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Six named fellows in science association

Six faculty members have been named Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed upon them by their peers for "scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications."

The six inductees bring the total number of AAAS Fellows at UGA to 63. They are among 503 new Fellows of the AAAS, which is the world's largest general scientific society.

The 2011 AAAS Fellows from UGA are:
- Jonathan Amster, professor and head of the chemistry department in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.
- Clifton A. Baile, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Agricultural Biotechnology and D.W. Brooks Distinguished Professor of Animal Science and Foods and Nutrition.
- Daniel Colley, professor of microbiology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and director of the UGA Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases.
- Alan G. Darvell, Regents Professor of Plant Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center.
- Roberto Docampo, professor of cellular biology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Barbara and Sanford Orkin/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar and a member of the Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases.
- Michael Doyle, Regents Professor of Food Microbiology and director of the Center for Food Safety in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Not just chicken feed

Researchers from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine have received a grant as part of a collaborative effort to encourage sustainable poultry production in West Africa. The $440,000 grant, part of a research project based at Colorado State University, will enable UGA scientists to look at ways to improve poultry genetics, reproduction, nutrition, husbandry, disease prevention and marketing. The results could lead to higher income and better health for rural residents in the West African country of Mali. The project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development in Mali under a $5.25 million Poultry and Pastoralism Associate Award. For more information, go to www.csucrsp.org.

UGA AMONG THE BEST IN SCORING SUPREME COURT CLERKS

Brian C. Lea (JD '09) will serve as a judicial clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for the October 2011 term. Lea is the fifth Georgia Law graduate selected in the last seven years to clerk for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lea graduated first in his class from Georgia Law, where he received numerous awards and honors for his academic achievements, served as an articles editor of the Georgia Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He served as a judicial clerk for Judge Ed Carnes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit before joining DLA Piper as a litigation associate in the firm's Atlanta office. He plans to remain with the firm until his Supreme Court clerkship begins next year.

A fall 2010 analysis by The New York Times showed UGA among the top schools in the nation in the number of law school graduates who received clerkships with U.S. Supreme Court justices. Georgia Law ranked third among public law schools and 11th overall for the time period 2005-2010.
In his blood

A strong economy and good education are top priorities for UGA alumnus and House Speaker David Ralston

by Kelly Simmons (MPA '10)

It's no surprise that David Ralston ended up a public servant. Growing up in north Georgia his parents encouraged their sons—five of them—to give back to their community. Ralston's father, the late David Willard Ralston, served as Gilmer County clerk of court for 28 years.

"I had that example in front of me," says Ralston (JD '80).

Now speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, one of the most powerful and influential figures in state government, Ralston began his political career in 1993 as a state senator. He served three terms before running for state attorney general in 1998. He won the Republican nomination, but lost in the general election to Democrat Thurbert Baker.

After the loss, Ralston focused on his law practice in Blue Ridge.

"I had four years of a normal life," he says, jokingly.

In 2002, redistricting left Ralston in an area without an incumbent in the House of Representatives seat. Supporters encouraged him to run. He was hesitant at first, but entered the race, won and hasn't looked back. He was elected House speaker in January 2010 after the December resignation of Paulding County Republican Glenn Richardson, who had defeated Ralston for the post in 2008.

The past few years have been difficult for state lawmakers as they have struggled to balance the state budget during a time of declining revenues and increased federal mandates. Balancing the fiscal year 2012 budget is the first priority this session, Ralston says.

He also wants to protect Georgia's system of higher education, including its four-year and community colleges and technical schools.

"We have really built a system of higher education in Georgia that I think is second to none," says Ralston, who attended Young Harris College, then earned his bachelor's degree in political science from North Georgia College and State University in 1976. "I don't want my time as speaker to be known as the time we backed up from that point."

K-12 education also is a priority and Ralston said his goal is to reach the point where children in Georgia are the envy of children in all other states because of the quality of their education. Strong economic policies that encourage job growth will help the state reach that goal, he says.

"There's a link between economic opportunity and education," he says.

Athens, he says, has a special place in his heart and he returns as often as possible, in the fall joining his son Matt, a junior political science major, for Bulldog football games. The two made their first trip together to a Georgia football game when Matt was 9 and have made it a tradition since.

"He still wants to sit with his dad," Ralston says. "I'm going to sit with him as long as he'll let me."

