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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW
1997-98 ANNUAL REPORT

I. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1997-98

The University of Georgia School of Law had a successful year in 1997-98 and made significant progress in many areas.

*U.S. News and World Report* ranks the Law School in the top 20 percent of the nation's accredited law schools and as one of the top three public law schools in the Southeast, even though the overall ranking slipped from 26 to 34 in the 1998 survey of the nation's accredited law schools. For the five preceding years, the Law School was consistently ranked among the top 10 public law schools in the country and within the top 15% of all accredited law schools. While the overall ranking fell, the Law School had high scores in the objective categories - those which measure quality by fact (placement - 94 %, bar passage - 97 %, and student selectivity - ranked 22). The Law School also had outstanding accomplishments in areas not measured in the rankings, such as faculty hiring, victories in Moot Court and Mock Trial competitions and the placement of a high number of students in judicial clerkships throughout the United States, as well as Georgia.

II. FACULTY

The students of the Law School benefit greatly from successful efforts to build a top-ranked faculty. Students gain by exposure to a variety of viewpoints from different scholars, having more one-on-one interaction with professors, and choosing from a broader range of courses with more small classes. Continuing to strive to meet the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan of the University to "commit to excellence in a teaching/learning environment dedicated to serve a diverse and well-prepared student body; to promote high levels of student achievement, and to provide appropriate academic support services," the Law School has worked diligently to further improve the strength of its faculty. In addition to three exceptional new faculty hires and the hiring of our sixth instructor for the Legal Research and Writing Program in 1997, the Law School secured several prestigious adjunct professors and
lecturers during the academic year to further enhance our educational program, and in conducting a successful national search for a new Dean, David E. Shipley, who started on July 1, 1998.

1. **FACULTY**

The tenure-track faculty of the Law School numbers 37 with 19 senior faculty members holding prestigious endowed chairs or professorships. Four of these were named in the spring of 1997: Robert Cotten Alston Professor of Corporate Law Margaret V. Sachs (the first female faculty member to hold an endowed chair); J. Alton Hosch Professor Dan T. Coenen; John Byrd Martin Professor James C. Smith; and Joseph Henry Lumpkin Professor James F. Ponsoldt.

During 1997-98 Charles R.T. O’Kelley (Martin E. Kilpatrick Professor of Law) and Assistant Professors Peter A. Appel and J. Randy Beck joined the teaching faculty of the Law School. In addition to these tenure-track professors, an additional Legal Research and Writing Instructor (Rosemary Myers Hathaway, former UGA Legal Aid Clinic staff attorney) was added to the Law School staff. With the addition of Ms. Hathaway, the Law School fulfills its goal of providing two instructors per section in the first-year program. This additional instructor allows smaller class size and an opportunity to tie legal research and writing and other first-year courses more closely together. In the spring of 1998, Carol A. Elewski was hired as a Legal Research and Writing instructor for the coming academic year, filling a position being vacated by Ruth Nagareda.

The Dean Search Committee, chaired by Dean Russell Yeaney of the College of Education, screened candidates during the winter and spring. Five candidates received full on-campus interviews and in May, 1998, UGA President Michael Adams introduced David E. Shipley as the Law School’s new dean. Shipley served as Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Law from 1993-98 and Dean at the University of Mississippi from 1990-93. He
also taught at the University of South Carolina from 1977-90. Edward D. Spurgeon, who served as Dean from 1993-98, is returning to full-time teaching on the faculty.

2. **PROMOTIONS**

The candidacies of Associate Professor Paul Heald and Associate Professor Rebecca White for promotion to Full Professor, and the candidacy of Assistant Professor Anne Dupre for promotion to Associate Professor were all approved during 1997-98. The application for tenure for Professor Elizabeth Ann Puckett, Director of the Law Library, was also approved.

3. **PRODUCTIVITY**

The Law School Faculty continued to produce numerous books, articles and supplements which were published by leading book publishers and journals. The faculty published 11 books; 69 articles, monographs and chapters in books; and 19 book supplements and teaching materials. Various faculty have a total of 29 publications pending in 1998. Faculty members participated in presentations throughout Georgia as well as in other states in the United States and prominent cities all over the world.

Our faculty continued to serve their profession through the American Inns of Court, the Association of American Law Schools, the Federal Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the American Law Institute, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

4. **AWARDS**

J. Alton Hosch Professor Dan Coenen received the University Meigs Award, the highest honor the University bestows for teaching excellence. He is the first Law School professor to receive this honor since 1989 when Professor Ron Carlson, Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Law, was named the recipient of this award.

Russell Gabriel, Director of the Legal Aid and Defender Clinic, was awarded the Equal Justice Award for Outstanding Public Interest Attorney.
Executive Director of the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia, Rich Reaves, received the prestigious Walter Barnard Hill Award which recognizes distinguished achievement in public service by faculty members and service professionals.

Laurie Fowler, an adjunct professor at the School of Law, received a Special Conservation Achievement Award for Environmental Activism from the Georgia Wildlife Federation. This award recognizes Georgians who surpass the call of duty to preserve, protect and educate people about natural resources.

Professor Edward Larson was awarded the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for History for his book SUMMER FOR THE GODS: THE SCOPES TRIAL AND AMERICA'S CONTINUING DEBATE OVER SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

III. STUDENTS

1. CREDENTIALS OF ENTERING CLASS

The Law School enrolled 233 students in the Class of 2000 selected from 1,859 applicants. They had an median undergraduate GPA of 3.55 and a median LSAT of 161 (or about the top 15% of all test-takers nationwide). They represent 92 colleges and universities and come from 20 states with 68 from the University of Georgia, 11 from Georgia Institute of Technology, 9 from Emory University, 7 from Furman and 6 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Women comprised 46% of the class, and 9% are minority students. Of the 233 students, 184 (or 79%) are Georgia residents. The University of Georgia School of Law continues to enhance its national reputation while maintaining its primary mission to serve the State of Georgia.

2. NATIONAL MOOT COURT/MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Moot Court

The ABA Moot Court Team had its best performance ever in the regional competition with two teams being named as regional co-champions, advancing to the national finals in Boston in August, 1998. Three students won individual oralist awards and one team was recognized as having one of the top five briefs.
The Hulsey-Kimbrell team won its annual competition with a team representing the University of Florida for the tenth consecutive time to improve the overall record for this tournament to 11-3-2.

