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## News & Announcements

### Entering class sets record for LSAT score, diversity

One of the most academically talented and diverse classes in the history of Georgia Law began the three-year pursuit of a law degree last month. The Class of 2014, comprised of 225 students, has a median Law School Admission Test score of 165, which is a school record. Moreover, almost 30 percent of the entering class indicated they are members of a minority group, which also is an all-time high. [\(Learn more\)](#)



### In Memoriam: Anne Proffitt Dupre (J.D.'88)

Georgia Law regrets to announce the passing of Hosch Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre. This highly respected scholar, teacher, mentor and friend passed away June 22. A 1988 alumna of Georgia Law, she joined the law school faculty in 1994 and specialized in education law and contract law.

Please visit the school's website to [share a fond memory](#) or condolence message with others in the law school community. For information on how to make a donation to the Anne Proffitt Dupre Scholarship Fund, please contact Development Director Scotty Mann at (706) 542-7985 or [scottym@uga.edu](mailto:scottym@uga.edu).

### Washington program to debut this spring; alumna to lead effort

Georgia Law will launch a new program this spring that will allow approximately 15 students to live and work in Washington, D.C., for a semester while earning course credit. Heading up the new offering will be Jessica L. Heywood, a 1997 Georgia Law graduate who previously worked in career services and taught in the externship programs at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. [\(Learn more\)](#)



### Coenen and Appel earn new titles

[Dan T. Coenen](#), who also holds the Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law, has been named the school's new associate dean for faculty development. In this role he will work closely with the law school's faculty, especially its junior professors, to expand and promote scholarly activities. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Additionally, [Peter A. Appel](#) was appointed the inaugural holder of the Smith Professorship in Law, which was established in memory of Alexander Wyly Smith III, a highly regarded Atlanta attorney, civic leader and philanthropist. [\(Learn more\)](#)

## Multimedia Gallery

\* "Professionalism - A View From the Bench" featuring J. Randal Hall, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Georgia - 8/12/11  
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\* State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Reception - 6/3/11  
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\* Marietta Area Alumni Reception - 5/26/11  
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\* Class of 2011 Commencement Ceremony - 5/21/11  
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\* Class of 2011 Pre-graduation Reception - 5/20/11  
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### Georgia Law welcomes outstanding new faculty members

This fall, seven new faculty members joined Georgia Law: Diane Marie Amann from the University of California at Davis, former U.S. Deputy Attorney General and former PepsiCo senior executive Larry D. Thompson, Joseph S. Miller from the Lewis & Clark Law School, Elizabeth Weeks Leonard from the University of Kansas, Elizabeth Chamblee Burch from Florida State University, Jaime L. Dodge from Harvard Law School and Thomas V. Burch from Florida State University. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Rollins appointed associate dean, O'Brien named director of Legal Career Services

[Paul B. Rollins](#), who joined Georgia Law in 2008, has been promoted to associate dean for administration. In this role, he will be responsible for supervising all phases of the admissions process for the law school's degree programs in addition to managing career services and professional development efforts. Plus, he will share oversight duties of student affairs and registrar operations. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Georgia Law also recently hired senior attorney David P. O'Brien from Alexandria, Va., to serve as its Legal Career Services director. O'Brien comes to UGA with almost 20 years of extensive practice experience in a variety of legal fields in addition to having served as an adjunct professor at the American University Washington College of Law. [\(Learn more\)](#)

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## Faculty on the Record

Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism [Lonnie T. Brown Jr.](#) was named a Senior Teaching Fellow for the 2011-12 academic year by UGA's Center for Teaching and Learning and was appointed to the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam Drafting Committee by the National Conference of Bar Examiners as well as to the State Bar of Georgia's Formal Advisory Opinion Board.

Professor [Lori A. Ringhand](#) has published "Aliens on the Bench: Lessons in Identity, Race and Politics from the First 'Modern' Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing to Today" in 2010 *Michigan State Law Review* 795 (2011).

Associate Professor [Usha Rodrigues](#) has published "[Corporate Governance in an Age of Separation of Ownership from Ownership](#)" in 95 *Minnesota Law Review* 1822 (2011).

