

McDonnell and Mobley Honored by the LSA



At the summer award presentation are: (from l. to r.) Distinguished Service Scroll Award Presenter and LSA Council Member Robert Chasteen Jr. (J.D.'69), award winners John Mobley (J.D.'53) and Sibley Professor Julian McDonnell with Cleveland Chair Ron Ellington.

In June, the Law School Association presented its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Scroll Award, to Sibley Professor of Corporate and Business Law Julian B. McDonnell and attorney John H. Mobley II (J.D.'53). This award is given each year to one or two deserving individuals whose services to the legal profession and Georgia Law are worthy of special recognition.

McDonnell was born in Alabama, graduated from Spring Hill College in Mobile and earned his law degree from the University of Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, which included a non-combat assignment on a corps-level staff in Vietnam. He began his teaching career at the University of Alabama School of Law and later practiced with the Atlanta law firm Hansell, Post, Brandon & Dorsey.

McDonnell joined the UGA law faculty in 1972 and has continuously taught Contracts and Commercial Law at the institution with the exception of his visits to the University of Texas, University of Puerto Rico and Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires. In 1986, he was named the John A. Sibley Professor of Corporate and Business Law.

McDonnell authored or coauthored five

books during his career. They are: *Uniform Commercial Code: Analysis of Revised Article 9*; *Secured Transactions Under the Uniform Commercial Code*, a five-volume treatise that is revised tri-annually; *Commercial and Consumer Warranties*, a three-volume treatise that is revised annually; *Common Law & Equity Under the Uniform Commercial Code* and *Commercial Transactions: Payment Systems, Sales, Secured Finance*, a three-volume set. In addition, McDonnell was the principal drafter of the Georgia Financial Institutions Code, enacted in 1974 as the code for Georgia state banks, and the Georgia Article Nine Revision, enacted in 1978.

Well respected by his students at the law school, McDonnell has been selected by members of the graduating class to receive the Faculty Book Award for Teaching Excellence on five occasions and has been presented the Professional Responsibility Award. He retired from Georgia Law on June 1, 2003.

McDonnell and his wife Paula have been married for 34 years and have two sons.

In presenting the award to McDonnell, former classmate, roommate and fellow law professor C. Ronald Ellington said it is not easy to capture McDonnell's contribution

to the law school. "He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and the students. In one of his teacher reviews, one first-year student wrote, 'After the first day of class, I left feeling - this is why I came to law school.'" In addition, Ellington said over the years, McDonnell has been one of the "keepers of the law school's collective conscience. He will be greatly missed."

Upon receiving the award, McDonnell said it was a "high honor" to receive the Distinguished Service Scroll Award from the school's alumni and to have been the first person to occupy the Sibley Professorship of Corporate and Business Law at the school. He added that he benefited greatly from the institution's international programs during his tenure. McDonnell also acknowledged his wife who gave up her "big city career plans" to allow him to pursue his teaching career.

During the ceremony, a newly-endowed award was announced in honor of McDonnell. Funded by former students and colleagues, the Julian B. McDonnell Prize will be awarded annually to an outstanding student in the field of commercial law.

The second recipient of a LSA Distinguished Service Scroll Award was John Mobley, a native of Shreveport, LA. A 1953 graduate of Georgia Law, Mobley also earned his undergraduate degree from UGA. While at the university, he was an active student with membership in the Kappa Alpha Order social fraternity, Blue Key, Gridiron, Phi Kappa Literary Society and Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity. He was also a member of the *Georgia Bar Journal's* student editorial board.

Mobley was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1952. He served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department from 1953 to 1955 and attained the rank of captain. In 1956, Mobley formed the law firm of Kelley & Mobley with Sumter M. Kelley. After the death of Kelley in 1963, he created the firm Gambrell & Mobley with David H. Gambrell. He continued this part-

nership until 1983 when he joined Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan where he is currently a senior partner.

Mobley is a distinguished member of the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta and the State Bar of Georgia. The National Association of Bond Attorneys selected him as one of the leading bond attorneys in the U.S. He has also served on the executive committee of the southern district of the Securities Industry Association. He is the only non-investment banker to ever hold such a position. In addition, he is an active member of his community as a dedicated participant in church affairs and charitable organizations. For 20 years, he has served as chairman of the board of Communities in Schools of Georgia and currently serves on the executive committee of the board of National Communities in Schools, an organization dedicated to reducing the



2002-03 LSA President Paul Painter (J.D.'74) gives Sibley Professor Julian McDonnell an oversized card announcing the newly-endowed student award named in his honor. Funded by former students and colleagues, the Julian B. McDonnell Prize will be presented annually to an outstanding student in the field of commercial law.

drop-out rate from schools in the U.S.

