

Brennen appointed AALS deputy director



The Association of American Law Schools has appointed Professor David A. Brennen to the position of deputy director. He will serve a two year term (2007-09) in the association's Washington, D.C., office.

As deputy director, Brennen will assist with the operation of the AALS and represent the AALS to a number of other law-related and higher education organizations. He will also be responsible for working with various committees composed of law faculty members on a variety of topics that include academic freedom, professional development, institutional commitment to diversity and many others.

This post has been compared to being a law school associate dean on the national level. It is designed as a visiting position for distinguished faculty or deans and offers the opportunity to serve the AALS while also gaining valuable insights through contact with numerous legal educators across the country and throughout the world.

Brennen has previously served the AALS as founder and chair-elect of the Section on Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law and as chair of the Section on Taxation and of the Section on Minority Groups.

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He has also served on the Board of Governors for the Society of American Law Teachers. Additionally, he is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Brennen joined Georgia Law in the fall of 2006 as a professor with more than a dozen years of teaching experience. Specializing in tax law, he has taught courses on federal tax, corporate tax and the taxation of non-profits.

Previously, Brennen worked as assistant general counsel of Florida's Department of Revenue, where his practice areas included tax litigation oversight and tax policy advisory opinions. He also worked as an associate with Messer, Vickers, Caparello, Madsen, Lewis, Goldman & Metz in Tallahassee, Fla.

Brennen earned his bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and his Juris Doctor and Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida.

Ellington honored with Lifetime Achievement Award



The Georgia Trial Lawyers Association recently presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to C. Ronald Ellington, the holder of the A. Gus Cleveland

Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism and Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Ellington joined the School of Law in 1969 and served as dean of the law school from 1987 to 1993. Currently, he teaches courses on civil procedure, complex litigation, legal profession and Georgia practice and procedure.

According to Joseph W. Watkins (J.D.'77), president of the GTLA, Ellington received the award "in recognition of his huge contri-

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bution to the legal education of so many of our members."

A respected teacher who has helped shape the law of Georgia, Ellington was also one of three professors campus-wide to be named a Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching

Professor, UGA's highest honor for teaching excellence, in 2006.

He has been presented with the Faculty Book Award for Excellence in Teaching by Georgia Law students and has received the Professional Responsibility Award, both on multiple occasions. In 1994, he served as a Senior Teaching Fellow at the University of Georgia and, in 2000, he was inducted into UGA's prestigious Teaching Academy.

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Ellington earned his undergraduate degree from Emory University and his law degree from the University of Virginia, where he served on the managing board of the *Virginia Law Review*. He later earned his Master of Laws from Harvard University.

Dupre named UGA Senior Teaching Fellow



Anne Proffitt Dupre (J.D.'88), a J. Alton Hosch Professor, has been selected to serve as a UGA Senior Teaching Fellow for 2007-08. She is one of eight faculty members selected campus-wide for this honor.

The Senior Teaching Fellows Program recognizes dedicated teaching scholars and values the synergistic relationship between teaching, research and service.

It is designed to provide senior faculty with opportunities to share ideas with dedicated, highly motivated and innovative teachers from other disciplines at UGA and then apply those ideas to further strengthen each participant's own academic department.

"I am excited and honored to receive this great opportunity," Dupre said.

Dupre joined the School of Law faculty in 1994 and teaches Education Law, Children and the Law, and Contracts. In 2004, she became the fourth woman in Georgia Law history to be appointed to an endowed position.

She has received the Blue Key Young Alumnus Award, presented by UGA's Blue Key chapter in 2000, and has been honored by law students with the Faculty Book Award for Excellence in Teaching and the John C. O'Byrne Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Faculty-

Student Relations. She has also received several other campus-wide honors, including induction into the Teaching Academy and being named an Institute of Higher Education Senior Fellow.

Dupre served as judicial law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun following her clerkship with Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. She also practiced law with the Washington, D.C., firm Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge before joining the law faculty.

Current members of the Georgia Law faculty who have served as a UGA Senior Teaching Fellow include Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law Emeritus Ronald L. Carlson, University Professor and J. Alton Hosch Professor Dan T. Coenen, A. Gus Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism and Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor C. Ronald Ellington, and Dean and J. Alton Hosch Professor Rebecca H. White.

