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## The University of Georgia School of Law

### Virtual Tour - Dean Rusk Hall

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Dean Rusk Hall symbolizes the aggressive pursuit of excellence at the University of Georgia School of Law. The impressive facility blends the benefits of modern technology with the established strengths of UGA's traditional program of substantive law and practical skills training. Rusk Hall enhances the quality of legal education, service and scholarship provided by Georgia's flagship university.

Construction of Rusk Hall has been more than a decade in the making, and the project has involved three deans: plans were developed by The Hauseman Group of Atlanta at the direction of Dean J. Ralph Beard; [Dean C. Ronald Ellington](#) oversaw most of the fundraising for the building; groundbreaking ceremonies were held in 1992, but construction was delayed until the summer of 1994, when [Dean Edward D. Spurgeon](#) was in office. Ra-Lin and Associates of Carrollton was the building contractor.

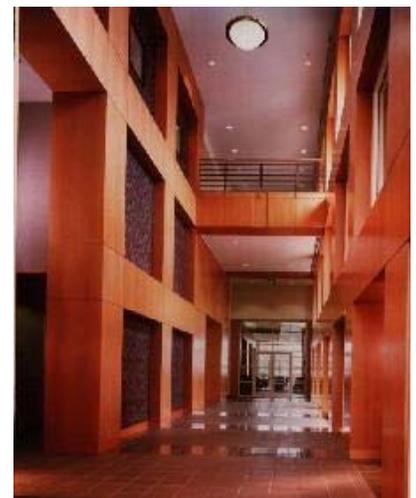
Dean Rusk Hall provides a permanent home for the Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law and the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, a state-of-the-art electronic courtroom, multi-purpose classroom, reception hall, faculty offices, and the extensive personal library collection donated by retired faculty member Louis B. Sohn, one of the world's leading international law scholars.

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Dean Rusk Hall, adjacent to Harold Hirsch Hall and [UGA's main library](#), is the first new construction on North Campus since the law school annex was completed in 1981. Architects for the addition, The Hauseman Group of Atlanta, sought a harmonious merger of the modern structure with the existing buildings on North Campus, some of which date back to the early 1800s.

The result is a four-story, 40,000-square-foot addition which blends contemporary style and tradition. The brick facade consists of several hues, integrating the various brick colors of surrounding buildings.

The interior emphasizes openness. The magnificent gallery at the convergence of the building's main entrances is enveloped by three stories of windows. The impressive executive boardroom is also encircled by windows, and features a beautiful 28-person anegre wood conference table custom-made to fit the dramatic contours of the room. Tones and textures throughout the facility are light, complementing the building's warm and open character.



As practical as it is aesthetically pleasing, Dean Rusk Hall facilitates a variety of contemporary demands.

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## Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law



Created in 1977, the Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law places legal scholarship at the service of state, national and international leaders. It has met and surpassed the prophetic charge offered by Governor George Busbee at its dedication: "The Rusk Center is destined for greatness because it carries the name of a man of destiny."

Faculty and student research provides insight into a host of pressing global concerns such as disarmament, human rights, trade, maritime law, and the environment. In recent years, Rusk Center researchers have advised government and private sector business leaders on NAFTA, GATT, the South African elections, trade with Japan, the Gulf War, the ethnic struggle in Bosnia, and the Alaskan oil spill.

The Rusk Center brings a broad interdisciplinary focus to all its areas of research and scholarship. Justifiably, it has become a leader in international law, placing the University of Georgia at the forefront of global legal studies.

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### Executive Boardroom

The executive boardroom accommodates 28 people and will be used for a variety of purposes, including meetings of the School of Law's Board of Visitors and Law School Association Council. The striking conference table, tailor-made from anegre wood, is the centerpiece of the facility. Its beauty is enhanced by the light which filters through the massive windows encircling the room.



### Faculty Offices and Reading Room

The third floor of Dean Rusk Hall houses 15 faculty offices, as well as secretarial support. A faculty library and reading room is provided to promote opportunities for quiet study and classroom preparation. The reading room also creates a suitable setting for an active exchange of scholarly ideas among faculty.