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News & Announcements

Upcoming Events

Oct. 3

[Board of Visitors Fall Meeting](#)

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Oct. 4

[24th Annual Law School BBQ](#)

Oct. 17

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Georgia Law welcomes the talented Class of 2017

Georgia Law proudly welcomes the academically talented Class of 2017, which is composed of 185 students. These students boast an impressive median LSAT score and undergraduate GPA of 163 and 3.7, respectively. They come from 23 different states and 70 undergraduate institutions, and 18 percent indicated they are members of a minority group. *All statistics as of the first day of orientation - Aug. 14, 2014.*

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Committee named to seek dean of Georgia Law

UGA Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Pamela Whitten has appointed a committee to oversee a national search to fill the position of dean of Georgia Law. Chaired by Svein Øie, dean of the College of Pharmacy, the committee includes faculty, staff, student and alumni representatives. Dean Rebecca Hanner White announced in May that she plans to return to the faculty after 11 years as leader of the school.

[Learn more](#)

In Memoriam: Dean Emeritus J. Ralph Beard

Georgia Law regrets to announce the passing of Dean Emeritus J. Ralph Beard, who served as dean of the law school for a total of 13 years and officially served on the faculty for more than 20 years, although he taught at the law school for approximately four decades. Beard passed away on August 14 at the age of 88. This revered leader, scholar, teacher and mentor will be missed.

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Law School Fund has record year; annual firm challenge winners named



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Discussions During 2014
Orientation – 8/15/14
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State Bar of Georgia Annual
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Scroll Award Ceremony –
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Meeting Alumni Reception –
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Commencement Ceremony -
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Graduation Ceremony -
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Class of 1984 Reunion - 5/2 -

Georgia Law is pleased to share that the Law School Fund, the school's largest single source of scholarship dollars, reached a new milestone this past fiscal year. For the year 2013-14, more than \$955,000 was contributed by alumni and friends. The winners of the Fifth Annual Firm and Corporation Alumni Challenge, which seeks to achieve 100 percent giving participation from Georgia Law graduates within an organization were Hulseley, Oliver & Mahar of Gainesville, Ga., (category A for organizations with more than 10 Georgia Law graduates) and Downey & Cleveland of Marietta, Ga. (category B for organizations with five to 10 Georgia Law graduates). Julius M. Hulseley (J.D.'63) and W. Curtis Anderson (J.D.'91) led their firms' efforts, respectively.

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Rankings place Georgia Law high for federal judicial clerkships

The law school was recognized for the number of its graduates working in federal judicial clerkships in recent compilations. Georgia Law ranked in the top 7 percent of law schools in a microranking list curated by a Pepperdine University law professor, tying with Cornell University and New York University. Additionally, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the law school as 10th in the nation for its employed 2012 graduates working in judicial clerkships with federal judges.



Georgia Law alumni association presents highest honor to Morehead and Knox

Georgia Law's alumni association named UGA President Jere W. Morehead (J.D.'80) and Augusta attorney Wyckliffe "Wyck" A. Knox Jr. (LL.B.'64) as the recipients of this year's

Distinguished Service Scroll Award. The award is the Law School Association's highest honor and recognizes individuals for their exceptional service and dedication to the legal profession and the law school.

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Advocacy team places in top 16 teams at the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Georgia Law recently finished in the top 16 teams in the world at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot held in Vienna, Austria, competing against 290 teams from 63 different countries. The team, composed of third-year law students William D. Hamby-Hopkins and Ryan Peters Gentes and second-year student Mark E. Grafton, was coached by former senior counsel for Siemens AG legal services and 1978 law school alumnus Phillip L. Ray Jr. In addition to the team's high overall finish, Hamby-Hopkins received an honorable mention as best oralist.

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Faculty Highlights



Six faculty receive promotions

Several Georgia Law faculty members have received promotions. [Erica J. Hashimoto](#) has been named the Allen Post Professor of Law and [Usha Rodrigues](#) has been awarded the M.E. Kilpatrick Chair of Corporate Finance &

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Securities Law. In addition, Associate Professor [Matthew I. Hall](#) was granted tenure, and [Mehrsa Baradaran](#), [Timothy Meyer](#) and [Logan E. Sawyer III](#) were promoted to associate professor.

Beck publishes article in the *Washington and Lee Law Review*

Marshall Chair of International Law [Randy Beck](#) has published "Overcoming Barriers to the Protection of Viable Fetuses" in 71 *Washington and Lee Law Review* 1263 (2014).