Marist School in Atlanta. Brett Montroy (BBA '06) is an associate at the law firm of Parker, Hudson, Rainer and Dobbs LLC in Atlanta, with their litigation practice group. Derek M. Smith (BS '06) graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Louis Monolito Spikes Jr. (AB '86) earned a juris doctorate from The Florida Coastal School of Law. Cari Allen (BSFCS '07) is a buyer for Atlanta Foods International, a supplier of gourmet and specialty food to retail and food service industries. Amy E. Gibbs (BSFCS '07) earned a Master of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics from Northern Illinois University. Cara Ables Hicks (AB '07) was named Young Professional of the Year by the Young Professionals Association of Chattanooga. Sally Owings (BSFCS '07) is the owner of Sally's Bakery: A Gluten-Free Place, located in Sandy Springs. Jennifer Regan (BSFCS '07, MS '10) earned a Master of Science degree in spring 2010. Elizabeth Weigle (BSFCS '07, MS '09) earned a Master of Science degree in fall 2009. Lauren Atwell (BSFCS '08, MS '10) earned a Master of Science degree in summer 2010. Mary "Melissa" Bowers (BSA '08) opened a new Farmers Insurance Group office in Ponca City, Okla. Aimee Chismanore (BSFCS '08, MS '10) earned a Master of Science degree in summer 2010. Charles Crowley (BSFCS '08) is a financial planning coordinator for Atlanta Financial Associates. Keith Deane (BSFCS '08, BBA '08) is a retirement specialist for Deane Retirement Strategies in New Orleans, La. Johane Filemon (BSFCS '08, MS '10) earned a Master of Science degree in spring 2010. Cain Harrelson (AB '08, ABJ '08) is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. After teaching low-income students in Phoenix for two years as part of the Teach for America program, he joined the Foreign Service and will report to his post in Nepal in August. Joseph Stuart Knight (AB '08) and Sara Elizabeth McClendon (AB '08, BSED '08) were married on Aug. 7 in Carrollton, Ga. Bo Lanier (BSFCS '08) married Leigh Marionneau on March 27, 2010, in Shreveport, La. He is the Alabama and Georgia representative for Integrated Medical Systems Inc., a medical device and supplies company. The
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The rise of animal law
By Alicia Karapetian

Shifting societal perceptions, and a lot of money, fueling popularity

NATIONAL REPORT aë Sherwin Figueroa, a life-long animal lover, decided she wanted to be a prosecutor in high school. When choosing a law school, Figueroa aimed to marry her two passions and found the "perfect" program at the University of Georgia:

"This school has a fabulous prosecutorial program and an animal law group," she says.

A deep-seated love for animals is also driving demand for courses in the area, and their availability has kept pace. Both those interested in protecting animals from cruelty and those pursuing the more radical animal-rights agenda are suiting up as lawyers instead of throwing paint on fur-coat-wearing women or picketing the local fast-food chain.

"I think the biggest struggle we face as attorneys ... is distancing ourselves from being immediately labeled as 'radicals,'" Figueroa says. "Most people in this country do have pets and are against harming them."

Increased pet ownership and the evolution of the human-animal bond is a core reason for the explosive growth of animal law, says James F. Wilson, DVM, JD, a practicing attorney and head of Yardley, Penn.-based Priority Veterinary Management Consultants. "We went from pets as property to pets as family members for society in general," he says.

Although Wilson acknowledges that some veterinarians may be concerned about the rise of animal law and its impact on veterinary medicine, he cautions the profession not to be too quick to judge. "We've been facing the problem of looking self-serving by opposing everything," says Wilson. "On the one side, we fight everything, but on the other side, we (encourage clients) to love their pets and spend $30,000 on chemotherapy. It's an awkward dichotomy."

Nonetheless, animal law is a trend that has emerged, and the long-term impact to the veterinary profession is anyone's guess.

Tracing roots

Animal law's roots date back to the 1970s. That was when Joyce Tischler, co-founder and general counsel for the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), banded together with another attorney also interested in animal protection.

She began to hold meetings for lawyers who were also animal lovers interested in their protection and open to learning federal and state laws related to animals. ALDF was officially founded in 1979 and over the years has steadily grown. It now has offices in Cotati, Calif., and Portland, Ore., and affiliations with more than 100 chapters of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.

"I didn't go out there intending to create a field of law," she says. "I was trying to find ways to protect animals. What
motivates me is animals that are in a persistent state of suffering. I just want to help them."

Key legislative initiatives passed in the 1980s put animals on center stage, notes Wilson, including the Animal Welfare Act and Endangered Species Act. As interest grew, the door opened for animal law.

Those in the research community were concerned this new-found interest by the legal community would spur greater litigious scrutiny, whether justified or not.

But, Wilson says, there was a key turning point for animal law and its legitimacy in the legal community.

"There were six schools teaching animal-law in 1999, and that is when Harvard began to teach it," he says. "Now, at last count, at least 117 (law schools) are teaching this subject, up from six in 1999. It grew very, very rapidly."

In fact, when Harvard made its announcement, those in the then-small animal law community were ecstatic. Pamela Frasch, who currently heads Lewis & Clark's Center for Animal Law Studies, told the Associated Press in July 1999, "Everybody I know that teaches animal law was absolutely thrilled to hear that Harvard was going to offer it," she said. "It's just reality that if Harvard is going to teach it, that other schools that might have looked askance at it as a legitimate area of study might take another look."