He has been married to his wife, Sue Lawton Mobley, for 45 years. They have a daughter, two granddaughters, and a son who predeceased them.

In presenting the Distinguished Service Scroll Award to Mobley, LSA Council

Member and Award Committee Chair Robert W. Chasteen Jr. (J.D.'69) said Mobley is the “dean of the public finance community” and has always acted as a mentor to fellow lawyers in the area of local government law. “I have always admired John as he does not compromise what is right just to make a fee,” he added.

In accepting the association’s highest honor, Mobley said the practice of law had changed a lot over the years, noting legal advertising and the term “billable hours” did not exist when he first entered the legal profession. In addition, he said education is key to one’s success and that he would never forget this honor given to him by the association.

The Distinguished Service Scroll Award is presented each summer during the LSA’s annual breakfast held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia’s Annual Meeting.

State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Reception and Breakfast

As usual, alumni enjoy the two events hosted each year by the Law School Association in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting in June. This past summer was no exception. Below are some photos of the events.

At the evening reception, Gary Chapman (J.D.'82) and Robert Benham (J.D.'70) share a few words.



▲ At the breakfast, (from l. to r.) Randall Nuckolls (J.D.'77) listens to the annual Distinguished Service Scroll Award presentation ceremony with the 2003-04 LSA President Julia Lumpkin (J.D.'90) and LSA President-elect Jim Ellington (J.D.'87). Other LSA officers for this fiscal year include Secretary Eleanor Banister (J.D.'80), Treasurer Robert Freeman (J.D.'72) and Immediate Past President Paul Painter (J.D.'74).



▲ Having a good time at the Friday night event are (from l. to r.) Julie Daughtery, Peter Daughtery (J.D.'89), Leigh Martin (J.D.'98) and Gil May.

Correction Notice

The editor of the *Advocate* sincerely apologizes for omitting two names from the list of alumni currently serving in our country’s military that appeared in the spring/summer 2003 issue of the magazine. Omitted alumni were: Mark S. Etheridge (J.D.'99) and D. Michael Hinkley (J.D.'77).

A Call to Service

A Letter to Alumni from the Board of Visitors

I am proud to be a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. Our law school today is recognized as one of the finest public law schools in the country, and this level of prominence was not achieved by accident. UGA's central administration and the Board of Regents both support the school as a priority within the state's university system.

We are blessed with facilities that have a rich history and are now equipped with state-of-the-art technology. The school's faculty and curriculum are excellent and improving every year. Together, these assets have enabled Georgia Law to attract top students from around the state and nation and to enhance our overall reputation for academic excellence.

However, one of the most important factors that has helped the law school get where it is today is the unselfish service of our alumni. You can, *and are expected to*, contribute to our law school's continued success and improvement. And, there is no better time to get involved with your alma mater than when we have a new dean. We need to demonstrate our support and dedication to the institution and Interim Dean Rebecca White in furthering the mission of the law school. After all, we all have a vested interest in the rise of Georgia Law among the nation's top legal learning establishments.

So, what can you do and how can you get involved?

1. Tell the school that you are interested in being appointed to a law school board.



Created by the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents, the **Board of Visitors (BOV)** serves as a consultative and advisory body regarding the affairs of Georgia Law to the regents, the president of UGA, and the dean and faculty of the law school. Current members of this 14-member board can be found on this page.

The **Law School Association (LSA)** seeks to foster a permanent affiliation and fellowship among all lawyers who attended Georgia Law, to promote the interests of the law school and the cause of legal education, and to strive for the improvement of the administration of justice. This group is governed by 23 alumni making up the LSA council. Current members of the council can be found on the next page.

The **Younger Law Alumni Committee (YLAC)** is a standing committee of the LSA council. Its purpose is to develop and implement programs and activities to encourage the involvement of younger alumni in the affairs of the LSA and law school. This committee is composed of 26 members. Current members of YLAC can be found on page 34.

New members of these leadership groups are appointed each summer. The membership terms for each body are different. If you are interested in serving and would like additional information, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-5190 or jbirch@uga.edu.

2. Invite Interim Dean White to come to your city or firm to meet with you and your fellow Georgia Law alumni. Dean White will also speak to local bar associations, rotary or community groups. If you would like to arrange for a meeting in your

area, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-5190 or jbirch@uga.edu.

