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### Wilbanks CEASE Clinic donor connects with students and fellow

Alumnus Marlan Wilbanks (J.D.'86) and his parents Aubrey (left) and Marilyn (right) Motz recently spent time with first-year student and Motz Scholar Catie Blackwell (second from left), Wilbanks CEASE Clinic Post Graduate Fellow Adeola Adekunle (third from left) and third-year student and Wilbanks CEASE Clinic participant Morgan Thomas (second from right).

### School of Law named best in nation for return on investment

**#1** The UGA School of Law was named the **best value in legal education** in the United States by the National Jurist, which based its rankings largely upon outcome-driven factors such as average indebtedness, bar passage and employment. In recent years, the School of Law has implemented a three-pronged strategy in pursuit of its return-on-investment vision – holding tuition essentially flat, taking a disciplined approach to spending and increasing student financial aid through scholarships funded by donors.

### UGA law grads record highest state bar passage rate for fifth consecutive year

The School of Law is proud to announce that for the fifth consecutive year, its graduates had the **highest bar examination passage** rate for first-time takers in the state of Georgia for the July sitting.

### 20 jurists interact with law students during 2018

Connecting our students with jurists – pillars of the legal profession – is an essential part of their legal education and allows them to see the benefits of public service. During 2018, 20 jurists visited campus. Among them were U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and U.S. Court of Appeals judges David Barron, Bernice Donald, Julia Gibbons, Susan Graber and Jeffrey Sutton.

### DSS Awards and Law Clinics@50 to highlight Alumni/Alumnae Weekend

To be held March 29 & 30, the **Fifth Annual Alumni/Alumnae Weekend** will be a great opportunity to connect with fellow Law Dawgs as well as law school faculty, staff and students. Events you will not want to miss include the Distinguished Service Scroll Award ceremony, where The Aflac Foundation President and School of Law Board of Visitors Chair Kathelen V. Amos (J.D.'82), Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold D. Melton (J.D.'91) and former Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games President and Chief Executive Officer William P. "Billy" Payne (J.D.'73) will be honored. Additionally we will be celebrating 50 years of clinical legal education at the School of Law. Please make plans to join us!

### Jones delivers commencement speech and is honored with portrait



JONES

U.S. District Court Judge Steve C. Jones (J.D.'87) served as the university's fall undergraduate commencement speaker earlier this month. His **portrait** was also unveiled and installed in Hirsch Hall among portraits of other law school distinguished leaders and graduates.

### World-class scholars

Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives & Alston Associate Chair in Corporate Law **Mehrsa Baradaran** presented "The Color of Money: Banking and Racial Inequality" as a keynote address at

Harvard Law School's conference titled "Money as a Democratic Medium."

Hosch Associate Professor **Kent Barnett** served as the reporter for the Administrative Conference of the United States' (ACUS) Model Adjudication Rules (MARS) Working Group, which has published revised MARS. These rules, which have not been revised since their establishment in 1993, are designed to be used by all federal agencies in their hearings. The working group, comprising academics, agency officials and practitioners, helped to revise these rules.

Associate Professor **Jason A. Cade** published "Sanctuaries as Equitable Delegation in an Era of Mass Immigration Enforcement" in 113 *Northwestern University Law Review* 433 (2018) and "Judicial Review of Disproportionate (or Retaliatory) Deportation" in 75 *Washington and Lee Law Review* 1427 (2018).

Assistant Professor **Sandra G. Mayson** has been announced as the winner of the 2019 Association of American Law Schools Section on Criminal Justice Junior Scholar Award for her article "Bias In, Bias Out." The article is forthcoming in the *Yale Law Review*. Mayson will receive the award at the AALS Annual Meeting next month.

Associate Professor & Veterans Legal Clinic Director **Alexander W. Scherr** will be awarded the 2019 William Pincus Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment to Clinical Legal Education. To be presented during the January Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, it is the preeminent national award in clinical education and constitutes "a career award conferred for exceptional contributions to clinical education."

Associate Dean for Faculty Development & Hosch Professor **Elizabeth Weeks** published *Healthism: Health-Status Discrimination and the Law* (with J.L. Roberts) (Cambridge University Press, 2018).



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**Spotlights:** Second-year student **Amber Greenaway** and alumnus **Douglas Ashworth (J.D.'87)**

#### In Memoriam and Class Notes

##### In Memoriam: P. Harris Hines



HINES

The University of Georgia School of Law joins the legal community in mourning the passing of retired Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice **P. Harris Hines**. He was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court in 1995 by then-Gov. Zell Miller. He became presiding justice in 2013 and chief justice in 2017, and retired from the state's highest court in August. While Hines did not attend UGA, the justice often joked he was a "Bulldog by proxy." He regularly attended School of Law events and activities and had served as a member of the law school's Board of Visitors since 2009.

##### In Memoriam: Alan Watson



WATSON

The School of Law regrets to announce the passing of **Alan Watson**, one of the world's foremost authorities on Roman law, comparative law, legal history, and law and religion, who passed away November 7, 2018, at the age of 85. Watson was a former Distinguished Research Professor and holder of the Ernest P. Rogers Chair at the law school, where he taught for more than 20 years before retiring in 2012. Watson leaves behind a tremendous legacy and will be missed by many. Memorial service details will be forthcoming.

**Upcoming events include:** Law School Association Council Winter Meeting (1/24), Superior Court Judges Reception (1/24), Red Clay Conference (3/1), 14th Annual Working in the Public Interest Conference: A Day on Immigration (3/2), The International Criminal Court: A Community of Nations Conference (3/8), Fifth Annual Alumni/Alumnae Weekend (3/29-30) and Board of Visitors Spring Meeting (3/29).

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



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