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## Featured Events

### May 20

[Pre-Graduation Reception for the Class of 2011](#)

### May 21

[Class of 2011 Commencement](#)

### June 3

[State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Reception](#)

### June 4

[State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Breakfast & Distinguished Service Scroll Award Presentation Ceremony](#)

### July 26 - 27

[Georgia Bar Exam Lunch](#)

### August 16

[School of Law Fall Semester Classes Begin](#)

### September 23

[Family & Friends Visitation Day](#)

### November 4

[Law School Association Council \(LSAC\) Fall Meeting](#)

## News & Announcements

### In Memoriam: Professor Milner Ball

Georgia Law regrets to announce the passing of Milner S. Ball, the holder of the Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law, who retired from the law school in 2007 after nearly 30 years of teaching and service. He



passed away on April 6. This respected scholar, teacher and mentor will be missed. Please visit the school's website to share a fond memory or condolence message with others in the law school community. ([Learn more](#))



### Hellerstein named UGA Distinguished Research Professor

Walter Hellerstein has been named a UGA Distinguished Research Professor. Typically this title is bestowed on no more than five professors campus-wide each year. Distinguished Research Professors are internationally recognized for their original contributions to knowledge, and their work promises to foster continued creativity in their discipline. Hellerstein, also the holder of the Shackelford Distinguished Professorship in Taxation Law, is widely regarded as the nation's foremost authority in the area of state and local tax law. ([Learn more](#))



### Two outstanding senior hires fill the Sibley and Woodruff Chairs

Joining Georgia Law as the Sibley Chair in Corporate and Business Law will be [Larry D. Thompson](#), former deputy attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice

## November 4 - 5

[Reunion Weekend](#)

## November 5

[21st Annual Law School Homecoming](#)

[BBQ](#)

## November 11

[Board of Visitors \(BOV\) Fall Meeting](#)

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## Multimedia Gallery

\* Lecture by author Dr. Tomiko Brown-Nagin on Atlanta civil rights movement - 4/20/11

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\* Awards Day 2011 - 4/8/11

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\* 107th Sibley Lecture featuring Columbia University's John C. Coffee Jr. - 3/28/11

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and former senior vice president of government affairs, general counsel and secretary for PepsiCo. He will be teaching courses in the areas of corporate law and white collar crime. No stranger to UGA, Thompson has been a visiting professor and guest speaker at the law school several times during the past decade.



Acclaimed international law scholar [Diane Marie Amann](#) will also be joining the law school faculty this fall as the holder of the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law. She comes to Georgia

Law from the University of California at Davis and will be teaching International Law and the Laws of War. Prior to joining academe, Amann served as a judicial clerk for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court, whose biography she is writing.

### Atlanta Mayor to deliver graduation address

Kasim Reed, the mayor of Atlanta, will deliver the keynote address at Georgia Law's commencement ceremony on May 21, where approximately 220 students will be honored for the completion of all requirements for a Juris Doctor. Additionally, 13 Master of Laws candidates, who have completed one year of graduate legal study, will be recognized. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Georgia Law earns top marks for clerkships and value

In a recent *U.S. News & World Report* ranking, Georgia Law is ranked sixth among law schools nationwide for graduates securing federal clerkships. Also, the school was listed as a top 10 law school for providing the "most financial value" at graduation. (This *U.S. News* listing looked at first-year salaries relative to debt load.)



### BLSA presented with outstanding campus event award

Georgia Law's Davenport-Benham Black Law Students Association was

\* 29th Edith House Lecture featuring Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Carol Hunstein - 3/9/11

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\* 23rd Annual Red Clay Conference - Coastal Change: A "Shore" Thing - 3/4/11

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\* Holmes/Hunter Trial Re-enactment and Legal Panel - 2/25/11

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\* 6th Annual Alumnae Evening featuring U.S. District Court Judge Beverly B. Martin (J.D.'81) - 2/22/11

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recently presented with UGA's H. Gordon and Francis S. Davis S.O.A.R. Award for Outstanding Campus Event for their organization of a re-enactment of the legal trial that desegregated UGA and legal panel. The video recording of the trial and panel, which took place Feb. 25, is available for viewing online. [\(Watch video\)](#) [\(View photos\)](#)

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## Faculty on the Record

Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Post Professor **Paul J. Heald**'s article "[Trademark Infringement, Trademark Dilution, and the Decline in Sharing of Famous Brand Names: An Introduction and Empirical Study](#)" was one of only a handful of intellectual property law articles selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Intellectual Property Law Review*, a yearly anthology published by West Group. Heald's article was originally published in 59 *Buffalo Law Review* 141 (2011).

Professor **Lori A. Ringhand** has been awarded a Congressional Research Grant from The Dirksen Congressional Center along with political scientist Paul M. Collins Jr. The duo will use the grant to expand the scope of their research on the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process.