For the second year in a row, the William B. Spong team reached the championship round of this invitation-only constitutional law tournament, hosted by William & Mary.

In the National Moot Court Competition, the UGA team returned to the national finals as defending champions after winning the regional competition in November. This marks the 8th consecutive year that the Law School’s team has advanced to the nationals. This is a national record. The team advanced to the “Sweet Sixteen” of the nationals before losing a closely contested argument.

In the Philip C. Jessup International Law Competition, the team was a semifinalist in the regional tournament with two team members named as Best Oralist and Third Best Oralist in the overall competition.

Mock Trial

In the Tournament of Champions, the Law School’s Mock Trial Team placed second in its first appearance in this select competition which is sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Invitations were extended to the 16 best trial training schools in the nation, based on their performance for the last three years in the National Trial Competition and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America National Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

Twelve teams were invited by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers to participate in the Cathy E. Bennett National Criminal Trial Competition. The Law School’s team placed as a semifinalist in the Law School’s inaugural appearance in this competition. The ABA National Mock Trial Team reached the semifinals in its competition, and in the ATLA Mock Trial National Competition, two UGA teams advanced to the nationals, after a clean sweep of the regional tournament. Both teams reached the quarterfinals at the nationals.
The continued successes of the Moot Court and Mock Trial teams fulfill the University mission of "Commitment to excellence and academic achievements having national and international recognition."

Both of these prestigious advocacy programs will undergo leadership changes during the upcoming academic year. Under the leadership of Richard Ford (Moot Court) and Ralph Powell (Mock Trial), the programs have gained national stature and the overall quality of the Law School's advocacy training has been enhanced greatly. The Law School has been searching diligently for successors to lead these important programs.

3. **STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

Three high caliber legal journals are published by our Law School students: the *Georgia Law Review* published four issues during 1997-98; the *Journal of International and Comparative Law* published three journals; and the *Journal of Intellectual Property Law* produced two journals for publication.

4. **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Student organizations continue to play a vital role in the quality of life at the Law School. During 1997-98, students have reached out to the local community in many ways through several organizations and worked diligently on many projects.

Student organizations continued to work to create a healthy and supportive environment at the Law School. Several organizations sponsored mentoring programs designed to assist first-year students with the transition to Law School. These organizations sent out literature to incoming students offering assistance to students entering Law School. Once the students were in school, the organizations held social events to welcome the new students, as well as to introduce them to their mentors. This outreach continues to lend credibility to the reputation the Law School has gained over the years of being a congenial place to get a legal education. The Women's Law Student Association, the Student Bar Association, and the Black Law Students Association were among organizations having mentoring programs.
The Student Bar Association (SBA) once again held its annual Bullroast and Barrister’s Ball. These social events were tremendous successes. The SBA also sponsored a softball and basketball league for faculty and students.

Students organizations sponsored several speakers at the Law School. The speakers spoke on an array of topics. These events were open not only to Law School students, but to the University and local communities as well. Speakers included members of the state and local bars as well as members of the local, state and national judiciaries.

The Environmental Law Club once again sponsored the Red Clay Conference to deal with local and national environmental issues. This conference has become an annual event, and has gained a national reputation. The conference has attracted many prominent speakers over the years.

Student organizations continued their outreach efforts to the local community on several different levels last year. Students served as mentors to local school children, and worked as tutors as well. Phi Alpha Delta sent law students into local schools to teach law-related courses to elementary and middle school children. This program has been enthusiastically received by those participating. Student organizations continued visiting the local homeless shelter and soup kitchen and volunteered to help those less fortunate. Several organizations held food and clothing drives over the past year. Organizations donated proceeds from fundraisers to assist organizations providing help to the needy. Some of the organizations involved in these activities included the Women’s Law Student Association, the Equal Justice Foundation, the Christian Legal Society, Phi Alpha Delta and the Black Law Student Association.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) and the Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) co-sponsored the Faculty Auction this past year. Proceeds from the auction went toward providing stipends for students engaged in public interest work during summer. The auction was a huge success.
The Georgia League also published Volume IV of the Georgia League Report. This report is designed to update current trends in Georgia law. The report is disseminated to small law firms throughout the state.

IV. NEW OUTCOMES IN STUDENT LEARNING

1. **BAR RESULTS**

In July of 1997, 164 students took the Georgia State Bar examination for the first time with 151 passing (92.0%). Likely because of the relatively small number of test-takers, performance on the February 1998 exam was aberrational with a total of 17 of the 24 UGA graduates passing for an average of 70.8%. Of these applicants, 15 were first-time takers and 12 of them passed, for an average of 80.0%.

2. **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

Fourteen students from the Class of 1998 secured federal clerkships with judges from the Northern, Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia, as well as the Eleventh Circuit. One student will clerk both for a judge on the 11th Circuit United States Court of Appeals and a judge for a United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington. Another student from the Class of 1998 will be serving as a judicial clerk in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. The Class of 1999 already has thirteen students who will clerk for judges in Georgia as well as Mississippi, Maine, California, Tennessee and Louisiana. The experience of clerking for such prestigious judges will be of great benefit to these Law School students and it is a credit to the Law School to have so many of our students chosen for these responsible positions.

3. **PLACEMENT DATA**

During the 1997-1998 academic year, the Office of Legal Career Services of the Law School continued to develop and present a full array of programs and services to prepare law students for the job market including: informational forums and workshops, mock interviews, the mentor program, the shadow program, the *Project Connection* research service, and the *Options and Opportunities* informational handbooks. Two programs initiated by the School of
Law, the Public Interest Career Forum (co-sponsored by the Legal Career Services Office and the Equal Justice Foundation) and the FCCUS Initiative (Five Opportunities for Communicating Unique Selections), have become national models for other law schools in designing similar programs for their students.

The Director of the Office of Legal Career Services took a leadership role in three regional job fairs: the Southeastern Minority Job Fair (Chair), the Southeastern Law Placement Consortium (Vice Chair), and the South Atlantic Recruiting Conference (Chair).

