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### **Yates confirmed as U.S. deputy attorney general**

Alumna Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86) has been confirmed as the U.S. deputy attorney general. She has been serving in an acting capacity in this No. 2 position in the U.S. Department of Justice after being nominated by President Barack Obama. Previously, Yates served as the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

### **U.S. District Court Judge Steve Jones to deliver Georgia Law commencement speech**



Steve C. Jones, U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of Georgia, will deliver the keynote address at Georgia Law's Commencement on May 16 at 10 a.m. on the North Campus quadrangle in front of the law school. Approximately 190 students will receive the Juris Doctor degree at this year's ceremony. Additionally, approximately 15 Master of Laws candidates, who have completed one year of graduate legal study, will be recognized. [Learn more](#).

### **Burch receives American Law Institute's Young Scholars Medal**



Associate Professor Elizabeth "Beth" Chamblee Burch has been awarded the American Law Institute's Young Scholars Medal. This national award is presented every other year to one or two outstanding early-career law professors whose work has the potential to influence improvements in the law. Burch's research focuses on class actions and large-scale, non-class aggregation. She is noted for her interdisciplinary approach to procedure and often draws from fields that bear on collective action and group decision-making, including social psychology, behavioral law and economics, as well as political philosophy. [Learn more](#).

## Hashimoto named Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor and associate dean for clinical programs and experiential learning



Erica J. Hashimoto, holder of the law school's Post Professorship, was named a Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor this spring. This distinction is UGA's highest recognition for excellence in instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Hashimoto was also named the law school's associate dean for clinical programs and experiential learning. In this role, she will work to enhance and advance the school's real-practice learning offerings. Learn more about the [Meigs Professorship](#) and view a [video on Hashimoto](#). Learn more about Hashimoto's [associate deanship](#).

## Moser to lead advancement office



On May 1, Anne S. Moser became the interim senior director of development at Georgia Law. She takes over the leadership of the Office of Law School Advancement from Gregory C. "Greg" Sowell (J.D.'83), who served as the law school's senior director of advancement and as an adjunct professor for the past three years. Moser has been a member of the law school's staff for more than one decade. She has served as the school's director of development and, most recently, as its principal gifts officer. Throughout her tenure, she has worked to secure private donations to support the school's efforts in providing first-rate legal training and producing world-class scholarship in service to our state and nation. [Learn more](#)

## Hunnicutt, Loudermilk and White receive DSS Awards

Georgia Law's alumni association recently presented Charles A. "Charlie" Hunnicutt, Joey M. Loudermilk and Rebecca Hanner White with its Distinguished Service Scroll Award. The awards were presented at an alumni breakfast held in conjunction with the law school's first Alumni Weekend in March. This accolade is the highest honor given by the Law School Association and recognizes outstanding dedication and service to the legal profession and law school. [Learn more](#)

## Brown, Ringhand and Turner recognized by students, other Awards Day honors

Three faculty members were recognized this year by Georgia Law students at the 2015 Awards Day Ceremony. They include: Associate Dean Lonnie T. Brown Jr. with the Student Bar Association Professionalism Award, Hosch Professor Lori A. Ringhand with the Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching and Associate Professor Christian Turner with the O'Byrne Memorial Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Student-Faculty Relations. [View a full list of this year's award recipients](#)

## Eaton and Wood appointed to law school's Board of Visitors

Dean Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge is pleased to announce that Hosch Professor Thomas A. "Tom" Eaton and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Lisa Godbey Wood (J.D.'90) will become new members of the law school's Board of Visitors this fall. The BOV serves as a consultative and advisory body about the affairs of the law school to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, UGA President Jere W. Morehead (J.D.'80), and the dean and faculty of the law school.

## Notable faculty scholarship

- Assistant Professor [Nathan S. Chapman](#)'s article "Due Process as Separation of Powers" (121 *Yale Law Review* 1672 (with M. McConnell) (2012)) was cited by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in his concurring opinion in *Department of Transportation v. Association of American Railroads*, 575 U.S. \_\_\_, No. 13-1080 (2015) (Thomas, J., concurring in the opinion, at slip op. 7, 9, 11n.3).
- Distinguished Research Professor & Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law [Walter Hellerstein](#)'s treatise on state taxation was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Alabama Department of Revenue v. CSX Transportation, Inc.* (March 4, 2015). The Supreme Court referred to his work as follows: "As one treatise has observed, we recognize a 'wide latitude state legislatures enjoy in drawing tax classifications under the Equal Protection Clause.' 1 J. Hellerstein & W. Hellerstein, *State Taxation* ¶ 3.03[1], p. 3-5 (3d ed. 2001-2005). This includes the power to impose 'widely different taxes on various trades or professions.'" *Id.*, at 3-5 to 3-6. Additionally, his treatise was cited four times by the Supreme Court of Oregon in the course of its opinion in *Powerex Corp. v. Department of Revenue*, 357 Or. 40 (2015), which addressed the attribution of sales of natural gas and electricity for state corporate income tax purposes.
- Assistant Professor [Kent H. Barnett](#)'s article "The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Appointment with Trouble" was cited by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. The court referred to the article as "offering legitimate and serious analysis" on separation-of-powers questions surrounding the Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's structure.
- Alston Chair in Corporate Law [Margaret V. Sachs](#)' research contained in her forthcoming article, "Superstar Judges as Entrepreneurs: The Untold Story of Fraud-on-the-Market" in 48 *UC Davis Law Review* (2015), was used in a petition for certiorari filed by Motorola.

