Rural Healthcare Symposium turns three

The School of Law hosted the Third Annual Rural Healthcare Symposium, which connected healthcare policymakers, executives, entrepreneurs and scholars for discussions on a range of health issues.

Four panels focused on: rural healthcare administration and management by those “in the trenches,” transformative ideas in rural health, mental and behavioral health shortages, and the intersection of rural health and rural economic development.

The keynote speaker was the National Rural Health Association’s Maggie Elehwany, who serves as the group’s vice president of government affairs and policy.

The event was co-presented by Boling & Company and was made possible with support from the Healthcare Georgia Foundation.

Tjoflat headlines Legal Ethics and Professionalism Symposium

The 18th Annual Legal Ethics and Professionalism Symposium, titled “Conflicts of Interest in Multi-party Litigation,” was organized and hosted by the School of Law.

Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit served as keynote speaker.

Three panels spotlighted conflicts of interest in three separate areas – public defender offices, multi-district litigation and cause-lawyering.

Conference sheds light on public interest causes

The law school’s 13th Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference focused on the intersection of poverty, criminal justice and community.

The event included three plenary sessions examining the history of forcible removal of children, reforming cash bail bonds, and connecting children and incarcerated parents, in addition to a keynote lecture and three afternoon breakout sessions. The afternoon discussions centered on advocating for housing and the homeless, for parental rights and against pre-trial incarceration.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Thomas C. “Tom” Rawlings (J.D.’92), the director of Georgia’s Office of the Child Advocate.

Symposium examines redistricting


The conference featured a diverse set of voices on issues at the intersection of election law, political science and politics, with panel topics focusing on the Voting Rights Act of 1965, deriving a constitutional test for partisan gerrymandering and redistricting implications in Georgia. The keynote speaker was Nicholas Stephanopoulos, the Fried Research Scholar at the University of Chicago Law School.

Red Clay Conference focuses on natural disasters

“When Disaster Strikes: How Environmental Laws and Policies Can Increase Resiliency in Communities” was the title of the 30th Annual Red Clay Conference, which included three panel discussions as well as two featured speakers.

The inaugural Peter Appel Lecture was given by Robert R.M. Verchick, holder of the Gauthier-St. Marten Chair in Environmental Law at Loyola University New Orleans. He spoke about environmental perspectives of disaster law.

Michael P. Vanderbergh, holder of the Allen Distinguished Chair of Law at Vanderbilt Law School, presented a lecture focusing on environmental problem solving in the private sector.

Panel discussions addressed local and state resiliency initiatives, flood insurance, and resiliency issues involved in the Camden County space port and rezoning effort.