Harvard hired Steven Wise, head of the Center for Expansion of Fundamental Rights, to teach the course. He has long argued for equal rights for animals. Around the same time, Princeton hired Peter Singer, noted Australian philosopher and author of "Animal Liberation," which argues that animals' interests should be considered due to their ability to suffer.

This philosophical premise has polarized groups from those in agriculture, research and veterinary medicine.

The money trail

It is not just the benign love of animals or the influence of academic celebrity that has increased animal law's visibility. Money from a variety of sources, all tied to animal welfare or animal rights, is flowing into law schools. The Animal Legal Defense Fund backed the 2008 founding of the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark University in Portland, Ore., and continues to financially support the school.

Most prominently, a foundation set up by activist and former "The Price is Right" host Bob Barker distributed $1 million grants to law schools to start animal-law programs. Recipients include some of the nation's top schools, such as Northwestern University School of Law, Columbia Law School, Duke University School of Law, Stanford Law School, the University of California at Los Angeles, Harvard and Georgetown University Law Center.

Georgetown also has a partnership with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), started as the first of its kind in 2007, part of which includes an animal-law fellowship. The fellowship, according to the announcement, allows recent graduates to "practice animal law at HSUS for a year after graduation." That partnership was also funded by the Barker grant, in addition to other donations.

HSUS, with revenues of more than $126 million in 2009, according to their published financial statements, has the largest animal-law practice in the United States. In 2005, HSUS started a legal department with three full-time attorneys. As of December 2010, that group had 15 full-time staff attorneys, according to the HSUS website, in addition to some 2,000 lawyers doing pro bono work for the organization and law students providing support services from Georgetown University Law Center.

What's more, in late 2009 HSUS tapped into some of the nation's leading law firms with partnerships that allowed first-year associates to work for HSUS on a pro-bono basis for one year before returning to their firms.

Veterinary impact

The rise of animal law has attracted the attention of the veterinary profession, including the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

"We've probably done at least 20 presentations (at law schools) since 2009," says Adrian Hochstadt, AVMA's assistant director of state legislative and regulatory affairs. However, he acknowledges, it is difficult to gauge the potential impact of animal law's explosion.

"The motivations of the attorneys vary widely. Some want to push for things we don't (support) like guardianship or more liability for animal-care providers," he says. "But some of these folks are pushing for animal welfare, cruelty
laws, unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine and things that are a little more in line with our legislative goals."

Hochstadt says the association's leadership felt the need to engage at the law-school level because the coursework did not always provide the veterinary community's point of view.

"We want to provide the veterinary side of things," he says. "We didn't feel the students were getting that because the organizations that set up the programs have a different view of these (issues)."

Tischler contends that DVMs are often integral to her organization's cases and she sees a kindred spirit in DVMs.

"I've always felt vets generally go into being vets for the same reasons I went into animal law, ... to get involved in animal protection and find ways we can reach common ground to protect animals," Tischler says. "There's a lot of common ground, especially with younger vet students now. They seem to really see it."

And for many going into animal law today, like Figueroa, who will graduate in May, their motivations lie more with keeping animals away from harm rather than advocating for equal rights.

"No one says, 'animals should be abused,'" she says. "At the end of the day, people are against bad treatment of animals."
New U.S. District Judge Steve C. Jones is honored in Athens

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Friends of U.S. District Judge Steve C. Jones gathered Sunday at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Athens to honor one of two new additions to the federal bench in the Northern District of Georgia. Among those who spoke, Michael Thurmond, a former commissioner of the Georgia Dept. of Labor, Georgia Rep. Keith Heard, D-Athens, Athens-Clarke Police Chief Jack Lumpkin, and Jones' older sister, Delores Ford, according to the Athens Banner-Herald. Said his sister, who attended Jones' confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee: "I had a flashback to that little boy in cowboy boots, hitting rocks with a stick, studying at the kitchen table," according to the Banner-Herald account.

For more on the story, see the Banner-Herald story.

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Jones honored for accomplishments, contributions

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African-American leaders gathered Sunday to honor newly appointed federal judge Steve Jones.

More than 100 friends and relatives at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church celebrated the Athens native winning his dream job as a judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern Circuit of Georgia.

Through hard work and help from the community, Jones rose from a poor childhood in rural Clarke County to one of the loftiest perches in the legal profession.

"From day one, when you met Steve Jones, you knew he was destined for greatness," former state Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond said.

As a child, Jones' father was absent, and his mother worked domestic jobs to support him and his three siblings. He was raised mainly by grandparents, uncles and his oldest sister, Delores Ford, who described him as a typical boy, but always studious.

"No one had to tell him when it was time to study or do homework," she said. "He knew when it was time to play and time to study."