Eaton and Ellington conduct panels at Federal Bar Association convention

In September, the Federal Bar Association held its annual meeting and convention themed "Atlanta Then and Now" in Georgia's state capital.

As part of that gathering, J. Alton Hosch Professor Thomas A. Eaton and A. Gus Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism and Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor C. Ronald Ellington led two panel discussions.

Eaton led a panel discussion on "Civil Rights in the South." Members of the panel talked about their involvement in some of the important civil rights cases of the past, the impact of these cases on the present and the future of civil rights litigation in the South.

Serving on the panel was well-known civil rights advocate Joseph Lowery, Judge

W. Louis Sands of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Senior Judge Horace T. Ward of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and Judge John H. Ruffin Jr. of the Georgia Court of Appeals.

The panel discussion on "The Universal Standard of Civility in the Legal Profession" was led by Ellington.

His panel explored why civility matters, whether it should be enforced by judges and whether age and gender influence our perceptions of appropriate behavior.

The panel was composed of U.S. District Court Senior Judge William C. O'Kelley and Judge Timothy C. Batten Sr. (J.D.'84), both from the Northern District of Georgia, and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Linda Strite Murnane, now serving as a senior legal offi-

cer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Other topics discussed during the conference included federal class action practice, the role of today's corporate general counsel, effective advocacy in the federal appellate courts and a preview of the upcoming term of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Faculty scholarship e-alerts

Select Georgia Law faculty scholarly works can now be found at *SSRN.com*. If you would like to receive periodic e-mail announcements with the abstracts of the latest research written by the School of Law faculty and links to the full text papers, please register at *SSRN.com*.

Law professor's belief in indigent defense fuels her desire to teach



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Do you know that approximately 80 percent of criminal defendants in felony cases nationwide cannot afford a private attorney? As you are probably aware, indigent defense is a problem most states are struggling with. But, you may not know that Georgia Law’s Assistant Professor Erica J. Hashimoto is doing her part to address the problem.

“The vast majority of people who are charged with criminal offenses can’t afford private legal counsel, so a lawyer is appointed to them,” she said. “However, many of those defendants are not well represented because the public defender offices and/or lawyers don’t have the resources they need to do a good job.

“It bothers me to think of somebody who is poor and can’t afford a lawyer being stuck with a really bad court-appointed attorney,” Hashimoto added. “I believe you cannot run a justice system if those defendants are not well represented.”

She hopes her research on public defender systems will improve the quality of those systems and shed some light on the problem. She also wants to make a difference in the area of indigent defense through her role as a professor teaching courses in criminal law, evidence, sentencing, legal professionalism and ethics.

“It is important to me that once my students are lawyers, they do good things with all of their experience and all the knowledge they have,” Hashimoto said.

Prior to becoming a faculty member at the School of Law, Hashimoto served for four years as an assistant federal public defender in the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Washington, D.C.

In this position, she gained significant trial experience representing clients charged with a variety of federal crimes. However, her desire to make a difference as a lawyer in the lives of the less fortunate actually took hold

several years earlier, just after earning her undergraduate degree.

With her Bachelor of Arts in Government in hand, Hashimoto began working in Boston doing gang mediation. She also worked as a community organizer in public housing organizing tenants so they could have more rights in the housing developments where they lived.

“I felt very strongly that there were a lot of things that needed to be fixed, and I didn’t have the tools to help the residents fix them,” Hashimoto said. “I heard that if I went to law school I would have those tools. So, I went.”

Hashimoto’s favorite part about being a trial lawyer was working with her clients. She got to know them and their families which increased her already strong passion for fighting for them.

“I think a lot of people think of public defenders and they think ‘Why would somebody want to do that kind of work?’ But I really did; I loved my clients,” she said.

The decision to switch to teaching was a hard one, Hashimoto said, but she enjoyed being an attorney so much that she wanted to pass that and her passion for indigent defense on to generations of lawyers to come. She said she really wants her students to not only care about what they are doing but also to love it and to make a difference.

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