Professor [Donald E. Wilkes Jr.'s](#) *State Postconviction Remedies and Relief Handbook* was cited in a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of *Wall v. Kholi*, 131 U.S. 1278 (2011). The court referenced Wilkes' book when discussing the issue of characterizing a motion to reduce the sentence as a "collateral" or "postconviction" remedy. Additionally, Wilkes has published *Federal Postconviction Remedies and Relief Handbook*, 9th ed. (Thomson/West, 2011).

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Associate Professor [Sonja R. West](#) has published "[Awakening the Press Clause](#)" in 58 *UCLA Law Review* 1025 (2011).

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## Around the Law School



### Prosecutorial Clinic students successful in appeal

Last August, six Georgia Law students in the school's Prosecutorial Clinic Program had the opportunity to assist with the State of Georgia's response to an out-of-time appeal filed by William Walsh, who was convicted of child molestation in 1997. Clinic Director Alan A. Cook (J.D.'84), who successfully tried the original case when he was the district attorney in Walton County, drafted the brief while his students provided the supporting research used to refute the appellant's enumerations of error. Their efforts were successful as the Georgia Court of Appeals affirmed Walsh's convictions last October and the Georgia Supreme Court denied Walsh's petition for certiorari this June.

### Bowen and Butler receive DSS Awards

Georgia Law's alumni association recently honored longtime U.S. District Court Judge Dudley H. Bowen Jr. (LL.B.'65) and Columbus attorney James E. Butler Jr. (J.D.'77) with its Distinguished Service Scroll Award for their dedication and service to the legal profession and the law school. Given annually, this award is the highest honor bestowed by the Law School Association. [\(Learn more\)](#)



### Record number of 1Ls take advantage of international offerings

Twenty-five percent of the first-year class participated in one or more of Georgia Law's international opportunities this past summer. From study abroad programs in China and Brussels/Geneva to internships across the globe, these programs allow students to gain valuable legal experience while expanding their global knowledge. [\(Learn more\)](#)



### Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar and Littler Mendelson win firm giving challenge

Georgia Law is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010-11 Firm and Corporate Alumni Challenge, which seeks to achieve 100 percent giving participation from Georgia Law graduates within an organization. [Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar](#) won Category A of the competition (11+ graduates), while [Littler Mendelson](#) took home the Category B trophy (5-10 graduates). Serving as team captains were Julius M. Hulsey (LL.B.'63) and John T. Stemberge (J.D.'03), respectively. Of the 55 firms that participated this year, 11 reached a 100 percent giving rate, which is a school record. To see a list of all participants, please visit [www.law.uga.edu/firm-challenge-2011](http://www.law.uga.edu/firm-challenge-2011). For more information, please contact Phyllis Cooke, director of annual giving, at (706) 542-7637 or [cooke@uga.edu](mailto:cooke@uga.edu).

## In the Spotlight

Brief profiles of members of the law school community.



[U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means Chief Counsel Janice A. Mays \(J.D.'76\)](#)



[Georgia Law Associate Dean Paul M. Kurtz](#)



[Third-year law student Jennifer L. Case](#)



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## Reconnect at Reunion Weekend

Graduates from the following classes are invited to come to Athens Nov. 4 & 5 for a reunion celebration: 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006. The weekend will feature a reunion dinner Friday night followed by the law school's 21st Annual Homecoming BBQ on Saturday. To register for this event, please [click here](#).



## 21st Annual Law School Homecoming BBQ

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Homecoming BBQ, which will take place Nov. 5 on Herty Field. To ensure Early Bird pricing, please place your order by Oct. 21. ([Learn more](#))

## Law library welcomes new faculty services librarian

Thomas "T.J." Striepe joined the staff of the Alexander Campbell King Law Library this summer. In his role as faculty services librarian, he serves as the primary liaison between the law library and the faculty. Striepe came to UGA from the University of Arizona College of Law, where he was a Law Librarian Fellow and performed numerous research projects for law professors, taught legal research to law students and drafted research guides on Arizona law, among other duties. ([Learn more](#))

## Class Notes & In Memoriam

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