Ford recalled attending a U.S. Senate hearing on her brother's nomination.

"I had a flashback to that little boy in cowboy boots, hitting rocks with a stick, studying at the kitchen table," she said.

Jones went on to graduate from Cedar Shoals High School, earn a business degree from the
University of Georgia in three years and go to work recovering child support for the Western Circuit District Attorney's Office.

He later went back to law school and, after graduating, became a prosecutor and then an Athens-Clarke Municipal Court judge. Gov. Zell Miller made him a Superior Court judge in 1995.

State Rep. Keith Heard, D-Athens, who presented Jones with a proclamation from the state legislature, noted that Jones was appointed by two Democrats, Miller and President Obama.

"Elections have consequences," he said.

Not that either appointment was controversial. The U.S. Senate confirmed Jones' nomination unanimously, as Athens-Clarke Police Chief Jack Lumpkin noted. Not even a bitter partisan could deny Jones' competency, character or empathy, Lumpkin said.

"No matter what walk of life a person came from, Steve had respect for the individual," he said.

Jones thanked civil rights trailblazers, his family and community members for helping him along the way.

"To be honored by my hometown means more than anything, because you all are the ones who know me," he said.

The event was organized by Athens Community Agenda, a civil rights group, and local churches.
Lexington, KY - A 1.8 percent tuition increase for law school students was approved today by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees. The increase is in addition to the six percent general tuition hike also approved by the board.

Law school dean David Brennen said the additional tuition increase for his students is needed to bring his faculty’s pay more in line with that of other law schools.

Dean Brennen said one of the first things he noticed after assuming his role at UK in 2009 was that the faculty was “seriously underpaid.”

“We try to hire the best and brightest in the market but you realize there’ll be opportunities for them elsewhere. You can create a good work environment but ultimately a lot of young faculty members have situations driven by finances,” said Brennen. “If we want to keep them, we’ve got to pay them comparative salaries.”

The UK College of Law has 429 full-time students and 29 full-time faculty members.

Late last week, Dean Brennen sent students a letter outlining his plan. “I fully understand the strain that rising tuition causes for many current and future students and their families,” Brennen wrote. “However, it would be a disservice to you as students, who expect and deserve the best in instruction, not to address this serious issue.”

UK College of Law has slipped to #71 in U.S. News & World Report’s most recent annual college rankings. “A big part of that is a lack of resources,” explained Brennen. “If you look at the rankings of law schools you can see that the UK law school is ranked #187, third from the bottom, in terms of resources per student.”

Law student Derek Hall and two others started a Facebook page entitled “UK Law Students Against Dean Brennen’s Tuition Hike.”

Hall, who met with the dean for about an hour on Monday, came away believing the proposed 1.8 percent tuition hike is just the beginning. “My fear is that he is going to continue doing this year after year,” said Hall.

Hall, who’s from Flemingsburg, believes the law school’s money problems are being placed on the backs of its students. “Many of us are about to graduate into the worst law job market we’ve seen in decades. Many will have near $100,000 debt. It costs that much
to go to law school. You close off a law degree to people like me who are fully paying for it themselves and who are from less fortunate urban or rural areas.”

It should be noted that while the UK College of Law ranks very low in the resources category, the U.S. News & World Report rankings for graduate indebtedness place UK grads among the least encumbered. Out of eight pages of law school graduate debt rankings, UK places 11th from the bottom with an average indebtedness among 2010 graduates of $49,059.

On the Facebook tuition hike protest page, one contributor took a pot shot at the drop in the UK College of Law ranking. “So the salary increases are intended to keep the faculty we currently have from jumping ship? The same faculty that contributed to our 15-plus spot rankings plummet in the last two years?”

In his letter to students, Brennen claimed the faculty salary structure is “simply not competitive with other law schools with which we compete.” Brennen stated that average faculty salaries at the University of Georgia College of Law, where he taught prior to coming to UK, are nearly 40 percent higher than average UK law faculty salaries. “Top 20 law schools average almost 50 percent higher faculty pay,” added Brennen.

But Hall argues UK should not be compared to Georgia, with a much higher ranking than UK at #35, but should be measured against law schools like the University of Tennessee, ranked #56, or the University of Louisville, tied for #100.

Brennen contends, however, that if his faculty “can go somewhere else, do the same work and make about 40 percent more, then they will.” Brennen said the extra tuition hike would not provide enough to get UK up to par with most law schools, “but it will bring us closer. I’ve found that if you demonstrate effort on behalf of faculty, it goes a long way towards gaining loyalty.”