Rutledge publishes article in the *Vanderbilt Law Review*

Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Talmadge Chair [Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge](#) has published "'Sticky' Arbitration Clauses? The Use of Arbitration Clauses after Conception and Amex" in 67 *Vanderbilt Law Review* 955 (2014) (with C. Drahozal).

West publishes article in the *Harvard Law Review*

Associate Professor [Sonja R. West](#) has published "Press Exceptionalism" in 127 *Harvard Law Review* 2013 (2014).

Georgia Law welcomes new legal research and writing instructors

[Patrick D. Conner](#) (J.D.'98) and [Susannah P. Mroz](#) have joined Georgia Law's faculty as legal research and writing instructors. They both will also teach document drafting with a focus on contracts and litigation.

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Around the Law School

Carnes sworn in as U.S. Court of Appeals judge

Georgia Law alumna Julie E. Carnes (J.D.'75) was sworn in as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. She was nominated by President Barack Obama in December 2013.

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Applications for the 2015 Master in the Study of Law degree now being accepted; Hale to serve as faculty adviser

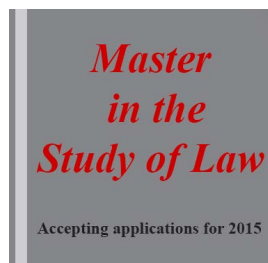
Georgia Law is currently accepting applications for its newest degree – the Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.). This educational opportunity is for professionals and recent college graduates seeking to increase their knowledge of law relevant to their career or academic discipline. It is a non-thesis, 30-credit-hour degree for non-lawyers that can be completed in one year on a full-time basis or over three years on a part-time basis. [Allison G. Hale](#) (J.D.'89) is currently serving as the faculty adviser for the M.S.L.

[Learn more about the M.S.L.](#)

Roseboro, Bridges and Sklut promoted; new career development director hired

[Gregory L. Roseboro](#) (J.D.'87) has been promoted to executive director of law admissions, while [Ramsey Henderson Bridges](#) (J.D.'05) has been named director of admissions and [Alex D. Sklut](#) (J.D.'11) has assumed the title of associate director of Graduate Legal Studies. As executive director, Roseboro will oversee admissions

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Brief profiles of members of the Georgia Law community.



[Associate Professor Mehrsa Baradaran](#)



[2011 Alumna Sherwin K. Figueroa](#)



[Third-year student Amanda M. McDowell](#)

functions relating to all three Georgia Law degrees – the Juris Doctor, the Master of Laws and the Master in the Study of Law. Bridges will handle the day-to-day operations of the J.D. admissions process and implement the recruitment and marketing activities directed toward prospective and admitted students. Sklut will be responsible for recruitment, admissions and the day-to-day administration of the school's two graduate-level degrees – the LL.M. and the M.S.L. – in addition to coordinating the law school's various joint and dual degree programs. Additionally, [Laura E. Woodson](#) (J.D.'90) now serves as an associate director in the Career Development Office, where she will provide career counseling and guidance to Georgia Law students and alumni.



Make plans to attend the law school's annual BBQ

The law school community is invited to attend the 24th Annual Law School BBQ, which will take place Oct. 4 (Homecoming Weekend) on Herty Field from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (The BBQ start time is subject to change to two-and-one-half hours prior to kickoff). Ticket sales end Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Four Georgia Law graduates included in UGA Alumni Association's 40 Under 40 Class of 2014

The UGA Alumni Association recently announced the 40 Under 40 Class of 2014. Chosen from a pool of approximately 400 graduates, selections were based on a commitment to a lifelong relationship with UGA and the person's impact in business, leadership, community, artistic, research, educational and/or philanthropic endeavors. Georgia Law alumni included were: David W. Adams (J.D.'02), Lisa Taylor (J.D.'01), Ryan Teague (J.D.'03) and Shannon Wallace (J.D.'02).

[Learn more](#)

Downs' loan repayment program deadline approaching; other debt relief assistance available to alumni

Georgia Law administers the Downs' Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which honors the mother of former Adjunct Professor Bertis E. Downs IV (J.D.'81). This program provides annual grants to graduates working in qualifying public service positions. Applications are due December 31. [Learn more](#)

There are also a number of other debt relief programs generally available to those with student loans, including income-driven repayment plans and assistance for graduates in public and private practice as well as for those in specific types of jobs such as public defenders or prosecutors. An excellent starting point for information is the Equal Justice Works website. [Learn more](#)

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