This Office also participated in or sponsored additional job fairs which generated more than 450 separate employer contact opportunities for law students.

A total of 732 direct contacts, 75 resumes forwarded and 121 on-campus interviews were made available through the Legal Career Services Office of the Law School. Through its on-campus interview program, the Legal Career Services Office arranged more than 2,420 job interviews for students.

Final employment statistics for the class of 1997 indicate that within six months after graduation 94.0% of respondents were employed and 2.7% were in advanced degree programs. Of those employed, 64.5% were in private practice, 22.9% were in government positions, 5.2% were in business, and 5.2% had jobs in public interest or non-profit organizations. Of those in government jobs, 13.4% accepted state or federal judicial clerkships, and 2.9% went into military positions.

Preliminary employment statistics for the Class of 1998 show that 72.2% of respondents were employed at graduation and 1.2% were enrolled in advanced degree programs, an increase of 4.5% over parallel 1997 numbers. Of those employed, 67.6% were in private practice, 17.1% were in government positions, 6.0% were in business, and 6.0% had jobs in public interest or non-profit organizations.
V. FACILITIES

1. DEAN RUSK HALL

Dean Rusk Hall has been greatly utilized since its completion in 1996. The Fourth Floor Reception Room has been the scene of many receptions, forums, lectures and other special campus events, including a reception for the School of Law’s 1997 Pulitzer Prize winner, Edward Larson.

The Institute for Continuing Judicial Education and the Rusk Center for International Law are housed in this facility and both have used the building for seminars, lectures and events during the 1997-98 year.

2. LAW LIBRARY

Budget

The base budget of the Law Library remained unchanged in 1997-98. Vice President Prokasy and Dean Spurgeon each added $50,000 from their discretionary funds, for a total of $100,000 in new money. The library also received the benefit of law school funds for improving public access to the on-line catalog and for replacing some hard copy materials with microform. Vice President Key again contributed $25,000 to the Faculty Special Research Fund.

Technology

A new CPU for GAVEL, the automated library system, was installed. It was necessary in order to assure the library can continue to run upgraded versions of the system software. A new Web interface has made GAVEL available on the World Wide Web as well. Among the advantages of a Web interface is the ability to link directly to an internet site by clicking on a URL in the catalog record.

Other kinds of technology were upgraded as well. The Circulation Department has a new copier and telefax machine to make interlibrary loan more efficient. A new microform reader/printer makes our growing microform collection easier to use. A number of staff workstations have been improved with new hardware, new software, or both.
Building

The Lexis and Westlaw dedicated labs were eliminated, and the four computer labs were consolidated into three. The former Lexis lab was converted to an office for the Computing Services staff. One of the computer labs, off the Main Reading Room, is reserved primarily for computer-assisted legal research and for teaching classes. The other two labs in the Annex are general-purpose labs.

Building maintenance continues to improve under the supervision of Rosie Fitzgerald. Accumulated dust and mold still need to be removed by a specialized “deep cleaning” process, but the day-to-day cleaning is now generally satisfactory in the Annex. Cleaning in the main building remains problematic.

Collection and service

The strategic deaccessioning project continues, but at a slower rate, because the simplest deaccessioning decisions are behind us. Plans for a major shift of the library collection are also continuing, but the target date is uncertain. The shift will place materials in more logical order within the building.

Lack of space for books continues to be the single largest challenge we face in our collection development decisions. We have begun to replace existing large sets with microfiche. To date, second copies of 17 major law reviews have been replaced (i.e., we retain only one copy of those in paper and rely on the microfiche copy if the paper copy is off the shelf). All the state and local bar journals have been acquired in microfiche as well. The library will maintain paper subscriptions of bar journals for current use, but will rely on microfiche for the older, less-used bar journals.

Law Library service to students, faculty, and the general public has increased. Interlibrary lending is up by almost 20%, reference transactions by 5%, circulation by 7%, and photocopying by 20%. In other terms, the library supplied 725 items on interlibrary loan, answered 9,700 reference questions, circulated 31,589 items, and supported photocopiers that made 295,155 copies.
VI. RESOURCES

The School of Law experienced one of its best ever fundraising years in 1997-98 with just under $2 million in new gifts and pledges recorded to benefit the School, almost doubling last year's total. It is through their private giving that alumni and friends of the School of Law continue to provide the margin of excellence that will firmly establish the School in the top tier of public law schools in this nation.

1. ANNUAL GIFTS

Surprisingly, especially in light of the tremendous increase in overall giving, annual gifts to the Law School Fund (unrestricted and restricted) fell slightly in 1997-98, falling just short of the $400,000 goal. Still, gifts to the Law School Fund have increased almost 60 percent in the past five years. Law School Fund unrestricted gifts are budgeted by the Law School Association Council (whose budget must be approved by the Law School Alumni Association) to provide operating support for an array of student scholarship and co-curricular programs, faculty efforts, and alumni programs and events.

2. MAJOR GIFTS

New major gifts and pledges to support both new and existing endowments and to provide operating support totaled almost $1.6 million. One of the year’s major gift highlights was the announcement at the Alumni breakfast at the State Bar meeting in June of $1 million in new gifts and pledges four donors making endowment gifts in memory or honor of loved ones. Several very dependable major gift donors also renewed their support of important fundraising priorities like the loan repayment assistance program and student scholarships.

VII. MAJOR GOALS ATTAINED

1. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Along with a successful newly-established international moot court exchange with King's Inns of Dublin, Ireland, which is to be held every other year, and the continuation of the previously-established moot court exchange program with Gray's Inn of London, England, another international venture was inaugurated during 1997-1998 with the establishment of a
three-year faculty exchange program with the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, in Argentina. The program focuses on alternative dispute resolution and is designed to develop a comprehensive alternate dispute resolution curriculum at each school, team-teach new courses and conduct collaborative research on issues involving national regulatory legislation, environmental dispute settlement and international trade. Dean Edward Spurgeon was the first of the faculty exchange professors from the University of Georgia School of Law. His November visit to Argentina was returned by Dr. Eduardo J. Boneo Villegas of the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires. Dean Gabriel Wilner was the second Law School participant in the program, traveling to Argentina in June.