3. Volunteer to talk with current law students about your field of practice, how you became interested in that area of law and what valuable lessons you have learned during your career. If you would like to share your valuable employment experiences with interested students, please contact the Office of Legal Career Services at (706) 542-7541 or lcs@uga.edu.

4. Help to plan and organize a class reunion. This is a great way to reconnect with former classmates and establish new networks. You can find out more about this opportunity by contacting the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-5190 or jbirch@uga.edu.

5. Financially support Georgia Law. To discover the current needs of your alma mater, please contact the Office of Development at (706) 542-7639 or lawgifts@uga.edu.

I challenge you to get involved and serve our law school today. You are not too old, you are not too young, and you are not too busy to give something back. I know that you will be glad you did.

Sincerely,

Jerry B. Blackstock (J.D.'69)
2003-04 Board of Visitors Chair

2003-04 Board of Visitors members are: (back, l. to r.) Nicole C. Pierre, John B. Copenhaver, Charles A. Hunnicutt, Patrick N. Millsaps, Clay D. Land, James L. Ford Sr., Richard B. Chandler Jr., (front, l. to r.) S. Lark Ingram, Brenda J. Bernstein, Chair Jerry B. Blackstock, George H. Carley, J.D. Smith and Sara A. Evans. Not pictured: Paul W. Painter Jr.

145 Years of Excellence

A Letter to Alumni from the Law School Association

In October, we will mark the 145th anniversary of the founding of the University of Georgia School of Law. From its modest beginnings in Joseph Henry Lumpkin's law office in downtown Athens to the recently renovated facilities on North Campus, the faculty, staff and students of the law school have constantly strived to be the best.

In October 1859, my great-great grandfather Joseph Henry Lumpkin, together with his son-in-law Thomas R.R. Cobb and colleague William Hope Hull, founded the Lumpkin Law School. Initially, classes were taught in Justice Lumpkin's law office on the corner of Prince Avenue and Pulaski Street. A short time after opening, the school was formally incorporated into the University of Georgia. After closing for a short period during the Civil War, the law school reopened occupying the Ivy Building on the UGA campus. At this time, the school was officially referred to as the Law Department of the University of Georgia and eventually became the UGA School of Law. However, the name "Lumpkin Law School" remains as an unofficial title of the institution, and many of the school's older alumni still fondly refer to their alma mater by this name.

Over the years, the law school has become what all of us would expect from the University of Georgia: among the best in the nation. Georgia Law improved to 31st among the nation's legal learning institutions and 11th among public law schools in the

2003 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. These rankings are an indication of the many positive factors at work at our school.

Improved facilities - The result of state appropriations totaling \$3.2 million, the renovations of the last two years have greatly enhanced the learning experience at Georgia Law. As I am sure you are aware, the classrooms were the focus of major technological and aesthetic improvements, and the Alexander Campbell King Law Library's main facility was completely renovated. For more information, please see past issues of the *Advocate*.

Strong faculty - The school's faculty includes three former U.S. Supreme Court law clerks, one Pulitzer Prize winner and two Fulbright scholars. In addition, this group includes recipients of numerous teaching honors and achievement awards from various sources including other law schools and legal associations.

Excellent students - The students are the lifeblood of any institution of higher learning. Georgia Law is fortunate to have attracted many of the best and the brightest to Georgia every year. The results of the school's recruitment efforts have been stellar, especially as of late which have resulted in impressive entering class academic credentials.

Outstanding leadership - Georgia Law is under new leadership, with Hosch Professor Rebecca H. White serving as interim dean. Since joining the UGA faculty in 1989, Dean White has emerged as a popular and effective teacher. She is a six-time recipient of the student-awarded Faculty Book Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 2000 recipient of the Josiah Meigs Teaching Award, the

university's highest teaching honor. She has been a leader in the wider university community, serving as associate provost and associate vice president of academic affairs prior to her appointment as interim dean. She is also the first female to lead Georgia Law in its distinguished 145-year history.

Far-reaching vision - We are now in the initial stages of a capital campaign that will take the law school to new heights. The principal fund-raising beneficiaries will be faculty and students as we hope to increase support for research, scholarships, curriculum expansion, co-curricular activities and the law library.

I am especially proud to be an alumna of Georgia Law because, as I stated earlier, Joseph Henry Lumpkin was my great-great grandfather. I know that if he were here today, he would agree with the sentiments expressed by Governor Carl E. Sanders (J.D.'48) at the groundbreaking ceremony for the 1964 Hirsch Hall expansion: "The people of Georgia want and deserve nothing but the best. The University of Georgia School of Law is, therefore, to be one of such excellence that no citizen of Georgia need ever leave the state because a superior legal education is available elsewhere." After seeing what has been accomplished over the past 145 years, I am sure he would be very proud of "his" law school and how far it has come.

