2012 Edith House Lecturer

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Ms. Turner joined The Coca-Cola Company in January 2006 as associate general counsel in the Bottling Investments Group and was later promoted to general counsel of Coca-Cola North America. Prior to joining the company, she was a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

She also served as assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Territorial and International Affairs, a U.S. Senate-confirmed position that she accepted in 1993. In that role, she managed the office that oversaw U.S. relations with such territories and federated states as American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Micronesia and Palau. In 1995, she became counselor to then-Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and she also served as director of the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

She earned her master's degree in law and government from American University, her juris doctor from Georgetown University and her bachelor's degree from New York University. She also served as a judicial clerk to former Chief Judge William C. Pryor of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.
The Edith House
Lecture Series in Law

“Winning or Winning with Integrity? A Lawyer’s Role in the Corporate World.”

Presented by
Leslie M. Turner

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
3:30 p.m
Larry Walker Room, Dean Rusk Hall

Introductory Remarks........................................Rachael Ivey
Edith House Lecture Coordinator

Lecture...........................................................Ms. Leslie M. Turner

Questions & Answers.........................................Ms. Leslie M. Turner

Concluding Remarks...........................................Michele Torsiglieri
WLSA Vice President

Reception to follow in the Rotunda, Hirsch Hall.

As one of the largest student organizations at the University of Georgia School of Law, WLSA’s mission is to strengthen women by providing educational, professional, and social events that benefit all students, with a focus on women in law. Past activities have included projects with Prevent Child Abuse Athens, Project Safe, exam and curriculum workshops for first year students, and participation in the GAWL Art Auction. The high point of WLSA’s year is the Edith House Lecture.
A Word of Thanks

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Jean Toal, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of South Carolina, "Women in the Law." March 24, 2005.


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 of School and Work." November 2, 1995


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, Assoc. Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin, "Banished Bodies." March 13, 1992.


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EDITH HOUSE

Edith House, a native of Winder, Georgia, was co- valedictorian of the Class of 1925, and one of the first two women to graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following graduation, she practiced for four years in Clearwater, Florida. She was then appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, a position she held 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 on December 14, 1987. It is in memory of her hard work and pioneering spirit that this lecture series is dedicated.