chair C. Ronald Ellington's receipt of UGA's highest teaching honor, the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professorship (He is the fourth on our faculty to win this coveted title.). Ron also received the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association Lifetime Achievement Award earlier this month.

Additionally, Ron and Hosch Professor Thomas A. Eaton led panel discussions - "The Universal Standard of Civility in the Legal Profession" and "Civil Rights in the South," respectively - at the Federal Bar Association Annual Meeting and Convention in September.

Professor David A. Brennen has been selected to serve as the deputy director of the Association of American Law Schools for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years.

Associate Professor Lonnie T. Brown, Jr., became UGA's first administrative fellow, which will enable him to gain administrative experience by spending a year working with the provost's office.

Julian A. Cook III was promoted to the rank of full professor and continues to teach in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence.

Hosch Professor Anne Dupre was selected as a UGA senior teaching fellow. She is one of eight faculty members selected campus-wide for this honor that recognizes dedicated teaching scholars and values the synergistic relationship between teaching, research and service.

Civil Clinics Director and Associate Professor Alexander W. Scherr helped to land a \$100,000 National Science Foundation grant to study the impact that legal practices have on the formation of a community's identity. He is the first full-time UGA law professor to receive a grant from the NSF.

Additionally, Environmental Law Practicum Director Laurie A. Fowler (J.D. 1983) received three honors - the Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in University Public Service and Outreach, the 2007 Georgia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society Merit Award and the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service Regional Director's Conservation Award (Land Use Clinic Managing Attorney Jamie Baker Roskie (J.D. 2001) also played a role in earning this honor.).



Assistant Professor  
Harlan Cohen

I am pleased to report three new assistant professors have joined the Georgia Law faculty. Specializing in international law, Harlan Cohen comes from the New York University School of Law where he was a Furman Fellow. Previously, he worked as an associate at the New York law firm 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. Harlan earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale University. He obtained his J.D. *magna cum laude* from New York University, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif, served as the articles editor of the *New York University Law Review* and received the Washington Foreign Law Society's Justice Robert H. Jackson Prize for best published student writing.

For the past five years, Lisa Milot has practiced with the tax firm Ivins, Phillips & Barker in Washington, D.C., where she was a special partner in the tax and estate planning group. Lisa earned her bachelor's degree from New College and her master's degree from New York University. She received her law degree from the University of Virginia, where she was inducted into the Order of the Coif and served as articles editor of the *Virginia Law Review*. At Georgia Law, she teaches in the areas of property, trusts and estates, and the taxation of non-profits.



Assistant Professor  
Lisa Milot



Assistant Professor  
Christian Turner

Christian Turner previously served as a visiting assistant professor at the Fordham University School of Law. He has also worked as an associate at the Wiggin and Dana law firm in Connecticut and as a judicial clerk for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. Christian graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of South Carolina and earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University before graduating from Stanford with his J.D. At Stanford, he served as president of the *Stanford Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. Christian teaches Land Use and Property.

Additionally, Eleanor "Ellie" Crosby Lanier is the managing attorney for the school's newest service learning program, the Mediation Practicum, which trains students to become Georgia court-related mediators. A registered mediator and arbitrator with the State of Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, Ellie previously served as a consulting attorney for The Center for Social Gerontology in Ann Arbor, Mich., and as managing attorney for the Georgia Senior Legal Hotline. She earned her bachelor's degree from Vassar College, her master's from UGA and her J.D. from Emory University.

As you may be aware, Caldwell Chair Milner S. Ball (J.D. 1971) and Professor Robert D. Brussack (J.D. 1976) retired this past academic year after nearly three decades of service to the School of Law. Also, Assistant Professor John C. Neiman, who taught Torts and Law of Legislation at the school since 2005, decided to return to private practice. I know you join me in wishing these former professors well.

We continue to expand the course offerings at the law school with the assistance of visiting professors. I am pleased to report that political consultant Paul E. Begala and former U.S. Sen. Wyche Fowler Jr. are



Political consultant Paul Begala is currently serving as a Sanders Scholar teaching Law and Policy, Politics and the Press.



This spring, former U.S. Sen. Wyche Fowler will lead a course on the U.S. Congress and the Constitution as a Sanders Scholar.

teaching at Georgia Law this year as Carl E. Sanders (J.D. 1948) Political Leadership Scholars. This semester, Paul is leading the class Law and Policy, Politics and the Press; while Sen. Fowler will be on campus in the spring teaching a course on the U.S. Congress and the Constitution.