These international programs join the prestigious Brussels Seminar on Law and Institutions of the European Union. This is the seminar's Silver Anniversary year. The Brussels Seminar, which has trained more than 300 University of Georgia Law School students in global legal practice, is co-sponsored by the School of Law and the Universiteit Libre de Bruxelles. It is directed by Gabriel Wilner, Director of the International Legal Studies Program at the Law School. Dean Edward Spurgeon, Professor Thomas Schoenbaum and Professor Jim Ponsoldt participated as faculty members in the Brussels Seminar during 1997-98.

Law School students remain interested in the London Law Consortium program which we operate along with a number of other American Law Schools. The Law School sent a total of eight students to this program in 1998.

The success of these and other international programs at the Law School continues to further the goal set forth by the University of Georgia Strategic Plan "to broaden the international perspective of teaching, research, service and co-curricular programs."

VIII. CLINICAL PROGRAMS

1. CIVIL CLINIC

The Civil Clinic expanded its externship offerings and began a new direct service clinic in 1997-98. The Civil Externship program now offers over 45 different placements in
three programs. The Basic Externship program offers student placements in governmental, judicial or private non-profit agencies and a concurrent seminar provides in-depth basic analysis of lawyering theory and practice. The Summer Externship Program extends the program’s geographical reach, and requires similar reflective appraisal of student experience. Finally, students can deepen their experience at placements (including third-year practice) through an Advanced Externship Program and a concurrent seminar providing in-depth appraisal of unique challenges of civil law practice in litigation, negotiation and transactional planning.

Separately, the Law School transformed its prior support for the Protective Order Project into a new Family Violence Clinic. As many as ten students per semester serve as lay and legal advocates for the victims of family violence in Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties and eligible students prepare, negotiate and try cases under third-year practice rules. A concurrent seminar provokes analysis of the legal, practice, and policy issues of this pervasive social concern. The Clinic has established contacts with the School of Social Work, and has solicited extra funding, both to expand the range of services to clients and to enrich students’ practical and analytical experience.

Total enrollment for the Civil Clinics now exceeds 100 students per year, with over 75 new participants to the Civil Clinics, all providing community service and experiential learning. The Law School has added a clinical instructor position to teach and manage the family violence practice. Clinic staff maintain an active presence in the community, in both the externships and the direct service clinics. In addition, the Clinic Director participates actively in the national clinical community, and has presented papers at clinical conferences at both UCLA and Catholic University, articulating a theory of lawyering judgment in clinical training.

2. **PROSECUTORIAL CLINIC**

The Prosecutorial Clinic has completed eleven years under the directorship of Wendy Jenkins. The goal of the Clinic has remained constant since its inception -- to provide
students with opportunities to become effective advocates through supervised "real life" experience in and out of court.

During 1997-98, the certified third-year students appeared in magistrate, state, superior, probate, traffic, municipal courts, and the United States Department of Justice. The students learned the differences in court structure and procedure in the various courts. This includes bench and jury trials, traffic court, preliminary hearings, grand jury appearances, juvenile proceedings and municipal court. Other appearances were in probation revocations, arraignment pleas, bond hearings and various types of motion hearings. The Clinic is affiliated with solicitors' offices and district attorneys in fourteen judicial districts.

The creation of a clinic summer term in 1996 allows the students to work in the office for a full year and provides the students with wonderful opportunities to secure job interviews for positions that require previous experience.

In addition to the casework, the third-year students had classes with the Clinic Director each week during the fall and spring semesters. In these classes, students enhance skills through mock exercises, discuss evidentiary and ethical concerns, learn new skills and present case rounds to the rest of the class. The Director also meets with the students from each jurisdiction in small separate groups. The smaller and more intimate forum allows an opportunity for more open discussion between members of the group and the Director concerning topics ranging from self-confidence (both in and out of the courtroom) to job searches and networking. Individual workshops are also available with the Director.

3. **LEGAL AID & DEFENDER CLINIC**

The University of Georgia Legal Aid & Defender Clinic was founded in 1967 as a joint program sponsored by the School of Law and the School of Social Work. Over the years the Clinic has become exclusively the province of the School of Law, and has evolved into the Public Defender Office for the Western Judicial Circuit. The Western Judicial Circuit consists of Clarke and Oconee Counties. The Clinic employs 12 attorneys full time, 2
investigators, 3 paralegals (one of whom doubles as a bookkeeper), 2 secretaries, and a receptionist. It provides representation to indigent persons who are accused of violating the criminal law in Clarke or Oconee Counties, and also to parents who are involved in deprivation proceedings in the juvenile courts. In 1997-98 the Clinic provided direct service to approximately 4,000 clients. This service includes representation in juvenile, municipal, state and superior court where clients are charged with both misdemeanors and felonies. Both Clarke and Oconee Counties are the primary funding source of the office and both contract with the University to provide constitutionally-required legal counsel to indigent persons.

The office also serves the School of Law as a clinical program. Both second- and third-year law students enroll in one of two course offerings and receive academic credit for their participation in the Legal Aid Clinic. In the 1997-98 school year (including the 1998 summer term), a total of 68 law students were enrolled in the clinical course offerings.

Students assist with all aspects of the representation of clients. These activities include conducting initial interviews of clients, investigating cases by interviewing witnesses, negotiating pleas, drafting motions, drafting trial and appellate briefs and -- in the case of third year students -- actually representing clients at hearings and trials. In addition to law students, the Clinic typically sponsors one or two undergraduate interns from the Criminal Justice Program of the Political Science Department.

The major accomplishment of the Legal Aid & Defender Clinic for 1997-98 was the representation of its clients and the instruction of 68 law students.

The goal of representation of clients is to achieve a just result in every criminal case in which we represent the defendant. The office has a very good record with respect to jury trials, bench trials, and other actions which are dispositive of the clients' cases. As a practical matter, the majority of clients facing criminal charges enter a plea of guilty; however, quite often this plea is made to a more accurate reduced charge. Such a plea often enables a client to continue to hold employment, support children, attend treatment, or otherwise
maintain the daily activity of their lives, rather than remain incarcerated. Thorough investigation of cases on behalf of the defendant results in many cases being dismissed, once the circumstances are better explained to the prosecution.