Hall is annoyed about another issue – timing. The dean’s letter to students was sent last Friday, in the middle of the law school’s two weeks of final exams “and two business days before the Board of Trustees was to vote on this,” said Hall. “We had a town hall forum just a few weeks ago and there was no mention of this plan.”
McKeon Meunier Adds Two New Principals to Meet Demand

Askew and Aaronson Add Services and Strengthen IP Firm's Depth of Expertise

ATLANTA, GA--(Marketwire - May 3, 2011) - IP attorneys Lawrence "Larry" Aaronson and Anthony "Tony" B. Askew have joined McKeon, Meunier, Carlin & Cuffman as principals, bringing added depth to the firm's intellectual property capabilities and helping to meet the needs of a growing roster of clients. Mr. Aaronson and Mr. Askew broaden the firm's ability to address all aspects of the intellectual property, including litigation services. The intellectual property law firm offers the experience and technical expertise of a large firm with the flexibility and value of a smaller specialty practice.

"We are delighted to welcome IP attorneys of Larry's and Tony's standing to the firm," said Drew Meunier, firm founder and principal. "Their collective litigation and prosecution experience are augmented by a proven devotion to ensuring that clients are fairly represented in legal proceedings and receive the maximum benefit from their intellectual property."

Mr. Askew joins McKeon Meunier from King & Spalding, where he was a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group. An accomplished patent trial lawyer, Mr. Askew has more than 40 years of experience litigating patent, trademark and copyright cases across the U.S., including appearances before the United States Supreme Court and the United States International Trade Commission.

Mr. Askew is widely regarded as the "dean" of the patent bar in Atlanta. He has handled cases covering a broad array of technical subject matters, including biology, chemistry, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering, and has extensive experience litigating pharmaceutical cases as well. He has been ranked by Chambers USA in the 1st Tier for Patent Litigation in Georgia for more than five years. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America for the past 10 years and is repeatedly named as a Georgia Super Lawyer by Atlanta Magazine; and as one among the Top 100 lawyers in the state of Georgia for 2006-2008, 2010-2011 by Atlanta Magazine.

Since 1983, Mr. Askew has served as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia for intellectual property matters. He serves on the Board of Governors of the State Bar and is a member of the State Bar Disciplinary Board. He is a member of the University of Georgia Law School's Advisory Board for the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and was the co-editor of the Wiley Intellectual Property Law Update for more than 5 years. He is currently a member of the adjunct faculty at Emory Law School and teaches a course in Intellectual Property Law.

In 1968, Mr. Askew co-founded the IP boutique that became Jones & Askew, which he grew to over 50 lawyers before it was acquired by Kilpatrick Stockton in 2000. Before founding Jones & Askew, he was a patent attorney for Eastman Kodak Company. He earned a Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University.

Larry Aaronson's practice is focused on the fields of electrical engineering and computer science. He has substantial experience in patent procurement, portfolio management, and client counseling. He has been lead counsel in Interference proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Board of Appeals and Interferences, and represented Toyota Automatic Loom Works in Linear Technology Corporation v. Impala Linear Corporation, et al., Case No. C-98-1727 VRW (N.D. Cal.) and ABB, Inc. in ABB Automation, Inc. v. Schlumberger Resource Management Services, Inc., Civil Action No. 01-077 SLR (D. Del).

Mr. Aaronson has served as an in-house counsel for Motorola Inc.'s Broadband Communications Sector. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he gained technical experience serving as a systems engineer at General Electric Government Services, where he analyzed and drafted requirements of space-based communications systems. He received his Juris Doctor from Temple University, School of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University.

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Stevens-Wilson engagement

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Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens of Gainesville, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Ashley Stevens, to Brien Charles Wilson, son of Jenny Wilson of Newnan and Mr. Beck Wilson of Brooks.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Buchholz High School, a 2004 graduate of the University of Florida, and a 2008 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. She currently serves as a law clerk to Judge Joel Anderson of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals for the United States. She previously served as a law clerk to Judge Harold Atrribine of the Middle District of Alabama.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Fayette County High School. He graduated with highest honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's in chemical engineering in 2002 and with a master's in chemical engineering in 2004. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2009 and now serves as a law clerk to Chief Judge Ashley Royal of the Middle District of Georgia. He previously served as a law clerk to Judge Harold Atrribine of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals for the United States.

A May 21 wedding is planned.

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(SAVANNAH, GA) Law and Maritime Experts To Give Lecture May 15

(SAVANNAH, GA) – Not knowing the boating “rules of the road” can be dangerous and have serious consequences.

“It’s crucial for boaters to know the basic ‘rules of the road’ so they can have fun safely without endangering themselves or others,” said Kent Shockey, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education and Member Training.

Danger and damage aren’t the only problems that can arise when boaters don’t follow the rules.

“There are also legal consequences for violating statutory boating rules,” said Edwin D. Robb of the law firm Bouhan, Williams & Levy LLP. “If you violate a rule and there’s a collision where that rule is relevant, there is a legal consequence. There is a rebuttable presumption that you’re at fault. You will have to prove you could not have contributed to the incident.”