Sincerely,

Julia W. Lumpkin

Julia W. Lumpkin (J.D.'90)
2003-04 Law School Association President



2003-04 Law School Association Council members are: (back, l. to r.) James B. Ellington, President-Elect; Steven P. Gilliam, District 9 Representative; James W. Purcell, District 10 Representative; Frank L. Butler III, At-Large State Representative; Robert W. Chasteen Jr., District 8 Representative; Kathleen Horne, District 1 Representative; Michael E. Sumner, District 6 Representative; J. Thomas Morgan III, District 4 Representative; Henry C. Tharpe Jr., At-Large State Representative; Douglas R. Kertscher, Younger Law Alumni Committee Chair; (front, l. to r.) Verner F. Chaffin, Secretary Emeritus; W. Heath Garrett, District 7 Representative; Santhia L. Curtis, District 5 Representative; Eleanor Banister, Secretary; Julia W. Lumpkin, President; Charles A. Thomas Jr., At-Large State Representative; Lisa G. Wood, At-Large State Representative; and Gregory C. Sowell, District 2 Representative. Not pictured: John L. Carr Jr., At-Large Out-of-State Representative; Robert O. Freeman, Treasurer; Paul V. Kilpatrick Jr., District 3 Representative; Paul W. Painter Jr., Immediate Past President; and Shelley D. Rucker, At-Large Out-of-State Representative.

Simplicity and Focus Part II

A Letter to Alumni from the Younger Law Alumni Committee

In the spring/summer 2003 edition of the *Advocate*, I outlined the Younger Law Alumni Committee's theme for the 2003-04 year: simplicity and focus. This was a concession to the reality that a few things done very well are sometimes better than doing several things without distinction.

I outlined two events we will do very well this year. Those events are now taking shape. First, our committee is currently engaging in an expanded "calling tree" program, and the results will be known as this publication is on the printing press. In conjunction with this, all younger law alumni who give at the \$250 or greater level (regardless of whether they were contacted by a YLAC board member as part of the calling tree program) will receive invitations to a YLAC-sponsored and -organized night at the wildly popular "Martinis and IMAX" at Atlanta's Fernbank Museum. All invitees (and one guest of their choice) will receive free admission to the museum area, two drink vouchers, complimentary hors

d'oeuvres and two tickets to the IMAX show that evening. We understand the show will be "Roar," a documentary regarding lions in the wild. This January event should be fun as well as a good networking opportunity.

The second event is scheduled for Friday, March 26, in Athens and is a program that has been successful for other law schools. YLAC will host and organize a "recruiting showcase." This event will feature two one-hour panel discussions by distinguished alumni from small firms - the first being a panel discussion on small firm life and practice, and the second being a discussion on law and politics. After these sessions, YLAC will host a banquet (underwritten by small firms purchasing tables at very reasonable cost) with a distinguished speaker. All law students will be invited to the panel discussions and banquet, although the event will be advertised to law students seeking employment as a networking opportunity.

It is our goal that this event will raise YLAC's profile among its future members, increase awareness of small firm employers and contribute significantly to student placement. Any small firms of 50 attorneys or less that are interested in participating

can contact me at (770) 953-0995, ext. 102, or drk@hkplaw.com.

As this will be my last column in the *Advocate* as chair of YLAC, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the events hosted this academic year by this committee are only possible due to the unqualified support and enthusiasm of Interim Dean Rebecca White and her staff. This job has given me a sincere appreciation for (a) just how hard their jobs are and (b) just how hard they work to do them well. Their assistance has been immeasurable in keeping us focused and on track. I look forward to two successful events this academic year and appreciate your help (both in terms of time and financial giving) in making UGA's younger law alumni a voice to be heard.

Sincerely,



Douglas R. Kertscher (J.D.'94)
2003-04 Younger Law Alumni
Committee Chair

Calling All Law Dawgs from the Classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1994

If you graduated from Georgia Law in a year ending in "4" or in 1979, your class will be celebrating a reunion this coming fall. Reunion Weekend/Homecoming 2004 will be held October 15 and 16. Please mark your calendars and visit www.law.uga.edu to find out more details. Reunion Weekend/Homecoming is a great way to reconnect with your classmates and create new contacts.

If you would like to be involved with planning your class' reunion activities, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-5190 or jbirch@uga.edu.



