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The University of Georgia School of Law is succeeding in its efforts toward world-class scholarship and first-rate legal training in service to society – the proof is in the results.

Not only is our faculty receiving national recognition, significant gifts from alumni and others are allowing us to focus on education and experiences that will allow our students to be prepared for their careers and give back to the community.

We are especially proud of the authentic relationships that continue to develop within the Georgia Law community. Below are just a few highlights of our recent activity.

[Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge](#)

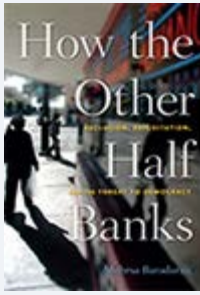
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### ALI Young Scholars Medal winner

Earlier this year, Georgia Law Professor [Elizabeth “Beth” Chamblee Burch](#) won the [American Law Institute Young Scholars Medal](#). The ALI presents this honor every other year to one or two outstanding early-career law professors whose work has the potential to influence improvements in the law. Specializing in class actions and large-scale, non-class aggregation, Burch was recognized for providing innovative analysis of strategies for solving principal-agent problems in aggregate litigation.

### Acclaimed book on future of banking



In the United States, 70 million Americans do not have a bank account or access to traditional financial services. In [\*How the Other Half Banks: Exclusion, Exploitation, and the Threat to Democracy\*](#) (Harvard University Press), Georgia Law Associate Professor [Mehrsta Baradaran](#) proposes that the U.S. Postal Service, which already offers money orders and has a presence in every neighborhood, may be the solution for America's unbanked population. On Oct. 7, Baradaran will participate in a discussion at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., regarding America's banking system.

## Fourteen experiential learning opportunities

In the spring of 2016, Georgia Law will launch the 14th experiential learning opportunity for its students. The [Atlanta Semester in Practice](#) will provide second- and third-year law students with full-time externships in judicial, governmental, corporate and nonprofit law offices in the ninth largest metropolitan area in the country. This program complements Georgia Law's other semester programs in Washington, D.C., and at the University of Oxford.

## Former students donate almost \$6 million in gifts and pledges

Georgia Law has enhanced its educational offerings through approximately \$6 million in donations and pledges received from former students. A few of the more recent, notable initiatives follow.

- A gift from the estate of the late Georgia Gov. Carl E. Sanders was used to establish a scholarship fund for students and to support the law school's **Sanders Political Leadership Scholar** position, which has enabled the school to bring former U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss to campus to teach a course in political leadership this fall. The senator is scheduled to bring special guests – U.S. Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates and current Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal – to the classroom to share their experiences with our students.
- Another donation will fund a **Jurist in Residence** at Georgia Law. This position will allow for any Article III judge in the country to spend one week on the UGA campus to teach a one-credit mini-course on a topic of the judge's choosing. This position is being created in memory of former U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia Judge B. Avant Edenfield. The first **Edenfield Jurist in Residence** will be U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia Chief Judge Lisa Godbey Wood next year.
- A third major gift, from Georgia State Rep. Stacey Godfrey Evans, created a **scholarship fund for first-generation college graduates attending Georgia Law**. The first Evans Scholar is currently pursuing his law degree at the University of Georgia in Athens.
- An alumnus has decided to honor one of his former Georgia Law professors by providing a six-figure contribution to a scholarship fund bearing the teacher's name. The **R. Perry Sentell, Jr. Scholarship Fund** is now one of the most impactful scholarship funds at Georgia Law and is helping to recruit the best and brightest students.
- Dr. Verner F. Chaffin, a Georgia Law graduate and longtime law professor, has completed his pledge to establish a professorial chair bearing his name and emphasizing his area of specialty – trusts and estates. The **Verner F. Chaffin Chair**

**in Fiduciary Law** will support a nationally recognized scholar in this important area and thus ensure Chaffin's lasting legacy at Georgia Law.



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