The goal of the clinical program is to provide law students with an educational experience which allows them to integrate material they have learned in various doctrinal classes, such as evidence, constitutional law, criminal law, and criminal procedure, into the practice of law. Moreover, it allows them to do so in an environment that provides the opportunity for responsibility supported by supervision from practicing attorneys. During the past year, this goal was accomplished in that 68 law students assisted with all stages of the actual representation of clients.

Specific accomplishments

a) Library/Research/Computer Facilities. All employees of the Clinic now have a desktop computer linked to the other computers in the office through a local area network. In addition, there are four computers available to law students in the work areas of the Clinic. This past year the Clinic was able to upgrade all computers to accommodate Windows 95. The computer system is now Y2K compliant and can access computerized legal research databases accessible on-line.

b) Investigative Staff. A funding increase for 1997-98 facilitated the hiring of a second full-time investigator who has been assigned to work with the misdemeanor team to complement the other investigator who is working on serious felony cases. This has greatly enhanced the ability of the office to represent clients effectively and has resulted in the outright dismissal of several cases in the past year. Our long range goal is to increase the investigative staff to four full time investigators.

c) Volunteer Program. The Clinic continues to sponsor a volunteer program, through which first-year law students are able to volunteer with the Clinic starting with the holiday time between fall and spring semesters. As this break is relatively long, the participation of volunteers is a significant addition to the work force of the Clinic during this time period.
d) MSW Field Placement. Working with the School of Social Work, the Legal Aid Clinic is now a field placement for MSW interns. One of the attorneys in the office, Ms. Diedra Schad, holds and Masters in Social Work as well as a J.D. (both from the University of Maryland), and she will supervise MSW students completing their required internship. The first MSW intern working with the Legal Aid Clinic will begin fall semester, 1998.

**Progress and Strategic Planning in 1996-97**

Involvement of Staff Attorneys

a) We continue to involve the staff attorneys in the clinical education program though the teaching of the class weekly. This year several attorneys led classroom sections on specific topics, such as trial preparation, preparation for arraignment, probation revocations, and the specifics of D.U.I. law. Attorneys also attended classes and participated in the discussion when guest speakers were invited, as the material presented by the guest speakers was of interest to both practicing attorneys and law students.

b) Clinical Curriculum.

We continue to improve the clinical curriculum by incorporating academic discussion of various aspects of client representation, including the initial interviewing process, maintaining ongoing rapport with the client, ethical issues related to client autonomy, attorney caseload, and criminal defense representation. Increased emphasis has been placed on trial practice skills in the third-year curriculum (Legal Aid Clinic II), and we intend to utilize the new courtroom facility in the Rusk Building as an aid to this endeavor.

**Progress in Accessing Unit Effectiveness**

In response to feedback from law students, both past and present, the curriculum is continually revised to more closely mirror the work that students perform with attorneys. This results in an increase in emphasis in written materials made available to students that are drawn directly from the practice of the Legal Aid Clinic. These materials include, for example, appellate briefs, written pre-trial motions, plea statement forms, client interview
forms, appellate decisions and law review articles. Feedback from both attorneys and students appears to be positive with respect to these changes.

Attorneys provide feedback and evaluation of students. Attorneys are now asked to evaluate themselves as well as the students they are supervising. Secondly, attorneys are also required to itemize and document the time that they spend on various types of work. Attorneys are now meeting regularly to discuss their cases among themselves, a practice which was instituted in 1996-97 to foster intra-office collegiality, and to better utilize the diverse talents and experience of the attorneys in the office. Attorneys meet in two groups, one group devoted to felonies, and the other devoted to misdemeanors and juvenile court. The increased exposure to the ideas and practice of others provides continued monitoring as well as stimulation and feedback for practicing attorneys in the office. These meetings also serve to enhance the ability of the attorneys to serve as clinical instructors, by keeping them informed of other cases in the office.

**Overall Health of the Unit**

The Legal Aid and Defender Clinic is in a period of gradual but steady growth and is very healthy. Changes that occurred in the past year would not be described as major; however, numerous minor changes continue to improve the overall effectiveness of the office both as a teaching and as a service institution.

Generally the Clinic appears to have a good relationship with its service community, and the relationship has been well-maintained or improved over the past year. In addition, the Clinic has maintained respect and popularity among law students -- both those who are enrolled in the clinical program and others who volunteer their assistance. The Clinic increasingly receives job applications from out-of-state attorneys and graduates of other Georgia law schools, and we believe this is an indication that our reputation as a public defender office and a clinical program is growing. Continued networking with lawyers and clinical professors in other parts of the state and country is partly responsible for this recognition.
IX. MAJOR LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

**Sibley Lecture Series**

The Sibley Lecture Series which honors the late John A. Sibley, a 1911 graduate of the Law School, was established in 1964 by the Charles Loridans Foundation of Atlanta. It is designed to attract outstanding legal scholars of national prominence to the Law School. The 87th John A. Sibley Lecture was delivered by two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Anthony Lewis, a columnist for the *New York Times*, came to campus. His lecture was entitled "Sins of the Press" and addressed the question of how wisely we have used the power given by freedom.

**Edith House Lecture**

The 1997 Edith House Lecture entitled "Sex and Guilt" was given by Anne Coughlin, University of Virginia Class of 1941 Research Professor. This lecture series honors one of the first female graduates of the Law School, Edith House, who was co-valedictorian of the Class of 1925, one of the first classes to graduate women. Professor Coughlin practiced law for 38 years and became Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and later Acting United States Attorney for that district.

**Law School Reunion**

The 1997 Law Dawgs Reunion Weekend and Homecoming Celebration was attended by 900 alumni, family and friends. This was the seventh annual "Barbecue, Bluegrass & the Bulldogs" celebration. 10 classes were present for reunion weekend, representing classes from 1947 to 1992.