This fall, we welcomed our second Cousins Public Interest Fellow, Julie M.T. Walker. Julie follows Torin D. Togut in this fellowship program that fosters the creation of projects to provide civil legal services to indigent Georgians and offers experienced practitioners the opportunity to focus on these needs with support from the fellowship and the School of Law. Julie's two-year project focuses on mothers who are incarcerated and seeking stable parental care for their children during their imprisonment, while Torin's program addresses the needs of parents with children who have disabilities and attend public schools. Applications for the 2008-10 fellowship can be sent to Associate Professor and Fellowship Coordinator Alex Scherr.

For the 2007-08 academic year, Harold S. Lewis Jr., the holder of Mercer University School of Law's George Chair, will teach Civil Procedure and Employment Discrimination. For the fall semester, the University of Florida's S.T. Dell Research Scholar and Professor Thomas R. Hurst is leading courses in energy law, and agency and partnership. In the spring, Mark W. Cochran, from St. Mary's University School of Law, will instruct in the areas of corporate tax and partnership tax, while Visiting Assistant Professor Tara J. Melish, who has taught in similar capacities at the University of Virginia and St. Thomas University, will teach Constitutional Law and Torts.

One of the best things about being a highly regarded law school is that we are able to attract top speakers and guests to campus. For instance, last academic year two sitting U.S. Supreme Court justices came to campus and spoke with faculty and students about the Supreme Court and their experiences. Justice Clarence Thomas visited late last calendar year, and Justice Stephen G. Breyer was present in January.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer was on campus earlier this year for a Q&A session with Georgia Law students.

Former U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Griffin B. Bell served as a Sanders Visiting Scholar, speaking about the U.S. Department of Justice and its hiring practices, and Georgia Supreme Court Presiding Justice Carol W. Hunstein delivered the keynote address at graduation.



*As the 102nd Sibley Lecturer, Co-chair of the Iraq Study Group and former Vice-chair of the 9/11 Commission Lee Hamilton delivered a speech titled "A Balanced View of American Power."*

Lee Hamilton, the co-chair of the Iraq Study Group and former vice-chair of the 9/11 Commission, delivered the 102nd Sibley Lecture that addressed how the United States could use its power around the world to pragmatically protect the country's interests and advance its values. This lecture also helped to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Dean Rusk Center.

Nationally recognized disability rights attorney and activist Harriet McBryde Johnson presented the 25th Edith House Lecture, titled "Disability Rights: A Liberation Movement for All People."

Earlier this fall, the law school hosted Maj. Gen. Jack L. Rives (J.D. 1977), the judge advocate general of the U.S. Air Force, who spoke about his career in the military and his current appointment as head of the Air Force legal team.

Also, Paul Begala, our current Sanders Scholar, delivered a speech to the university community titled "Politics 2008: Serious Business or Show Business for Ugly People?"

We were happy to have the Georgia Court of Appeals on campus earlier this year to hear three cases in the Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom. Chief Judge Anne E. Barnes (J.D. 1983) and Presiding Judge J.D. Smith (J.D. 1971) were present for this special session held in Athens to help celebrate the court's centennial anniversary.

Conferences are key ways to advance important dialogue about legal issues. As such, the Dean Rusk Center organized a two-day symposium titled The International Fight Against Terrorism: A Colloquium

on the Prospects for Further Cooperation Between the European Union and the United States, which brought speakers from around the globe to address a range of transcendent issues in the international fight against terrorism. The Rusk Center also hosted the Colloquium on Rome II: The 2007 EU Regulation on the Law Applicable to Non-contractual Obligations - European and American Perspectives last month. This conference explored new EU legislation on the law applicable to torts, compared it to approaches in U.S. law and featured the Vice President of the European Parliament, Diana Wallis.



*Throughout 2007, the Dean Rusk Center hosted conferences and speakers to help commemorate its 30th anniversary.*

The 19th Annual Red Clay Conference, which focused on land use, urban sprawl and water management issues, featured Robert J. Glennon, the University of Arizona's Udall Professor of Law & Public Policy and author of the book *Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America's Fresh Waters*, as the keynote speaker, while the Second Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference had two lead presenters - Western Circuit Superior Court Judge Steve C. Jones (J.D. 1988), the chair of the anti-poverty initiative Partners for a Prosperous Athens, and Stephen Bright, the president of the Southern Center for Human Rights.