There are a few basic “rules of the road” that every boater should know, said Shockey, who frequently gives boating safety courses through the USCG Auxiliary.

Like automobile drivers in traffic, there are certain situations that every boater will encounter. In a “head-on” situation, both must turn to the right (to starboard), to avoid a collision. Boaters must make a distinct, noticeable move (at least 15 degrees) so the other boat can tell you’re turning, Shockey said.

Boat navigation or running lights help boaters get their bearings. A green light is on the right side (the starboard side) of a boat and a red light is on the left side (the port side).

At night, if you see green, red and white lights coming toward you, the boat is coming right toward you and you are in a head-on collision situation. You should turn your boat to the right (starboard). A “crossing situation” is similar to cars meeting at an intersection. The terms “give-way” boat and “stand-on” boat help explain what should happen in a crossing situation. The “give-way” boat should take every action it can to prevent a collision. The “stand-on” boat should stay on the same course and speed so the other boat can predict what it is going to do.

If the other boat is on your right side (starboard side), you are the “give-way” boat and must stand clear of the other boat, the “stand-on” boat, which should maintain its course and speed. In other words, if a boat is on your right, it is the stand-on boat and continues its course and speed. If a boat is on your left, it is the give-way boat.

In a crossing situation, if you look to your right and see red and white lights, red means danger. You are the “give-way” boat and must stop, slow down or turn to the right to pass behind the boat.

In that same crossing situation, the other boater would see green and white lights and would be the stand-on boat, where they continue the same course at the same speed. If, however, it becomes obvious that the other boat on its port side does not know the rules and an accident is imminent, the boater can take steps to avoid an accident, such as slowing down, turning to the right to pass side by side, or stopping to go behind him.

If there’s any doubt about what to do, slow down or stop and evaluate the situation, Shockey said, but of course look to see if there is a boat behind you before doing so.

By law, you must have a lookout at all times and you must go at a safe speed, determined by water conditions, visibility, maneuverability, amount of traffic, etc. A safe speed in one situation might be 25 miles per hour, and in another situation safe speed might be five miles per hour. Boaters must look around 360 degrees, not simply look in front of them.

Unlike cars, boats don’t have clearly marked lanes, traffic lights and simple ways for the driver to know the rules.

“Things can happen very quickly on the water and you’ve got to be prepared for other boaters who might not be knowledgeable of the rules of the road,” Shockey said.

An “overtaking situation” is similar to a car passing another car. If you are the boat being overtaken, or passed, you have an obligation to maintain your course and speed (don’t speed up to avoid being passed). The overtaking boat (the one passing) must keep out of the way of the overtaken boat.

In an overtaking situation, when you come up behind a boat and you see a white light, it could be the stern light on the boat or an anchored boat, and you don’t know which. In either case you are the give-way boat. You can pass, but it is helpful to use sound signals.

If you want to pass a boat on their right (your left), you should give one short blast of your horn. If it is clear and safe, they give one blast back. If there is danger, they should give five short blasts, which is the danger signal.

If you want to pass a boat on their left (your right), you should give two short blasts. If safe, they would respond with two short blasts. If there is danger, they should respond with five short blasts (the passageway could be too narrow because of docks, etc.).

All boats should have correct navigation or running lights, Shockey said. Small boats usually have a combined bow light with green on the right (starboard) and red on the left (port). They have a 360 degree white stern (back) light. If you anchor at night, only shine your 360 degree light, and it must be high enough to be seen. Larger boats have the red and green lights separate, with green on the right as always and red on the left as always. They have a white light that shines 225 degrees in the front and 135 degrees in the rear.
Boaters involved in an incident should also know the obligations to rescue endangered boaters, Robb and Shockey explain. If you are in an incident, you have a statutory obligation to assist the other people, without necessarily endangering your own boat and the people on that boat. If you are not involved in the incident, you do not have a statutory obligation to assist vessels involved in the incident, Robb explained.

A boater not involved in the incident who gratuitously renders aid will not be held liable unless his conduct worsens the situation or unless he acts in a reckless manner. In other words, that boater will not be liable if he acts in a reasonable manner.

Boaters who are injured may have legal rights against owners of other vessels and passengers may have rights against the owner/operator of the boat in which they are riding.

Boaters also must understand the use of Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) and requirements for them. There must be one PFD for each passenger and children under 10 years old must wear a PFD. The PFDs must be Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition, the proper sizes and readily available.

In addition, boaters must understand wake issues (wake zones and consequences of causing damage). Boaters should also understand fueling, how to prevent spills and what to do in the event of spills. There are legal consequences for fuel spills and other spills. Boaters should also know there are repercussions for radio hoax calls as well as causing a drain on safety resources.