**Law Day and Family Day**

Law Day and Family Day '98 was a huge success for the Law School. Many families attended this event and were given guided tours of the Law School facilities. A coffee reception was held in the student lounge to begin their day and extra chairs were brought in for the nearly 200 parents, spouses and siblings who sat in on first-year torts classes as part of the Family Law Day. In the afternoon, another capacity crowd filled the University Chapel.
for Law Day '98 to see the re-enactment of the first “trial of the century,” the Scopes Monkey Trial, examined in Professor Ed Larson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book, _SUMMER FOR THE GODS: THE SCOPES TRIAL AND AMERICA’S CONTINUING DEBATE OVER SCIENCE AND RELIGION_. Professor Larson made remarks after the re-enactment of portions of the 1925 trial which was a courtroom showdown between science and religion that captivated a nation. Callaway Professor Ron Carlson and Legal Aid Clinic Assistant Director Jo Carol Nesset-Sale provided trial analysis.

The Law Day activities concluded with the annual EJF/SBA auction, which features goods and services donated by the Law School faculty and alumni. The proceeds from this auction are used to help support summer Public Interest Law Fellowships. The event was the most successful ever with a total of more than $7,500 raised for the fellowships.

**Commencement**

The 1998 Commencement Address was delivered on May 22, 1998, to 197 Law School graduates and an audience of Law School professors, administrators and staff, and family members and friends of the graduating class by Honorable Max Cleland, United States Senator for the State of Georgia.

**Reception for Pulitzer Prize Winner**

On June 3 a reception was held in the Fourth Floor Reception Room of Dean Rusk Hall for Edward J. Larson, University of Georgia Professor of History and Law, who was awarded the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for History for his book _SUMMER FOR THE GODS: THE SCOPES TRIAL AND AMERICA’S CONTINUING DEBATE OVER SCIENCE AND RELIGION_. Larson was congratulated by many of his colleagues from the Law School and the Department of History as well as by members of the University administration.

**Dedication of Sanders Boardroom**

A highlight of 1997-98 was the dedication of the Governor Carl E. Sanders Boardroom in Dean Rusk Hall. Governor Sanders was instrumental in raising private funds for Dean Rusk Hall and has been a strong supporter of the Law School since receiving his
J.D. in 1948. In his remarks on the occasion, Governor Sanders stated “The University of Georgia Law School gave me the opportunity politically and professionally to rise to the highest office in this state and to build a law firm. The seed that was planted in me was planted right here at this Law School, and I’ll be in its debt as long as I live.”

**Publication of the Law School History**

Gwen Yawn Wood, a member of the faculty of Augusta State University in the Department of Political Science, was an administrative staff member of the Law School between 1972 and 1989 as the Placement and Alumni Programs Director. The book, *A UNIQUE AND FORTUITOUS COMBINATION*, is Wood’s detailed presentation of administrative facts interwoven with humorous anecdotes and glimpses of vivid personalities from the Law School’s formative years to the present. The 344-page hardback book was published during the spring of 1998 and is an invaluable archival resource with broad general appeal and many interesting photographs.

**X. GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

The Graduate Legal Studies Program of the Law School offered international courses and minicourses to international students as well as students enrolled in the J.D. program.

During 1997-98, 31 students were enrolled in the LL.M. degree program, coming from Argentina, Belgium, Columbia, China, Estonia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, Pakistan, Russia, Sierra Leon, South Korea, Sudan, The Netherlands, Thailand, Venezuela and the United States. The students focused their research on comparative issues of antitrust law, copyright law, commercial law, public international law, international trade law, environmental law, labor law, and corporate law.

A Graduate Seminar, which covers two semesters of work, includes all LL.M. students. The Fall Semester seminar addressed basic issues of American federalism through student-faculty on the basic subject areas of American law. Members of the Law School faculty took part in the seminar. A research and writing program conducted with the assistance of Ms. Paige Otwell and several members of the staff of the Law Library comprised the second
component of the fall session of the Seminar. This research and writing program was designed to acquaint the LL.M. students with American legal research and writing techniques that will assist them in the preparation of the thesis required of each LL.M. student. Each student was required to prepare a research paper on a subject concerning preemption and the supremacy clause of the Constitution of the United States.

The Graduate Seminar during Spring Semester consisted of oral presentations by the LL.M. students of their thesis research which was followed by critiques and discussions among the students. The Graduate Seminar is under the supervision of Professor Gabriel Wilner, Associate Dean and Director of International and Graduate Legal Studies.

The Graduate Studies Committee continues to supervise recruitment and admissions. Applicants must submit a proposed program of course work and thesis research before being admitted to the program. The brochure and poster on Graduate Legal Studies at the Law School is periodically mailed to universities and national institutions dealing with study abroad as part of the plan to widen the geographical scope of recruitment and to establish links with premier universities in Western Europe and in other regions of the world.

In 1997-98, two graduates of the Law Faculty of Lyon University III were enrolled as LL.M. students as part of the program of exchange between the University of Georgia and the University of Lyon III - Jerome Lavigne Delvile and Laurence Melanie Rouzioux. Two Muskie Fellows studying under the auspices of the Open Society Foundations were among the 1997-98 LL.M. students - L. Dmitry Gladkov from Russia and Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa from Estonia. These students, all of whom came from countries formerly part of the Soviet Union, are carefully selected and sent to certain law schools in the United States.

Students who have been accepted for admission into the LL.M. Program and will be enrolled for 1998-99 were selected from approximately 180 applicants after stringent review by the Admissions sub-committee of the Graduate Studies Committee. The students represent diverse backgrounds and many come to the Law School with several years of legal experience in their home countries. Three Graduate Assistantships will be awarded by the
Law School, two Graduate Assistantships will be awarded by the Graduate School and ten out-of-state tuition waivers will be granted to deserving applicants. In addition, several of the applicants for Law School will receive financial support from international and foreign country scholarship programs.

XI. RESEARCH AND SERVICE

1. INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia (ICJE) is a public service and outreach facet of the University of Georgia School of Law. The Institute is a creation of the Supreme Court and the Judicial Council of Georgia. The primary responsibility of ICJE is the initial training and continuing education of elected officials and court support personnel of the State's judicial branch. Semiannual and annual programs for judges of superior, state, juvenile, probate, magistrate and municipal courts are provided by ICJE. Courses for the secretaries of both trial court judges and magistrates, along with instructional activities for juvenile court probation officers, court administrators and administrative law judges of Georgia executive branch agencies as well as for the workers compensation board, are also conducted by ICJE.

