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Rutledge assumes deanship



On January 1, Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge became the 13th dean in Georgia Law's 156-year history. Rutledge said he will work with his faculty colleagues, the law school's alumni body and the broader legal community to ensure the law school continues to provide first-rate legal training and to produce world-class scholarship in service to our state and nation. Recognizing that alumni and friends play a critical role in the school's success, Rutledge added that he plans to utilize this network as he seeks to build bridges between the school's students and the communities in which they aspire to serve. Rutledge replaced Rebecca Hanner White, who remains on the law school's faculty. [Learn more about Rutledge](#)

Georgia Law receives \$3.4 million from the estate of the late Gov.

Sanders



The law school has received a \$3.4 million gift from the estate of former Georgia Gov. Carl E. Sanders. Approximately \$2.4 million will be used to create the Carl E. Sanders Law Scholarship Fund. The remainder of the gift will be added to the Carl E. Sanders Chair in Political Leadership Fund, which supports a faculty position for someone to "educate students about the roles of law and lawyers in shaping public policy." This donation is the largest single gift in the law school's history and makes the late governor, who earned his law degree from UGA in 1948, the law school's greatest individual benefactor. [Learn more](#)

Scholarship established in honor of Rebecca White

The School of Law has announced the establishment of the Rebecca Hanner White Scholarship, named in honor of White, who recently stepped down as the leader of the school after more than 11 years of service. The scholarship was initiated by Georgia Law 1982 alumna and law school Board of Visitors Chair Kathelen V. Amos and her husband Dan, who agreed to match up to \$100,000 in new gifts donated to the school for the creation of the scholarship fund. To date, more than \$210,000 in gifts and pledges have been secured from alumni and friends for this effort.

Amann and Rodrigues named associate deans



Diane Marie Amann (pictured at left) has been appointed the law school's first associate dean for international programs and strategic initiatives, while Usha Rodrigues (pictured at right) has become the school's new associate dean for faculty development. In her new role, Amann will oversee collaborations between the Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy and the law school's faculty and students, and assist the law school with strategic initiatives. Rodrigues will work closely with the law school's faculty, especially its untenured professors, to expand and promote scholarly activities in her leadership position. [Learn more about Amann](#) [Learn more about Rodrigues](#)

Associate Dean Emeritus Paul Kurtz delivers UGA Founders Day Lecture

The University of Georgia commemorated its 230th anniversary last month, and Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus Paul M. Kurtz presented the 13th Annual Founders Day Lecture to mark the momentous occasion. His talk was titled "A New York Yankee in Abraham Baldwin's Court: (Almost) Fifty Years Behind 'Enemy' Lines." Third-year law student and current Student Bar Association President Carey A. Miller provided the student response. [View lecture](#)

Five conferences and annual auction highlight spring calendar

The spring semester is a busy time at the law school. Key events over the next few weeks include:

- The [27th Annual Red Clay Conference](#) titled "Balancing Public Interests and Private Rights in Environmental Law" (Feb. 27)
- The [10th Annual Working in the Public Interest Conference](#) featuring Gideon's Promise President and Founder Jonathan Rapping (Feb. 28)
- The [30th Annual Equal Justice Foundation Auction](#) that raises money for summer fellowships (Feb. 28)
- The [5th Annual Protect Athens Music Conference](#) that focuses on the intersection of law, music and business (March 3)
- The [Georgia Law Review conference](#) titled "Financial Regulation: Reflections and Projections" and featuring U.S. Securities and Exchange Commissioner Luis A. Aguilar (J.D.'79) (March 20)

- The [Journal of Intellectual Property Law conference](#) focusing on fair use and artist business models in the streaming era (March 27)

Law school to debut spring alumni weekend

The inaugural spring alumni weekend will provide you with the perfect opportunity to come to Athens to reconnect with former classmates and professors as well as to enjoy a variety of activities. On March 20-21, you will have the opportunity to meet and have lunch with the law school's new dean, Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge; attend the Distinguished Service Scroll Award Presentation Breakfast (this year's winners are: Charles A. "Charlie" Hunnicutt (J.D.'75), Joey M. Loudermilk (J.D.'78) and former Dean Rebecca Hanner White); partake in the *Georgia Law Review* conference titled "Financial Regulation: Reflections and Projections;" enjoy classes without quizzes; obtain professionalism CLE credit; join the annual SBA golf tournament and tour a few of UGA's unique sites – the Georgia Museum of Art and the Russell Special Collections Library. [Learn more and register](#)