### **Students**

The caliber of the law school's student body continues to rise. This year's entering class is the most academically talented in School of Law history. The entering Class of 2007, composed of 222 students, boasts a median undergraduate grade point average of 3.67, a school record, and a median LSAT score of 163, which ties a school record and places these students near the top 10 percent of test takers nationwide. Moreover, the top quarter of the class earned an undergraduate GPA of 3.86 or higher and/or scored 165 or better on the LSAT.

The entering Class of 2007 is 53 percent male and 47 percent female, and 42 students indicated they were members of a minority group.



### Entering Class of 2007 Credentials

|      | 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile | Median | 25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile |
|------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| LSAT | 165                         | 163*   | 159                         |
| GPA  | 3.86                        | 3.67** | 3.42                        |

\* ties a school record  
\*\* school record

Staying true to the law school's commitment to provide the finest legal education to people from the state of Georgia, 84 percent of the members of the first-year class are classified as state residents. The Class of 2010 includes residents from 15 different states as well as graduates from 74 institutions. The schools supplying the largest number of students include the University of Georgia (81), Emory University (10), the Georgia Institute of Technology (6), Georgia Southern University (6), Georgia State University (6), Washington and Lee University (6), the University of Florida (5), the University of Virginia (5) and Vanderbilt University (5).

Please note the entering Class of 2007 also has a special status. The members of this class will graduate in 2010, which is the 150th anniversary of the School of Law's first graduating class.

Important changes on the horizon for admissions at the School of Law include saying farewell to Giles W. Kennedy, who has directed that office since July 1981. Giles has played an instrumental role in the enrollment of 26 classes, and roughly 5,900 students, to the law school and will retire at the end of this month. We are currently conducting a nationwide search for his replacement. In the meantime, Gregory L. Roseboro (J.D. 1987) will continue to serve as associate director of admissions, and Ramsey Henderson Bridges (J.D. 2005) has moved from the Office of Legal Career Services to admissions to serve as assistant director.

Ten practitioners from around the globe have enrolled in our Master of Laws program. They come to us from nearly as many countries including Belgium, France, Guyana, Korea, the Philippines, Russia, Serbia, Uganda and Venezuela.

The quality of our co-curricular opportunities helps us to attract top students to Georgia Law. Over the past five years, our moot court and mock trial teams have captured four national titles, 11 regional crowns and four state trophies in addition to numerous individual and other team honors. With our 2007-08 season just underway and victories already recorded in the

First Annual Emory National Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition, the William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition and the annual Hulsey-Kimbrell Moot Court Competition, as well as our National Moot Court team qualifying to go the national tier of their tournament by placing second in the regionals, we are off to an outstanding start.

Our legal journals - the *Georgia Law Review*, the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law* and the *Journal of Intellectual Property Law* - continue to publish articles from some of the nation's leading scholars, while also promoting scholarly dialogue through conferences. One such symposium, put together earlier this year by the *Georgia Law Review*, centered on the work of Caldwell Chair Milner Ball and drew professors from around the country.



*The Global Internship Program (formerly the International Externship Program), where students work and study abroad during the summer months, is currently UGA's largest international offering in terms of geographic reach. Pictured above are 16 of the participants from this past summer who worked in countries such as Argentina, Belgium, Chile, China, India, Guyana, Ghana, Jordan, Papua New Guinea and Romania.*

One key area of expansion in recent years has been our international study and work abroad initiatives. In 2006, we debuted our semester-long study program at the University of Oxford and our Georgia Law Summer Program in China. Due to recent changes in ABA requirements, our long-running Brussels Seminar on the Law and Institutions of the European Union was able to become ABA accredited this year. Also, the Global Internship Program (formerly called the International Externship Program) continues to grow. We now have summer positions for students in more than 45 organizations in 25 countries around the globe, making it UGA's largest international offering in terms of geographic reach.

You may not be aware that Georgia Law now has nine clinics/service learning opportunities - the Criminal Defense Clinic (formerly the Legal Aid and Defender Clinic), the Prosecutorial Clinic, the Capital Assistance Project, the Civil Externship, the Family Violence Clinic, the Public Interest Practicum, the Environmental Law Practicum, the Land Use Clinic (which is currently celebrating its fifth year of operation) and the Mediation Practicum which, as stated earlier, is our newest service learning program. Moreover, the Cousins Fellowship program has a service learning component for our students. In the future, we hope to increase these very important hands-on offerings.

