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We are excited to let you know that the University of Georgia School of Law has been named the Best Value in Legal Education in the United States by the *National Jurist*. Its rankings are based largely upon outcome-driven factors such as average indebtedness, bar passage and employment.

Why is this so significant? It recognizes that a degree from our law school is a great return on investment. It also means that our students graduate with lower debt loads that allow them to choose careers based on their passion, not their pocketbook.

With your support, this recognition has been achieved without compromising on our commitment to provide a world-class legal education. Over 90 percent of the Class of 2017 was employed in full-time, long-term jobs within 10 months. Nationally, roughly 95 percent of 2016 graduates who sat for a bar exam passed within 12 months of graduation. Those are results of which we can all be proud.

With the financial support of our donors, and with a close eye on spending, we have essentially held tuition flat since 2015 and significantly increased student financial aid. In fact, approximately 70 percent of the Class of 2021 received some type of merit scholarship, including through programs designed to support first-generation college students and military veterans. As a result, student borrowing has declined by approximately \$1 million annually.

We are delivering on our promise to prepare the next generation of legal leaders. Our future is bright, and I am excited to see what, together, we will continue to achieve.

Thank you for all that you do for our law school.

Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge  
Dean and Herman E. Talmadge  
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