## Students recorded strong finishes in advocacy and negotiation competitions



Georgia Law students performed well in several advocacy and negotiation competitions this spring. Third-year students Joshua H. "Josh" Dorminy, Whitney T. Judson and Andrew M. Whittaker finished the National Trial Competition as regional finalists. In the Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, third-year students Candace D. Farmer, M. Laughlin Kane and Alicia N. Luncheon finished as semifinalists and also prepared the third best brief of the competition. In the Transactional LawMeet, third-year students Katherine P. "Kate" Bell and Andy Shin and second-year student Chloe S. Ricke were named region champions at the southeastern regional competition, and third-year students Sarah C. McMahon and Chelsea G. Swanson and second-year student Lily D. Wilkerson received the Best Draft Award at the southwestern regional competition.

## White and Blanchard receive awards from UGA Alumni Association

The UGA Alumni Association presented its Faculty Service Award to Hosch Professor Rebecca Hanner White and an Alumni Merit Award to James H. Blanchard (LL.B.'65) last month. The Faculty Service

Award recognizes current or retired UGA faculty and staff who have distinguished themselves in service to the university, and the Alumni Merit Award is the alumni association's oldest honor. [Learn more](#).

### **Six Georgia Law alumni and one professor make *Daily Report's* First Lifetime Achiever List**

We are proud to report that six Georgia Law alumni and one professor were selected as recipients of the *Daily Report's* Lifetime Achievement Award, which are being presented as part of the newspaper's 125th anniversary. Alumni Roy E. Barnes (J.D.'72), Robert Benham (J.D.'70), Emmet J. Bondurant II (J.D.'60), Michael J. "Mike" Bowers (J.D.'74), James E. "Jim" Butler Jr. (J.D.'77), Marvin H. Shoob (J.D.'48) and Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law Larry D. Thompson will receive the honor for having "made significant marks in deciding cases, in government service, building and managing firms, handling all manner of matters in private practice and in-house, representing the poor and fighting for civil rights."

### **Students receive grants for Global Internship Program**

Six Georgia Law students received Freeman Foundation grants totaling \$26,000 for their summer internships with the school's Global Internship Program. First-year students receiving grants included: Ann S. Carroll, Preston N. Cox, Tiffany L. Donohue, Morgan M. Johnson, Brenny B. Nguyen and Amber R. O'Connell. This summer, a total of 18 Georgia Law students will work in 10 different countries through the Global Internship Program, which offers participants the opportunity to gain international legal experience while working for organizations across the globe. [Learn more](#).

### **Want to help plan your next class reunion?**

Alumni Weekend is March 18-19, 2016, in Athens, and the law school would like to help your class coordinate a reunion in conjunction with the weekend. If you are interested in organizing a reunion event for your class, please contact Kate O'Reilly at (706) 542-5190 or [krl@uga.edu](mailto:krl@uga.edu).

### **Now accepting Master in the Study of Law applications for the fall of 2015**

Georgia Law is currently accepting applications for its Master in the Study of Law for the fall of 2015. The Master in the Study of Law is a one-year graduate level degree for individuals seeking to increase their knowledge of law in order to enhance their career opportunities, but not practice law. [Learn more](#)

### **In the Spotlight**



[Assistant Professor  
Kent Barnett](#)



[1996 Alumna  
Karri L. Palmetier  
of Denver, Colorado](#)



[Third-year student  
Andrew D. Mason](#)

## Multimedia Gallery

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- 2015 Richard B. Russell Moot Court Competition - 4/10/15 [View Photos](#)
- Sen. Johnny Isakson Lecture on International Trade and Economic Growth - 4/10/15 [View Photos](#)
- U.S. District Judge Leigh Martin May (J.D.'98) visit - 4/3/15 [View Photos](#)
- 33rd Edith House Lecture with Kelly Caffarelli (J.D.'92) - 4/2/15 [View Photos](#) [View Video](#)
- *Journal of Intellectual Property Law* Music and Technology Conference - 3/27/15 [View Photos](#)
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- 10th Annual Working in the Public Interest Conference – 2/28/15 [View Photos](#)
- 27th Annual Red Clay Conference - 2/27/15 [View Photos](#)
- 1L Networking Reception - 2/13/15 [View Photos](#)

## Upcoming Events

- [May 13-17 - Georgia Law LL.M. Reunion](#)
- [May 16 - Commencement Ceremony](#)
- [May 18 - Georgia Law Alumni Breakfast in Washington, D.C.](#)
- [June 5 - JHLS Twilight Affair](#)
- [June 19 - Law School Association Annual Meeting and Reception](#)
- [June 24 - Georgia Law Alumni Reception in New York City](#)
- [Aug. 10-12 - Pre-Semester Early On-Campus Interviews](#)
- [Aug. 18 - School of Law Fall Semester Begins](#)
- [Sept. 11-13 - Class of 1965 Reunion](#)
- [Oct. 16 - Fall Board of Visitors Meeting](#)
- [Oct. 16 - Fall Law School Association Council Meeting](#)
- [Oct. 17 - 25th Annual Law Dawg BBQ](#)

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