Our students continue to be successful on the employment front. The Office of Legal Career Services has been working hard on sustaining a near 100 percent "placement" rate for our recent graduates nine months out from graduation (the official reporting period for the National Association for Law Placement), while striving to increase the "placement" rate for each class at graduation. Just over 99 percent of the Class of 2006 was placed at the nine month mark with jobs in 23 states and an average starting salary of \$79,031, and 88 percent of the most recent graduating class, the Class of 2007, was holding an offer in May or planning to pursue post-graduate education.

I referenced earlier that Ramsey Henderson Bridges has moved from the career services office to admissions. This created a vacancy in our career services' assistant director position that has recently been filled by 2002 alumnus Kyle L. Martin, who earned a joint J.D./M.B.A. from UGA. Additionally, Tricia J. Hackleman, who holds a law degree from the University of Cincinnati, will join legal career services on a half-time basis in January. I am confident that Tricia, Kyle or Beth Kirch, the director of career services, can assist you in finding well qualified Georgia Law students and alumni for all of your legal staffing needs.

### Alumni

Our current living alumni body totals more than 8,400 individuals residing in 49 states and throughout the globe. I continue to be impressed by the number of you that remain committed to seeing your legal alma mater rise in stature among the nation's top law schools. Many of you contribute to this goal by excelling in the legal profession; by distinguishing yourself in service to the school, the bench and the bar; by donating your time to help current Georgia Law students and the school's administration and/or by providing monetary gifts to the school.



*This year's Distinguished Service Scroll Awards were presented to Ruth Knox (J.D. 1978) (left) and B.J. Bernstein (J.D. 1987).*

Earlier this summer, the Law School Association bestowed its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Scroll Award, upon two deserving alumnae - B.J. Bernstein (J.D. 1987) and Ruth A. Knox (J.D. 1978). Currently a criminal defense lawyer with her own law practice, B.J. served as an assistant district attorney in the Piedmont and Gwinnett judicial circuits for six years before entering private practice. She has had a number of high profile clients, including Genarlow Wilson, the rapper DaBrat and one of the Gold Club defendants. She has been recognized in *Atlanta Magazine's* Super Lawyer Issue as one of the top 100 lawyers in Georgia and as one of the top 50 female lawyers in the state. She has also been named in *Georgia Trend's* Legal Elite List and its "40 under 40" list in 2001. B.J. regularly provides commentary for the media on legal issues and has appeared on major television and cable networks. She is active in many legal organizations and has served as a member of the law school's Board of Visitors.

After graduating from law school, Ruth began working for Kutak Rock, a national law firm specializing in commercial real estate and public finance transactions. She worked there as both an associate and partner until she opened her own practice in 1990. During this time, she continued her real estate specialty while expanding into estate planning and corporate work. In 2003, Ruth became the 24th president of Wesleyan College and was the first alumna in the history of the college to hold that position. She has remained involved in her local community through a wide variety of civic and volunteer opportunities. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Macon and serves on numerous professional and regional community boards as well as several national boards. She has also served on the law school's Board of Visitors. Recently, Ruth was named to *Georgia Trend's* "100 Most Influential Georgians" list.



*Chief Justice John Roberts Clerk Jason Burnette (J.D. 2006) is the third Georgia Law graduate to serve as a judicial law clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court during the last three terms. His service places the School of Law among the top five public law schools supplying clerks to our nation's highest court since the October 2000 term.*

Also of special note is that 2006 alumnus Jason T. Burnette is currently serving as a judicial clerk to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court. This marks the third consecutive term that a Georgia Law graduate has served the highest court in our country in this manner and places UGA among the top five public law schools for supplying clerks to the Supreme Court since the October 2000 term.

I would also like to acknowledge the current leaders of the school's alumni boards - Michael J. Bowers (J.D. 1974), who chairs the Board of Visitors, and Steven P. Gilliam (J.D. 1974), who is president of the Law School Association. They succeeded James E. "Jim" Butler Jr. (J.D. 1977) and Eleanor Banister (J.D. 1980), respectively. The members of these boards provide valuable advice and service as we look to grow the stature of the School of Law.