Notable faculty scholarship

- Hosch Professor [Lori A. Ringhand](#)'s book *Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings and Constitutional Change* has been named a 2014 Outstanding Academic Title by *Choice*, a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries.
- Associate Professor [Lisa Milot](#)'s article "What Are We--Laborers, Factories or Spare Parts? The Tax Treatment of Transfers of Human Body Materials" (67 *Washington and Lee Law Review* 1053 (2010)) was cited by the U.S. Tax Court in *Perez v. Commissioner*, a case concerning the proper taxation of proceeds from egg donation.
- Assistant Professor [Jaime L. Dodge](#) has published "Facilitative Judging: Organizational Design in Mass-Multidistrict Litigation" in 64 *Emory Law Journal* 329 (2014).
- Law Library Director [Carol A. Watson](#) (J.D.'87) has published "The Open Access Advantage for American Law Reviews" in *Edison: Law and Technology* 1 (2015). The article is the first accepted to the *Journal of Patent and Trademark Office Society's* inaugural open access journal, *Edison*.
- Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law [Dan T. Coenen](#) has published "Why Wynne Should Win" in 67 *Vanderbilt Law Review En Banc* 217 (2014).

Georgia Law ranks high for preparing students for work and moot court



Georgia Law fared well in two recent rankings – for preparing students for firm work and for moot court performance. The law school ranked 11th in the nation based on responses from alumni when they were asked how well their law school had prepared them for firm work. Georgia Law was 6th according to the University of Houston Blakely Institute ranking that combines scores from ABA-approved moot court competitions.

[Learn more about preparing students](#) [Learn more about moot court](#)

Grant replaces Schaffer at Family Violence Clinic



Alumna Elizabeth M. Grant (J.D.'94) has joined the Georgia Law faculty as the interim managing attorney of the school's Family Violence Clinic. She replaces Susan G. Schaffer, who led the clinic for approximately 14 years. Established in 1998, the Family Violence Clinic helps victims of abuse gain access to the legal system in Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties, while providing law students the opportunity to develop their interviewing, case preparation, counseling and advocacy skills. [Learn more about Grant](#)

Digital Commons reaches one million downloads

Digital Commons, the institutional repository of the law school, recently reached a significant milestone – one million downloads. The electronic repository is designed to capture the intellectual output of the law school and its faculty, staff and students with the goal of preserving institutional history. The Alexander Campbell King Law Library has operated this resource since 2008, when the law school became one of the first in the country to adopt this digital archival tool. The most popular section is the law school's faculty scholarly works collection, which has more than 250,000 downloads to date. [Learn more](#)

Seven alumni included in "Most Influential" and "Notable Georgians" list

Five alumni were included in *Georgia Trend's* Most Influential Georgians listing. They are: Charles J. Bethel (J.D.'81), Christopher M. "Chris" Carr (J.D.'99), Jere W. Morehead (J.D.'80), David E. Ralston (J.D.'80) and Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86). Additionally, Ceasar M. Mitchell Jr. (J.D.'95) and James L. Pannell (J.D.'74) were selected for the Notable Georgians list. [Learn more](#)

Brad Grove named employee of the year

The law school's Staff Representative Group presented Information Technology Help Desk Manager Brad Grove with the 2014 Emma P. Terrell Distinguished Employee Award recently. Grove joined Georgia Law in 2008, and he oversees a wide variety of technological resources and provides guidance to faculty, staff and students throughout the law school. This award is given each year to an employee who demonstrates outstanding dedication and service to the law school. [Learn more](#)

In the Spotlight



[Carter Chair in Tort and Insurance Law](#)
[Michael L. Wells](#)



[2005 Alumna](#)
[Kira Y. Fonteneau](#)
[of Birmingham, Alabama](#)



[Third-year student](#)
[T. Peyton Bell](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Feb. 20 - Washington, D.C., Area Georgia Law Alumni Breakfast](#)
- [March 20 - Law School Association Council Spring Meeting](#)
- [March 21 - 15th Annual SBA Golf Tournament](#)
- [April 2 - Edith House Lecture featuring The Home Depot Foundation's Kelly Caffarelli \(J.D.'92\)](#)
- [April 10 - Board of Visitors Spring Meeting](#)
- [May 13-17 - Georgia Law LL.M. Reunion](#)

Photo Gallery

- [2015 Beard Closing Argument Competition - 2/6/15](#)
- [Georgia Superior Court Judges Reception - 1/22/15](#)
- [Panel Discussion on the Ebola Crisis - 1/21/15](#)
- [State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Alumni Reception - 1/8/15](#)
- [Class of 1964 Reunion - 11/22/14](#)
- [2014 Talmadge Moot Court Competition - 11/14/14](#)

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