Robb and Shockey will discuss “Keeping the Boating Season Safe and Legal” May 15. The discussion will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at the Isle of Hope Marina. Each will speak about 15 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. The talk is free and open to the public. Please call the Isle of Hope Marina for more info at 912-354-8187.

Edwin D. Robb has been with Bouhan, Williams & Levy LLP since 1970. His practice concentrates in the areas of Maritime and Transportation Law. Robb is a graduate of Dartmouth College and received his J.D. from the University of Georgia Law School. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1963-1973. He was a Lieutenant Commander and served as a Deck Officer (Surface Warfare Officer) on a LST, US Pacific Fleet in the early stages of the Vietnam War. He later served on various Destroyers in the US Atlantic Fleet both on active duty and in selected Reserve crews. He is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (Member, Nominating Committee, Member, Stevedores, Marine Terminals and Vessel Services Committee), Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute (Speaker at Seminars). He is a member of the Navy League, Savannah Council (Judge Advocate), Military Order of World Wars, Savannah Chapter (Adjutant).

Kent Shockey graduated from the University of Arkansas, George Washington University and the Army Command and Staff College. He served two tours as an Infantry Officer in Vietnam and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, USMC. A member of the USCG Auxiliary for 25 years, he accumulates each year more than 1500 hours of recorded effort in Public Education, Water Safety Patrols, Member Training, Vessel Safety Checks, and other areas.

Find out about boating safety courses offered by the USCG Auxiliary at http://www.savannahaux.com. Free safety checks for boats are available.

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Fired APS Lawyer Alleges Retaliation

APS Lawyer Fired After Complaint


ATLANTA -- Channel 2 Action News has learned that a senior lawyer at the Atlanta Public School System is charging she was fired, in part, because she reported allegations of suspected fraud or waste.

The school system refuses even to confirm that Santhia Curtis was fired.

But Channel 2's Richard Belcher has obtained a copy of her complaint letter to the school board.

After Curtis was fired last month, she wrote members of the school board that she has knowledge of what she calls a serious matter that could adversely impact the board and the district.

In the three-page letter written last week, Curtis outlines allegations of retaliation and discrimination and an alleged violation of the state's whistle-blower protection law.

Curtis focuses her criticism on Velter Mazyck -- the system's lead attorney.

She contends Mazyck fired her because Curtis reported that Mazyck made a disparaging remark about the managerial skills of men.

But Curtis's most suggestive, even inflammatory, allegation is that she was fired because of reporting some kind of suspected or alleged misconduct inside the school system.

She specifically cited a state law which is designed to protect whistle-blowers.

The opening line of that state law references employees who make allegations about fraud, waste and abuse in state programs and operations.

In her letter, Curtis wrote that in early March 2011, she "advised Ms. Mazyck of a serious matter which had the potential to adversely impact the board and the district." The letter also stated that "Ms. Mazyck instructed me that I was to discuss the matter with no one."

Curtis's letter to the Atlanta School Board suggests she is prepared to file suit. But she also asks the board to authorize what she calls a thorough and neutral investigation of her allegation.

Belcher left a voice mail for Curtis, but she did not respond.

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University remembers lives lost

May 3, 2011 by A.J. ARCHER, RACHEL BUNN and MIMI ENSLY
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Tonight, 19 members of the University community who have died in the past year will be honored in a candle-light memorial service. University President Michael Adams will lead the service, which will take place at 7 p.m. on the Chapel steps. The Red & Black took this opportunity to profile the faculty, staff and students who will be remembered at the event.

— Compiled by AJ Archer, Rachel Bunn and Mimi Ensley

Joshua Mark Robertson

Joshua Mark Robertson, a freshman from Peachtree City, died in May 2010 while participating in one of his favorite activities — rock climbing at Tallulah Gorge.

“Climbing was a huge, huge part of his life,” Dan Duncan, a student who worked with Robertson at the Ramsey Center, told The Red & Black in May 2010. “Everything he did was for a purpose. Rock climbing was where he was able to love people through his passion.”

Sheron Nordlund
Sheron Nordlund, an administrative associate for the Pesticide and Hazardous Waste Lab, died August 2010. Her sister, Cindy McCarthy, posted on a legacy.com guest book that she was “thankful to have had her as my sister.”

Gabriel Wilner

Gabriel Wilner, a University law professor and executive director of International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies, died in May 2010. At the University, he served as director of the Master of Law program and director of the Brussels Seminar on the Law and Institutions of the European Union.

He served as a consultant and adviser to the United Nations and regional African and Asian institutions.

Stuart Michael Tench

Stuart Michael Tench, a senior history major from Clarkesville, died in July 2010. Tench was remembered fondly by friends.

“He was just a really fun, outgoing — just great all-around guy,” Brittany Gipson, a speech communications major from Clarkesville, told The Red & Black in July. “He just made an impression on anyone he met.”