Achievements for the 1997-1998 program year

Record-setting participation was achieved in several of the ICJE's regular events including: the summer non-jury traffic recertifications course for municipal and probate court judges (206); the fall basic civil course for magistrate court judges (70); the annual seminar for administrative law judges (72); the fall seminar for state court judges (72); the superior court clerks fall seminar (148); and the annual seminar for clerks and secretaries of magistrate courts (129). For the tenth consecutive year, more than 2,500 attendees (3,038) took part in programs sponsored by ICJE. The attendee contact hours for the year of 53,046 established an all-time record for ICJE.

Mentor-based new judge orientation received a boost when the magistrate's mandatory training law was amended to require all new magistrates to receive mentor
coaching during their first year of service. All courts are experimenting with some form of this new judge orientation.

Court automation efforts were modestly advanced through regionally-based instruction on basic judiciary computer applications such as WordPerfect, Georgia Law on Disc and multitasking judicial uses of computers. Access to judicial branch budgeting and financial transaction records through the State's Georgia On-Line Network was initiated during the year. Following the lead of the Magistrate Courts Training Council of Georgia which annually updates its bench book, the Municipal Courts Training Council completed and disseminated the second edition (first update) of the Municipal Judges Benchbook.

Collaboration of CJE product design and delivery growing from the work of the Gender Equality Committee and the Race Ethnic Bias Study Commission was continued and manifested through various instructional units specifically targeting domestic violence, as well as race, gender, ethnic, status fairness and equality. A domestic violence video production grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council resulted in a completed CJE training product.

2. INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (ICLE), organized in 1965, is a consortium of the Georgia, Emory, Mercer, and Georgia State law schools and the State Bar of Georgia. The staff consists of the Executive Director, three attorneys and 14 full-time staff members.

Major Accomplishments for FY 1997-98

The Institute produced several live satellite broadcast programs through the Georgia Public Television Network. ICLE has 26 sites at colleges, county libraries and vocational technical schools with satellite capabilities reserved for 16 original legal programs and 13 taped rebroadcast programs. ICLE's goal is to have 32 locations. This use of new technology furthers Theme 6 of the University's Strategic Plan.
The University of Georgia School of Law continues its extensive support of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia with the faculty playing an important role as consultants, speakers and writers. Dean Edward D. Spurgeon served as a member of the Institute's Board of Trustees during FY 1997-98. Six other faculty members gave presentations to attorneys throughout the state.

ICLE continues to assist the attorneys in Georgia with a limited number of scholarships by waiving the registration fee for those attorneys experiencing financial difficulties. The publications/shipping department of ICLE contributed greatly to ICLE's pro bono efforts with the printing and mailing of section directories for the State Bar of Georgia sections. The following pro bono projects were included in this fiscal year's activities:

1) printed and mailed a flyer for the Georgia Commission on Child Support;
2) printed and mailed a flyer for the Office of the Secretary of State's Corporation Division regarding improved customer service for Georgia citizens; 3) printed and mailed as a co-sponsored project with the State Bar of Georgia, Younger Lawyers Section, and the Elder Law Committee, a 192-page book entitled, "Senior Citizens Handbook" and made the book available to Georgia's elderly population at no cost; and, 4) printed and mailed a brochure for the Supreme Court's Commission on Equality entitled "Guide to Bias-Free Communication."

ICLE serves as the administrative office for the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute (SEALI), with Lawrence F. Jones serving as Executive Director. SEALI is an organization of over 700 members dedicated to providing a forum for the discussion of admiralty and maritime law, and its practice and administration, among practitioners in the ports of the Southeastern United States. ICLE maintains a membership database, accounting, an internet web site and publication assistance for SEALI, as well as planning assistance for the SEALI Annual Fall Meeting and Annual Seminar. The international aspect of maritime law is important to the furtherance of Theme 4 of the Strategic Plan.
One of the annual programs sponsored by ICLE is the International Law Seminar, co-sponsored by the International Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. This program utilizes faculty from both Georgia and foreign countries and supports Theme 4 of the University's Strategic Plan.

For FY 1997-98, the Institute conducted 165 live and 45 video-replayed seminars in approximately 50 areas of the law with an attendance of approximately 22,745. Two of these programs were held in Athens at the Georgia Center. The other seminars were conducted in Atlanta and cities throughout Georgia. During the fiscal year approximately 23 sites around Georgia presented 26 video-replayed seminars. The Institute has a video tape inventory available to law firms, local bar associations and colleges to assist attorneys in obtaining their 12 hours of mandatory training each year. This year approximately 1,362 registrants took advantage of this program.

ICLE co-sponsored annual programs with the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. These programs address a variety of environmental and ecological issues facing today's practitioners, and utilize speakers from both the private sector and government agencies. These programs are supportive of Theme 5 of the Strategic Plan.

Sixteen specialized seminars were transmitted to Atlanta live via satellite. These programs were co-sponsored with national CLE providers, such as the American Bar Association and Practicing Law Institute. More than 171 persons attended these co-sponsored programs. This is in furtherance of Theme 6 of the Strategic Plan.

All the above Continuing Legal Education seminars reflect more than 141,516 CLE credit hours. ICLE is the major continuing legal education provider for Georgia attorneys.

The Institute's printing department prepared 174 publications totaling 42,409 copies and reprinted 39 publications (8,373 reprinted copies) totaling 50,782 copies. Among the publications printed were several specialized books for Georgia attorneys. They include: the Workers' Compensation Practice Manual, an annual publication
updated by the State Board of Workers' Compensation. The manual contains the principles of Georgia workers' compensation law as well as current practices, procedures and forms; *Georgia Workers' Compensation Law*, an annual publication prepared by Patricia M. Killingsworth, Former Chief Administrative Law Judge, Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation. The book contains case citations on specific points of workers' compensation law; the *Real Property Law Deskbook*, an annual publication containing updated Georgia Title Standards, formal advisory opinions, section membership, court clerk and tax commissioners' addresses; the *Report on Engagement Letters in Transactional Practice*, produced for the Corporate and Banking Law Section of the State Bar; and the Probate Court Book containing forms used by the Probate Court.

