

JHLS seminars: Examining current legal issues



A letter to alumni from the Board of Visitors

There are often valuable lessons arising from every significant interaction in our lives. One way to broaden our foundation is by exposure to new and different viewpoints. To that end, Georgia Law has recently introduced the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society Educational Seminar Series.

Introduced in the fall of 2004, the JHLS Educational Seminar Series provides the opportunity for Georgia Law alumni to discuss current issues and their importance to the legal community with the key players involved.

Attendance is typically limited to 25 guests and is reserved for members of the law school's Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society (annual donors of \$1,000 or more) and their guests.

The intimate setting of these seminars allows guests the opportunity to personally interact with the featured speaker(s) in a question and answer session during the presentation as well as a more relaxed social setting both before and after the lecture.

The inaugural seminar was held in early December 2004 at the UGA Atlanta Alumni Center in Buckhead and featured Joe D. Whitley (J.D.'75), who became general counsel for the Department of Homeland Security in August 2003.

Whitley joined the guests for breakfast before presenting his lecture titled "The PATRIOT Act of 2002: Myths,

Misperceptions and Malapropisms." For those unable to attend, a summary of his presentation starts on page 8 of this issue of the *Advocate*.

The second lecture, in this quarterly seminar series, featured a panel comprised of current Georgia Law professors.

Tackling the timely topic of tort reform, professors Lonnie T. Brown, Jr., Ronald L. Carlson, Thomas A. Eaton, C. Ronald Ellington and Michael L. Wells spoke about the new legislation, which was passed just a few weeks earlier.

Once again, the guests were invited to pose questions to the panel, and several enjoyed the opportunity to visit with their old professors at a reception following the presentation. A summary of their remarks can be found starting on page 14 of this magazine. The next JHLS lecture is slated for summer.

On a related note, I urge you, my fellow alumni, to see the teaching opportunities you can provide to future Law Dawg generations. There is no better commitment to the continuing education of new attorneys than to provide them with the security of a

job offer *before* the emotional rollercoaster of exams, graduation and bar preparation can overwhelm them.

As a teacher or student, the opportunities for continued education are limitless. Long ago, we dedicated ourselves to higher learning, and by staying active and involved, Georgia Law alumni have the chance not only to pursue our own education but to help form the minds of those who will come after us.

Sincerely,

S. Lark Ingram (J.D.'78)
2004-05 Board of Visitors Chair

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2006 Law Dawg Reunions

During the calendar year 2006, classes graduating from Georgia Law in a year ending in a one or a six will be celebrating an anniversary year reunion. Reunion events may be scheduled by contacting the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-5190 or jbirch@uga.edu.

Anyone interested in serving on the reunion program planning committee for their class is welcome. Typically, the earlier a class begins planning their reunion, the better the attendance is from their classmates.

Join the fun and reconnect with your fellow Law Dawgs!



Now it's our turn



A letter to alumni from the Younger Law Alumni Committee

How does an institution manage to last and excel in its mission for nearly 146 years?

Throughout its history, Georgia Law has had the benefit of being guided by visionary deans, brilliant faculty and devoted staff, all of who have played a role in our alma mater's longevity and success. But an integral part of Georgia Law's long life and well-being has been, and must continue to be, each successive Law Dawg generation's willingness to accept the responsibility of supporting the school financially.

Now is the time for those of us who graduated from law school since 1993 to commit ourselves to ensuring the same quality legal education that was afforded to us is available to future generations. It sounds like a tall order to fill, but thanks to recent developments, it's easier, and less painful, than you might think.

The 1859 Club is aimed at making it easier for younger Georgia Law alumni to get involved in contributing regularly to the law school. The club takes its name from the year our law school was founded as well as the \$18.59 that participants are asked to donate each month. This amount (or any other figure) can be automatically deducted from a checking account or charged to a credit card each month.

Considering we, as a group, likely face more financial demands on our smaller incomes than do older alumni, the 1859

Club is a great way for younger law graduates to support Georgia Law.

Giving in this way allows younger alumni to make an important contribution without the sting of having to produce that contribution all at once. More information can be found regarding the 1859 Club at www.law.uga.edu/alumni/makeagift/1859.pdf or by contacting the school's Office of Development at (706) 542-7639.

Now it's our generation's turn to make sure that Georgia Law's future is as stellar as its past. Though every Georgia Law graduate has benefited from being educated and trained in Athens, only 9.3 percent of the younger law alumni group, those having graduated between 1993 and 2004, has chosen to give back to the institution.

I am confident that more than 9.3 percent of our group wants to see Georgia Law thrive. I am also confident more than 9.3 percent wants to give to Georgia Law in order to help it to continue to provide one of the best legal educations in the nation.

We must start to contribute so the number of us who do give more closely resembles the number of us who want to give.

