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Prepared for the courtroom

The team of third-year student Caroline Savini and second-year student Simone Ford brought home the top trophy at the Charleston National Moot Court Competition. Savini was named the best oralist of the final round. A second UGA team comprised of second-year students Eric Wilder and Hayley Nicolich finished as semifinalists and were presented with the Best Appellee Brief Award. From l. to r.: Nicolich, Wilder, Savini and Ford.

Sally Yates delivers 36th Edith House Lecture

A conversation with Distinguished Lecturer from Government at Georgetown Law Sally Q. Yates will be the focus of the 36th Edith House Lecture. Yates, a 1986 graduate of the School of Law, has served in several leadership roles throughout her career – most recently as acting U.S. attorney general and as deputy attorney general. She also served as a U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia and was the first assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section of the office.

National title and strong finishes in advocacy/negotiation:

- First place and semifinalist plus best oralist/brief awards at the Charleston National Moot Court Competition
- Top 8 at the National Moot Court Competition
- Finalist at the Spong Moot Court Tournament
- Regional champion at the American Association for Justice National Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- Regional semifinalist and best oralist/brief awards at the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- Regional semifinalist at the National Trial Competition
- Semifinalist at the American Bar Association National Negotiation Competition
- Regional finalist and Best Draft Award at the Transactional LawMeet

Harvey named a law student of the year by National Jurist

Third-year student Marcol D. Harvey was included in National Jurist magazine’s “Law Students of the Year,” which honored law students across the country who contributed the most to their law schools and communities in the past year.

Seasoned expert to lead law school’s Veterans Legal Services Clinic

Alexander W. Scherr, a 30-plus year public service lawyer and educator, will become the inaugural director of the School of Law’s Veterans Legal Services Clinic. The clinic, which was funded by a lead gift from renowned trial attorney and 1977 alumnus James E. “Jim” Butler Jr. in memory of his father, will provide veterans in Georgia with legal assistance they might not otherwise have access to or be able to afford, with particular regard to denied or deferred claims before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as an educational scholarship component. The clinic will begin serving clients this summer.

Alumnus donates art collection to law school

Accomplished artist and Atlanta attorney William Elliott Stiles Jr. (J.D. ’06) is donating 10 pieces of his work to the School of Law. The hand-painted originals, to be installed in Hirsch Hall later this summer, are part of his “Concept Collection,” which is “firmly rooted in the practice of law and has excerpts of U.S. Supreme Court opinions in the background” and contains law
World-class faculty

Baradaran’s Harvard University Press book receives PROSE Award Honorable Mention

Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives & Hosch Associate Professor Mehrsa Baradaran’s book The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap was presented with a 2018 PROSE Award Honorable Mention in the Business, Finance & Management category. The PROSE Awards annually recognize the very best in professional and scholarly publishing by bringing attention to distinguished books, journals and electronic content in 58 categories.

Mayson publishes article in the Yale Law Journal


Hall publishes article in the Washington University Law Review

Associate Professor Matthew I. Hall published "Who has Standing to Sue the President Over Allegedly Unconstitutional Emoluments?" in 95 Washington University Law Review 757 (2017).

Coenen publishes article in the Iowa Law Review


Student Spotlight: Third-year student Harris R. Mason

Class Notes and In Memoriam

In Memoriam: Peter Appel

We regret to share that Smith Professor Peter A. Appel died Jan. 28 at the age of 53. Appel was a member of the law school faculty for more than 20 years and specialized in environmental and natural resources law. At this year’s Red Clay Conference, held earlier this month, the keynote lecture was named the Peter Appel Lecture in his memory. Remembrances and wishes for his family can be shared on a Dignity Memorial page.


School of Law events are also promoted on the school’s social media channels so be sure to connect with us.