One of the key areas of support is fundraising. As you may be aware, the university's capital campaign, titled Archway to Excellence, will come to a close this coming June. To date, the School of Law has raised \$19 million, \$2 million more than its stated goal. For this



*At the unveiling of the late Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Marshall's (LL.B. 1948) portrait are: (l. to r.) his widow Angie Fitts Marshall, his grandson Spence Pryor (J.D. 1999), Dean Rebecca White, and former U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Griffin Bell, a lifelong friend who served as guest speaker.*

support, I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have chosen to invest in the future of your law school. For those of you who contributed during the past fiscal year, your name can be found in this *Annual Report*.

A few key recent gifts I would like to draw your attention to follow.

Angie Fitts Marshall made a significant pledge in memory of her late husband Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Jr. (LL.B. 1948) to create the Thomas O. Marshall Jr. Chair in Constitutional Law. Family and friends gathered last month on campus to unveil a portrait of Justice Marshall, which now hangs in the law school building.

The Glover Family Foundation established the C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching. John T. Glover (J.D. 1972) and John T. Glover Jr. (J.D. 1993) directed this gift to honor one of Georgia Law's most talented professors.

Board of Visitors member Kathelen V. Amos (J.D. 1982) made an unrestricted donation, which will allow the law school to use these funds to respond to everyday needs of the school.

Kenneth M. Henson (J.D. 1947) and his wife, Sue, created a fund that will bear the Henson family name and will serve as a tribute to the support and leadership that Kenneth has provided to the law school over the years.



Georgia Law 1984 graduates Laura M. and Richard H. Jack have established a second estate gift to benefit the school. This couple continues to be thoughtful about including their alma mater in their financial planning and finding additional ways to leave a lasting legacy.

The Alexander W. Smith (LL.B. 1949) Professorship was established by the joining of two gifts from Smith Gambrell & Russell and the John and Mary Franklin Foundation. This professorship will support a faculty member in the areas of property and trusts and estates.

The law school recently received word of a generous estate gift that will support the newly established W. Seaborn Ashley Jr. (J.D. 1973) Scholarship. With this additional funding, the Ashley Scholarship will become one of the largest awarded by the law school.

Since the launch of the Archway to Excellence capital campaign, fundraising has been quite important. The growth in the Law School Fund, which provides essential operating dollars for the school each year, has been tremendous. For the 2003-04 fiscal year, approximately \$435,000 was raised as compared to just over \$663,000 this past fiscal year. In terms of overall gifts and pledges, for the year 2003-04, the School of Law received roughly \$2.3 million, whereas this past year our total was \$4.8 million. This significant upward trend must continue.

Again, for all of this financial support and commitment to Georgia Law, I thank you. The School of Law continues to be one of the best public law schools in the nation, and your investment and faith in our vision to become one of the finest law schools in the country is most appreciated.

I am also pleased to announce Trina Steele Olidge (J.D. 1997) joined our development staff earlier this fall as a major gifts officer and will be based in Atlanta, replacing Kittie Abell, who left the school in late July. Trina will bring a unique perspective to our fundraising efforts as an alumna. Also, Trina previously served as assistant dean for community and external affairs at Tulane University Law School.



*At the Champagne and Strawberries Reception for Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society members (annual donors of \$1,000 or more) are Cass and Bruce (J.D. 1951) Kirbo.*

Once again, many of you came back to campus this fall. Reunion gatherings were held for the classes of 1972, 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2002, and more than 1,300 of you joined us for the law school's annual Homecoming BBQ. Additionally, the school hosted a Champagne and Strawberries Reception for Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society members (those contributing \$1,000 or more annually) in late September.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank John (J.D. 1972) and Sandra Glover for holding our JHLS Spring Twilight Affair in their home during April. Additionally, Samuel M. "Sam" Matchett (J.D. 1984) hosted the 7th Annual African-American Alumni and Student Reception at his law firm King & Spalding, while Richard H. "Rick" Deane Jr. (J.D. 1977) co-sponsored an alumni-student gathering in conjunction with the National Bar Association Conference, which was held in Atlanta during August.

As always, alumni play an integral role in the success of any learning institution. Georgia Law is no different. The School of Law has made good progress this past year, much of which was made possible through your support. I look forward to working with you as we continue to build on our successes and further advance Georgia Law among the ranks of our nation's very finest law schools.

Sincerely,

**Rebecca Hanner White**

*Dean and J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law*