When we accept the responsibility of perpetuating the legacy of success at Georgia Law, we are helping hundreds of law students who currently are where we were not long ago.

Financially supporting our law school is important because it directly impacts the number of scholarships that can be offered.

Additionally, our gifts support student initiatives in career services.

These contributions also provide the margin of excellence as they aid our award-winning mock trial and moot court programs. Moreover, they provide much needed assistance to the legal journals, Student Bar Association and other student organizations.

By participating in the 1859 Club or giving in general, our gifts have a positive impact on the organizations we may have been involved in while we were in law school.

Every gift to the Law School Fund makes a difference and has an impact. The

University of Georgia School of Law has not existed for 146 years on its own. It depends on us, as alumni, to help keep it strong and its mission viable.

Now it's our turn as younger alumni to financially support Georgia Law and guarantee that the best legal education remains available to those who follow us.

Sincerely,

Jeffery O. Monroe (J.D.'00)
2005-06 Younger Law Alumni
Committee Chair

2005-06 Younger Law Alumni Committee

members are: *Chair Jeffery O. Monroe; Vice-chair and Chair-elect David S. Gruskin; Treasurer Jacob A. Maurer; Secretary Michael L. Sullivan; Immediate Past-chair Daniel B. Snipes; At-large Representatives Joshua B. Belinfante, Kimberly M. DeWitt, Mary Beth Hand, James C. Joedecke Jr., W. Thomas Lacy Jr., Preyesh K. Maniklal, Joshua M. Moore, Kevin J. McDonough, Alexander J. Passantino and Christopher M. Rosselli; and Newly Graduated Liaison C. Knox Withers. District 1-10 Representatives to be appointed.*

2005-06 Law School Association Council

members are: *President Robert O. Freeman, President-elect Eleanor Banister, Treasurer Steven P. Gilliam, Secretary Henry C. Tharpe Jr., Immediate Past-president James B. Ellington, Secretary Emeritus Verner F. Chaffin, District 1 Representative Kathleen Horne, District 3 Representative Paul V. Kilpatrick Jr., District 5 Representative Santhia L. Curtis, District 7 Representative W. Heath Garrett, District 10 Representative James W. Purcell, At-large State Representative Roy E. Hadley Jr., At-large Out-of-state Representative John L. Carr Jr. and Younger Law Alumni Committee Chair Jeffery O. Monroe. District 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 as well as at-large representatives to be appointed.*

The beginning of a new era



A letter to alumni from the Law School Association Council

When I came to the University of Georgia as a 1L in 1969 (we called ourselves first-year law students then), we had a brand-spanking new addition to the physical plant, which included a new library, classrooms and meeting areas, all built around the original Harold Hirsch Hall. It was a place that would make any student or alum proud. We were beginning, under Lindsey Cowen's deanship, the journey toward widespread recognition as one of the finest public law schools in the nation.

When I joined the Law School Association Council in 1998 and became acquainted with the ABA/AALS accreditation process, I realized times had changed. A technological revolution had taken place. The competition for the best and the brightest law students was now fought with scholarship money and with *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, and the competition was fierce.

I also came, particularly during my three years as LSAC treasurer, to realize the margin of excellence at the School of Law does not come from state coffers or tuition revenues.

It comes from the generosity of the school's alumni and our continuous giving of the fruits of our success, which would not have been possible without the foundation our law school gave to us.

I determined early in my first term on the LSAC to be a Lumpkin Society member (an annual donor of \$1,000 or more).

Then-president Randy Nuckolls (J.D.'77) encouraged all of us serving on the council to give at this level.

Last year, 15 of the council's members were donors at the Lumpkin Society level.

I am pleased to say the number of Lumpkin Society members is growing in absolute terms.

For FY 2005, it is estimated there will be approximately 270 Lumpkin Society donors. But, I wish the story of overall participation in annual giving and in Lumpkin Society membership as a percentage of all Law Dawgs was something we could boast about.

We are, simply, not there by a long shot: 18 percent of Georgia Law alumni give to the Law School Fund and, of those, 20 percent (3.4 percent of the total) contribute at the Lumpkin Society level.

We ought to be able to do better than this. Many of you will probably be as surprised as I was to learn that our participation level in annual giving is so anemic.

We have the chance to demonstrate our willingness, determination and ability to do better by participating in the current capital campaign, Archway to Excellence, which publicly kicked off April 15.

As part of this effort, the law school plans to raise \$17 million as its portion of the overall university goal of \$500 million. Details regarding the capital campaign, the results of which will aid Georgia Law in advancing into the nation's top 20 law schools, can be found on the next page or by visiting <http://www.archwaytoexcellence.uga.edu/units/law/index.html>.

If we want to be regarded as more than a good public law school, we must do better.

Dean Rebecca White's goal is for Georgia Law to be ranked in the top 20 of all law schools in the country by 2010.