Associate Professor **Usha Rodrigues**' article "[Placebo Ethics: A Study in Securities Disclosure Arbitrage](#)" was one of approximately nine securities law articles selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Securities Law Review*, a yearly anthology published by West Group. Rodrigues' article was originally published in 96 *Virginia Law Review* 1 (2010).

Professor and Law Library Director Emeritus **Erwin C. Surrency** was recognized for his role in founding the *American Journal of Legal History* as well as for serving for 25 years as the journal's editor and editor emeritus. Surrency's contributions were highlighted in an article on the history of

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the journal that appeared in its 50th volume.

Congratulations to the following Georgia Law faculty who earned promotions this year: [Peter A. Appel](#), [Lori A. Ringhand](#) and [Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge](#) were named full professors; [Harlan G. Cohen](#), [Fazal Khan](#) and [Sonja R. West](#) are now associate professors; and [Sharon Bradley](#) and [Maureen Cahill](#) have been promoted to Librarian IV.

[More Faculty Highlights](#)

## Around the Law School

### Student argues before federal appeals court

As part of the law school's new Appellate Litigation Clinic, third-year student Catherine Henson Curlet recently argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case of *Anderson v. Holder*. The court appointed the clinic as *amicus curiae* to present arguments on behalf of Anderson, a *pro se* appellant who challenged the constitutionality of a D.C. statute on Ex Post Facto Clause grounds and raised a Fifth Amendment claim. Curlet, along with third-year students and clinic participants Erik B. Chambers and John T. "Tommy" Clarkson, drafted and filed both an opening brief and a reply brief, and the court then scheduled oral argument in the case.



### Negotiation team competes internationally, places fourth

Georgia Law's Negotiation Competition Team was one of only 12 teams across the globe and the only U.S. team selected to compete in The Negotiation Challenge, an international tournament held in Leipzig, Germany, where law and business students from five continents negotiated with each other in four different commercial transactions. Representing the law school and

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capturing fourth place were (l. to r.) second-year students Meghan R. Plantz, Nathan A. Hill and Laura K. Pinon. ([Learn more](#))

### **Georgia Law's advocacy program earns top honors**

In the 2011 [Intrastate Moot Court Competition](#), which includes two teams from each of Georgia's five law schools, Georgia Law took home the championship trophy and the Best Brief Award. This is the sixth consecutive year UGA has won this tournament and the eighth year in a row it has captured the best brief title. The championship team consisted of second-year students Andrew M. Bagley, Rachel D. Ivey and Samuel H. Sabulis. Additionally, placing 17th in the world at the [Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot](#) were third-year students Yvonne S. Godfrey, Mary Catherine Moore, Amanda M. Waide and Francis M. "Donald" Wakeford. The group also finished among the top three U.S. teams in this moot court competition, which took place in Vienna, Austria, and featured approximately 250 teams from more than 60 countries.

### **UGA's largest internship program just got bigger**

Georgia Law's Global Internship Program continues to be UGA's biggest. What started out as a two person, one country, one institution program one decade ago now includes 47 students in 19 countries (on five continents) with 33 organizations. These internships range in length from four to 12 weeks with entities such as the Human Rights League in Slovakia, the Han Kun Law firm in China, the Center for Economic Law in Belgium, the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in Canada, the Clorox Company in Argentina, the Dubai Judicial Institute in the United Arab Emirates, Natural Justice in South Africa and PSA Legal Counsellors in India. ([Learn more](#)) ([Follow the students' blog this summer](#))

### **Congratulations to all Awards Day recipients**

Awards Day provides the opportunity for the Georgia Law community to pause and recognize the achievements of its students and faculty. For a list of this year's recipients, please



Georgia Law Associate  
Professor  
Andrea L. Dennis



First-year law student  
Matthew W. Herrington



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### **Georgia Law goes mobile**

If you have a web-capable mobile device, such as a smartphone, you can now access Georgia Law on the go. The law school's mobile website, [m.law.uga.edu](http://m.law.uga.edu), features news and events feeds, a Georgia Law application status checker, Gavel (the law library's online catalog), a UGA people directory and, of course, a link to the school's full website. With more features in the works, accessing Georgia Law information anytime, anywhere just gets easier and easier. [\(Learn more\)](#)



### **2012 DSS Award nominations**

The Law School Association's Distinguished Service Scroll Award annually recognizes graduates who meet one or more of the following standards: a distinguished reputation in his or her field, an exemplary record of service to the legal profession, an outstanding record of public service and/or a record of outstanding service to the LSA. To nominate someone for the 2012 DSS Award, please visit [www.law.uga.edu/nomination-form](http://www.law.uga.edu/nomination-form) by June 30, 2011.

### **Legal career services director search**

Georgia Law is searching for an innovative leader who will align the Office of Legal Career Services with the school's ascent to national prominence. For additional information or to apply, please visit [www.law.uga.edu/director-legal-career-services](http://www.law.uga.edu/director-legal-career-services). For full consideration, applications must be received by June 1.

## **ClassNotes & InMemoriam**

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