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Conference on **Problems in Discovery and Professionalism**

The University of Georgia School of Law will host a one-day conference on Problems in Discovery and Professionalism on Friday, November 15, 2002. The program will start by presenting a picture of the state of discovery in civil litigation in Georgia today through the reported results of a recent empirical survey on the frequency with which Georgia lawyers encounter various types of discovery abuse and their responses to it.

The program is intended for practitioners and judges as well as academics. An outstanding group of experienced judges, litigators, and academics will serve as panelists to consider a series of realistic scenarios in the areas of depositions and document production designed to explore the conduct and choices that give rise to problems in discovery and professionalism.

Nationally renowned speakers including Professor Arthur R. Miller of Harvard Law School and Lawrence J. Fox, the former chair of the ABA Section of Litigation, will help examine the causes of discovery abuse and consider whether new discovery rules, more certain sanctions, or different ideas about professional responsibility are needed to curb the incidence of discovery abuse.

Conference Agenda

9:00 - 9:05 a.m. Welcome

Dean David E. Shipley
University of Georgia School of Law

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Report on Discovery Survey of Georgia Lawyers

Prof. C. Ronald Ellington
University of Georgia School of Law

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Overview of the Causes and Attempted Cures of Discovery Abuse

Prof. Arthur R. Miller
Harvard Law School

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:45 - 12:15 p.m. Panel 1: Problems in Depositions

The Honorable Julie E. Carnes, United States District Court
Prof. Clark D. Cunningham, Georgia State College of Law
The Honorable Susan B. Forsling, State Court of Fulton County
Wade H. (Trip) Tomlinson, Esq., Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood
Prof. Patrick E. Longan, Mercer University Law School
John L. Watkins, Esq., McKenna Long Alderidge
Moderator: Asst. Prof. Lonnie T. Brown, University of Georgia School of Law

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch at Holiday Inn (Included in registration)

1:45 - 3:15 p.m. Panel 2: Problems in Document Production.

Prof. Anita Bernstein, Emory University School of Law
The Honorable M. Gino Brogdon, Superior Court of Fulton County
Prof. Nathan M. Crystal, University of South Carolina Law School
Ms. N. Karen Deming, Esq., Troutman Sanders
The Honorable Richard W. Story, United States District Court
Michael B. Terry, Esq., Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore
Moderator: John T. Marshall, Esq., Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Panel 3: Can Abuse of Discovery be Curbed by Stronger Notions of Professionalism?

Assoc. Dean John S. Beckerman, Rutgers-Camden Law School
James E. Butler, Jr., Esq., Butler, Wooten, Fryhofer, Daugherty & Sullivan
Jerry A. Buchanan, Esq., Buchanan & Land
The Honorable B. Avant Edenfield, United States District Court
Lawrence J. Fox, Esq., Drinker, Biddle & Reath; Former Chair, ABA Section of Litigation
The Honorable Hugh Lawson, United States District Court
Sally E. Lockwood, Esq., Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
Prof. L. Ray Patterson, University of Georgia School of Law
Moderator: Assoc. Dean A. James Elliot, Emory University School of Law

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Closing Reception

Dean Rusk Hall (4th Floor)
University of Georgia Law School

Registration

Registration fee is \$125.00, which includes lunch at the Athens Holiday Inn, CLE fees, and the closing reception. The program will carry six CLE hours including one Professionalism hour, one Legal Ethics hour, and three Trial Practice hours.

Please note that registration is limited to 100 people due to meeting space limitations.

You may register online or by mail.

Registering Online

To register online and pay by credit card, visit <http://www.law.uga.edu/alumni/RegForm2.htm>. The Law School uses a secure server and a dedicated printer. Credit card numbers are not saved on the web once a hard copy is printed

Registering by Mail or Fax:

To register by mail, please print the registration form [here](#) and mail to: Discovery and Professionalism Conference, School of Law, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-6012. You may also submit the form and credit card information by fax to (706) 542-4399.

You may pay by check or credit card if you register by mail. To pay by check, make your check in the amount of \$125.00 payable to "UGA Foundation" and note for "Discovery and Professionalism Conference."