As those of you who have met Dean White know, if we provide her with the necessary resources, she will accomplish this goal.

Most importantly, as a group, we can do better, i.e., we have the financial resources to do better. For some of us, this means the

ability to give to both the capital campaign at the 5-, 6- and 7-figure levels and the annual fund at the 4- and 5-figure levels. For others, it may be 2-, 3- or 4-figure giving. The point is *all* of us have the ability to give something.

Therein lies my dream - that we get to the point where over 50 percent of us give something, even if it's five dollars per week, and 20 percent of us give at the Lumpkin Society level, to support and enhance the experience of those who came and continue to come after us.

If our alumni participation rate was 50 percent overall and 20 percent of those were Lumpkin Society members, using current average donor levels, we could raise an additional \$1 million annually for the betterment of our law school.

Please join me and other members of your Law School (Alumni) Association in taking our contributions to this capital campaign and the 2005-06 Law School Fund to a new level so future Georgia Law 1Ls (and 2Ls and 3Ls) can have the same experience and opportunities we were so fortunate to have.

Let's make our alma mater, our dean and our heirs in the profession proud. Let's make this the beginning of a new era in alumni participation and giving.

Individually each of us can do little, but together we can do great things.

Maybe the next building won't be named after you or me, but our names can be on the honor roll of contributors, where they ought to be, where they can be and where they must be if our law school is to achieve greatness.

Finally, I thank you for the opportunity to be of service and to stand in the line of those who have been privileged to serve our great and unique law school.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Freeman (J.D.'72)
2005-06 Law School Association President

University publicly launches its capital campaign

The University of Georgia publicly launched the largest fund-raising effort in school history on April 14 with the announcement of the \$500 million Archway to Excellence Campaign during a gala kick-off event at Atlanta's World Congress Center.

Calling the celebration unlike any the university had seen in its 220 years, UGA President Michael F. Adams welcomed hundreds of alumni and friends to the gala. "Private financial support is what separates great universities from those that are merely good," he said.

UGA began preparing for the Archway to Excellence Campaign about five years ago when a strategic plan was carefully developed, spelling out an ambitious agenda that focused on three themes: building the new learning environment, maximizing research opportunities and competing in a global economy.

The law school's role in the campaign is to raise \$17 million in private support that will be used to enrich the legal education provided by the law school.

"We are pleased that we have already raised \$8 million in gifts and pledges during the campaign's initial phase," Dean Rebecca H. White said. "For Georgia Law to advance to the next level of excellence, it will require support from all of our alumni and friends.

"Our law school has a long history of support from its alumni and friends," she added. "In the past, supporters have stepped forward to make significant gifts to improve and to strengthen our school, and each graduate of this school has benefited directly from the progress our law school has made. I don't expect this campaign to be any different in proving the loyalty of our supporters," she said.



LAW SCHOOL LIFE

State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Events

2004 Law Dawgs enjoying the ▶ cocktail reception are (l. to r.) Kevin Gooch, Dominique Holloman, Siresha Ghanta and Kristen Beystehner.



◀ David Hagaman (J.D. '73) (r.) shows ICLE director Larry Jones (J.D. '71) photos of his family.

Captured together at the alumni ▶ breakfast are Morris Macey (J.D. '43) (l.) and Sam Zusmann (J.D. '54).



◀ Law partners Al Remler (LL.B. '60) and Grace Tillman (J.D. '95) smile for a photo.

JHLS Spring Twilight Affair



▲ Enjoying the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society black-tie reception at the home of Ed (LL.B.'65) and Judy Garland in Buckhead are (l. to r.) Nora Clarke, Harold Clarke (J.D.'50) and Kate Felton.

JHLS Spring Twilight Affair



▲ (l. to r.) Susan Haynie, Doug Haynie (J.D.'71), Tommye Easterlin, Ben Easterlin (J.D.'74) and Harriet Kirkpatrick pose for a picture on the Garland's patio.



▲ At Georgia Law's reception for Superior Court judges attending the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education January training session are (l. to r.) John Morse, David Emerson (J.D.'76), Kathy Palmer (J.D.'79), Robert Chasteen (J.D.'69) and Louisa Abbot (J.D.'82).

Family and Friends Day



▲ Ed Garland (LL.B.'65) delivered the luncheon address at Family and Friends Day. He told members of the first-year class, "Integrity is the key ingredient that builds your reputation."

Alumni Speaks at Students' Request



▲ Kiran Ahuja (J.D.'98), national director of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, came back to Athens at the request of the American Constitution Society and the Asian Law Student Association. She spoke about developing a progressive movement for social, political and economic justice.

5th Annual African-American Alumni and Student Reception



▲ Sam Matchett (J.D.'84) and second-year student Veronica Richardson are pleased the 5th Annual African-American Alumni and Students Reception was so successful. Approximately 100 people attended this year's gathering hosted by Matchett.