2003-04 Younger Law Alumni Committee members are: (back, l. to r.) District 3 Representative Jeanna G. Fennell, At-large Representative Jacob A. Maurer, At-large Representative Kevin J. McDonough, District 5 Representative Amy B. Loggins, Vice Chair and Chair-elect Daniel B.

Snipes, Chair Douglas R. Kertscher, Third-year Student Representative Jason J. Carter, (front, l. to r.) District 6 Representative Kimberly M. DeWitt, District 4 Representative Debra A. Golymbieski, At-large Representative Christopher M. Rosselli, and District 7 Representative Robert B. Teilhet. Not pictured are: District 1 Representative Christine S. Barker, Newly Graduated Liaison Joshua B. Belinfante, District 2 Representative Wallace D. Bonner Jr., At-large Representative S. Kendall Butterworth, At-large Representative Clement C. Doyle, Immediate Past Chair Melisa A. Ferris, Treasurer David S. Gruskin, At-large Representative James C. Joedecke Jr., District 10 Representative Laurel P. Landon, District 8 Representative Preyesh K. Maniklal, Secretary Jeffrey O. Monroe, At-large Representative Joshua M. Moore, At-large Representative Natalie D. Schweers and District 9 Representative Michael L. Sullivan.

Archway to Excellence Capital Campaign Committee



The University of Georgia is currently in the initial phase of a five-year capital campaign, titled Archway to Excellence. Georgia Law is participating in this campaign and intends to raise at least \$17 million to enrich the legal education it provides. The main fund-raising areas for the school include: additional faculty, student scholarships, curriculum expansion and increased support of faculty scholarship, our law library and co-curricular activities. Dean Emeritus J. Ralph Beard has agreed to chair this committee.

To find out more about the campaign's goals and how you can play a role in advancing your legal alma mater, please contact any member of this committee or the law school's Office of Development at (706) 542-7639 or lawgifts@uga.edu.

Members of the Archway to Excellence Capital Campaign Committee and law school support staff are: (back, l. to r.) Annual Fund Director Phyllis Cooke, Development Director Ron Hill, William Scaljon, Sanders Griffith (J.D.'77), Cobb Professor David Shipley, Carter Chair Perry Sentell (LL.B.'58), Charles Hunnicutt (J.D.'75), Felton Jenkins (LL.B.'65), Executive Director of Development and Alumni Programs Jill Birch, (front, l. to r.) Interim Dean Rebecca White, John Mobley (J.D.'53), Dean Emeritus Ralph Beard and Samuel Matchett (J.D.'84). Not pictured are Elizabeth Chandler (J.D.'88) and Molly Howard (J.D.'79).

JHL Members Rewarded with Tailgates

This year, one of the benefits of being a Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society member (annual donor of \$1,000 or more) was receiving an invitation to Georgia Law pre-football game tailgates in the fall. Private receptions were held prior to all home games at the law school, with the exception of Homecoming/Reunion Weekend. All in attendance enjoyed the fare and libations as they fueled up to cheer on the Bulldogs.

Top right: Here (from l. to r.) Carol Kurtz, Development Director Ron Hill and Samuel Matchett (J.D.'84) say "Go Dogs!" for the camera.

Bottom right: Enjoying the tailgate prior to the Alabama football game in October are: (from l. to r.) J.D. Smith (J.D.'71), Greg Sowell (J.D.'83), Interim Dean Rebecca White and Leah Sowell.



Getting to Know Alumni



Although Interim Dean Rebecca H. White has been a member of Georgia Law's faculty for almost 15 years, she recognizes there are many alumni who are not familiar with her. Thus, since the announcement of her taking over the school's leadership post, she has seized as many opportunities as possible to get to out to meet you. Despite teaching a class three days a week during the fall semester, she has been to eight Georgia cities as well as Chattanooga, TN; Jacksonville, FL; and Washington, D.C.

The dean hopes to be on the road more frequently in the spring. Please feel free to invite her to visit your city, firm or civic organization. To schedule a visit please contact the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-7959 or lawdawg@uga.edu. ■

Top left: In August, Interim Dean Rebecca White talks with Clement Doyle (J.D.'99) (left) and Patrick Millsaps (J.D.'00) at a luncheon held in Marietta. The gathering was hosted by Millsaps, Charles Clay (J.D.'78), Lark Ingram (J.D.'78) and Heath Garrett (J.D.'95).

Bottom left: In July, Interim Dean Rebecca White visited a Younger Law Alumni Committee Thirsty Thursday networking event focused on welcoming Georgia Law students to the Atlanta legal community. Here, she shares a laugh with Rebecca Nash Sullivan (J.D.'00) (right).