



This spring, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich taught a course on judicial review at Georgia Law with the assistance of Randy Evans (J.D.'83). Here, Gingrich (left) walks to class with Georgia Law students enrolled in his course after having breakfast with them downtown. Photo by UGA Public Affairs' Andrew Davis Tucker.

Gingrich serves as Sanders Scholar

Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, taught a course on judicial review at Georgia Law this spring as a Sanders Political Leadership Scholar.

“We were honored to have Newt Gingrich leading a course at the law school,” Dean Rebecca H. White said. “We strive to offer our students a variety of learning opportunities, and I am confident that studying under the former speaker helped them to better understand the interplay of law, politics and policy.”

Assisting him with the course was J. Randolph “Randy” Evans (J.D.'83), a frequent lecturer and author on government ethics and politics.

Extending his time on campus, Gingrich also spoke to law school students at an event organized by the Georgia Law Republicans as well as to the wider university community at a separate gathering.

Gingrich was first elected to Congress in 1978, where he served the 6th District of Georgia for 20 years. He served as speaker of the U.S. House from 1995 to 1999. Today, Gingrich is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a distinguished visiting fellow at Stanford University. He is a member of the Terrorism Task Force for the Council on Foreign Relations, the U.S. Commission on National Security and the Defense Policy Board.

Evans is a partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge. He served as counsel to the speakers of the 104th-109th Congresses of the United States. He has also participated in and supervised matters on behalf of the Office of the Speaker involving the separation of powers between the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

The Sanders Scholar position is named for Georgia’s 74th governor and Georgia Law alumnus, Carl E. Sanders (J.D.'48).

Previous Sanders Political Leadership Scholars who have taught a course at the law school include: former U.S. Sen. Wyche Fowler Jr., prominent media personality and political consultant Paul E. Begala, former Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, former U.S. Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Theodore “Ted” W. Kassinger (J.D.'78), former U.S. Sen. J. Maxwell “Max” Cleland and former Georgia Supreme Court Justice George T. Smith (LL.B.'48).