**Progress in Strategic Planning for FY 1997-98**

A presentation was made to the Board of Trustees by the ICLE staff regarding Long Range Plans for ICLE. One of the primary subjects continues to be an update on the development of live satellite broadcast of CL seminars, which is described more fully in Section 1, above. Other topics presented to the Board include:

- **Implementation of the Report from the Committee on Standards of the Profession of the State Bar of Georgia**

  This committee was appointed in 1996 by State Bar President Ben Easterlin and recommended that each beginning lawyer in Georgia be assigned a senior lawyer or lawyers to provide advice and counsel to the beginning lawyer during the first two years of practice and that beginning lawyers complete a practical skills training course during the first two years of practice. ICLE will be involved in the pilot program to develop the skills training curriculum, to develop a training program for the counselors and to assist in the establishment of the administrative structure necessary to carry out this program.

- **Increased participation of Minority and Female Attorneys**

  Efforts are being made to increase minority and female participation as faculty for ICLE Seminars. Every program chairperson is requested to consider minority
and female participation while putting together the program agendas. At the request of
the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees Chairman appointed a committee to assist
in meeting this goal. This effort furthers Theme 3 of the University's Strategic Plan.

- **Use of the Internet and On-Line Services**

ICLE has a home page on the Internet which contains scheduling
information and other items of interest to members of the State Bar. A committee from
the Board of Trustees is looking at various ways of expanding and updating technology to
enhance ICLE's programming. Plans have been made to use our publication sales
marketing so that it will emphasize, especially to newer lawyers, that our program
materials are one of the best possible sources for initial research. This use of technology
furthers Theme 6 of the Strategic Plan.

- **Increased Utilization of State Bar Sections**

ICLE has always worked closely with many Bar sections to develop
programs that are repeated year after year. However, there are still opportunities for
growth in this area. There are a few sections that are not very active, and we are
continuing to communicate with these sections in order to get them to co-sponsor ICLE
seminars. Also, the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) continues to add new committees.
Many of these committees enthusiastically develop programs aimed at new lawyers and
these programs are generally well received.

- **Course Development and Faculty Recruiting**

ICLE continues its efforts to create programs that deal with legal topics of
current interest. It is clear that specialization is on the rise and the number of smaller
firms and specialized groups of practice within larger firms are increasing. ICLE's staff
attorneys solicit ideas from current and former ICLE faculty members and rising leaders
within the profession. At the request of the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees
Chairman appointed a Board curriculum committee to evaluate proposed CLE program
topics.
• Communications with Bar Members

Many goals and objectives are dependent in large measure on enthusiastic participation by our fellow attorneys. Such participation must be sought out and cultivated. To do this ICLE published a newsletter, which was a joint venture with the UGA's School of Journalism. ICLE plans to continue to take advantage of this most recent public relations approach and journalistic skills offered by this joint venture.

Progress in Assessing ICLE Effectiveness FY 1997-98

Each ICLE seminar is evaluated on site by attendees. An evaluation form is presented to each attendee upon arrival at the seminar. An announcement is made during the seminar requesting completion and return of the form.

Every program attorney is required to review every program evaluation summary. Therefore, staff attorneys are given the opportunity to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each program, allowing ICLE an opportunity to change the negative to the positive.

A particular example of how this process has been helpful is the Bridge the Gap Seminar, a program for newly admitted attorneys. For several years, this was a two-day seminar with presentations on a series of substantive and practical topics. However, the evaluations revealed an increasing dissatisfaction with this format, as lawyers became more and more specialized in their practices, even those just out of law school. As a result, the program is now a one-day Bar orientation program, focusing on ethics, professionalism, alternative dispute resolution and other practical topics. The evaluations have shown overwhelming approval of this new format.

Overall Health of the Unit/Area

Progress was made during the last fiscal year toward the many goals set for ICLE. The Institute remains viable and growing, and responsive to the needs of practicing attorneys. As a result of the constant self-evaluation process used by ICLE staff attorneys, several programs were added to and deleted from the FY 1997/98 schedule.
XI. THE DEAN RUSK CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

During 1997-98 an exchange with the University of Regensburg, Germany was organized. Through the State of Georgia Export Assistance Network, many Georgia businesses that are interested in exporting and international activity were advised by the personnel of the Center. The Dean Rusk Center was an associate sponsor of the Joint Conference on International Law between the American Society of International Law and The Netherlands Society of International Law held in The Hague. The Center also co-sponsored a conference on United States-Japan Economic Relations in Tokyo, Japan with Tokyo University as a co-sponsor. The Center hosted two visiting scholars during 1997-98, Bae-Won Kim of Pusan University, Korea, and Paulo Figueiredo of the Universidade Metodista de Piracicabo, Sao Paulo, Brazil. During the coming academic year, a scholar from Russia will be hosted by the Center.

Dean Rusk Center made a debut in Japanese television this past year when a public policy workshop which the Center co-sponsored was broadcast on Japanese public television. The program, entitled “Managing Trade Disputes: How Should We Prevent and Settle the Japan-U.S. Economic Disputes After the Uruguay Round?” aired on Friday Forum and was transmitted worldwide via satellite to more than 11 million households.

XII. LAW SCHOOL INSPECTION SCHEDULED

The School of Law is preparing for a site inspection visit in February, 1999. This inspection is conducted every seven years by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. The Law School will also concurrently undergo an internal review by the University of Georgia.

A team of legal educators, University administrators and practitioners will visit the Law School for the required reaccreditation site inspection which will assess progress that has been made since the 1992 site visit. A detailed self-study is being prepared to assist the team in this process. Professor Robert D. Brussack chairs the Self-Study Committee.
XIII. SUMMARY

The 1997-98 academic year has been an exciting and pivotal one for both the University of Georgia and the Law School. Michael F. Adams became the 21st President of the University of Georgia and David E. Shipley was selected as the 11th Dean of the University of Georgia School of Law beginning July 1, 1998. Dean Shipley is faced with an excellent opportunity to lead the Law School to an even higher level of excellence in serving the Law School community and the State of Georgia.