Therese Buskas

Therese Buskas, a research professional in the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, died last year. Buskas studied carbohydrate-based vaccines and diagnostics. She did both her undergraduate and graduate work at Stockholm University.

On her CCRC website, Buskas writes her interests include cooking, going outdoors with her husband and daughter, and spending a lazy day at the beach.

Eddie Hoon Ko

Eddie Hoon Ko, a Buford native, died in December 2010. He passed away at age 23 and was studying sports management at the University.
Justin L. Elliott

Justin L. Elliott, a junior marketing major from Ellijay, died in April following a three-year battle with stage four brain cancer. Despite the circumstances, Elliott remained optimistic about the future.

"I wish this didn’t happen to me, but the fact is that it has and I just have to get through it," Elliott told The Red & Black in October 2010. "That’s the main thing, you can’t give up."

Marcia N. Jones

Marcia N. Jones, a public service associate in the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, died in March. Her research interests were in the workforce needs of the agribusiness industry.

Bruce Klopfenstein

Telecommunications professor Bruce Klopfenstein died unexpectedly of natural causes in February. Klopfenstein researched interactive television.

"Bruce was a warm, sensitive person who cared a great deal about students, particularly those who were struggling," said Ann Hollifield, head of the Department of Telecommunications, following Klopfenstein’s death.
Richard Loring Marsh

Richard Loring Marsh, a professor in the psychology department, died in June 2010 after a prolonged illness.

While at the University, Marsh served as both chair of the psychology department and chair of the cognitive program.

Marsh devoted his research "to cognitive psychology, focusing on human learning and memory," according to his obituary.

James David Eunice

James David Eunice was an Athens-born Valdosta resident. He was an incoming student to the University of Georgia but passed away Jan. 15 while duck hunting at Ocean Pond in Lake Park.

He played football and baseball for Valdosta High School and was involved in many student activities. He was "faithful, loving and trustworthy," according to his obituary.

William G. Pannell

William G. Pannell, an equipment mechanic at the University Golf Course, died in May 2010. He was 60 years old.

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Christopher S. Allen

Christopher S. Allen was a political science professor at the University from 1986 to Feb. 14 when he passed away. He was born in Maine and, in 1983, received his doctorate in politics from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Darius Ornst on said he "set an example of what it means to be a good scholar, a good teacher and a good human being," according to his obituary.

Kevin Joe Mink

Kevin Joe Mink, a master's student in the College of Education, died in March. The graduate student from Winterville had also received his bachelor's degree in comparative literature from the University. Mink was engaged to marry Samantha Zeiser, also of Winterville.

Thelma Richardson

Thelma Richardson, a systems administrator in the Odum School of Ecology, died in March following a stroke. Richardson was also a founder of the Georgia Sea Turtle Cooperative and had a hand in coordinating the annual Sea Turtle Symposium.

Richardson helped the Ecology community move through countless technology shifts "with grace, knowledge, kindness and humor," according to her obituary.

James H. Foster

James "Dinky" Foster, a monitor in Parking Services and Bogart resident, passed away August at his residence.
Lynwoodt Bernard Jenkins

Lynwoodt Bernard Jenkins, a second-year Master of Fine Arts student, was found dead of a heart attack in his office in January. Before he died, Jenkins was working on the University production of the play “Ruined.”

“Even though he had so many life experiences, he was always eager to learn new things,” David Saltz, head of the University Department of Theatre & Film Studies, told The Red & Black in January.

Liana Emobovica

Liana Emobovica, a staff accompanist at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music, died in August 2010. Emobovica was a native of Latvia. She studied piano at Darzinsh School of Music in Riga, and obtained a Masters degree in piano performance from Moscow Conservatory.

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ATHENS, Ga., May 3 -- The University of Georgia issued the following news release:

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The following information was released by the University of Georgia:

Joining the University of Georgia School of Law this fall as the holder of the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law is acclaimed international law scholar Diane Marie Amann. She comes to Georgia Law from the University of California, Davis, and will teach International Law and the Laws of War.

"Diane is well known and respected for her work both nationally and internationally, and I am delighted and honored to have her join us," Dean Rebecca H. White said. "I know her expertise will add breadth to our international curriculum, and her presence will enhance our faculty as a whole."

Amann's research examines the interaction of national, regional and international legal regimes in an effort to combat atrocity and cross-border crime. She has published more than four dozen chapters and articles in English, French and Italian in publications such as the American Journal of International Law, the Harvard Human Rights Journal, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Georgetown Law Journal, the International Journal of Constitutional Law, the UCLA Law Review and the Revue de science criminelle et de droit penal compare.

While at UC, Davis, Amann served as the founding director of the California International Law Center and was a Martin Luther King Jr. Hall Research Scholar for the 2010-11 academic year. She received the school's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2000 and its inaugural Homer Angelo Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Law in 2011. Her other academic experiences include serving as a visiting professor at the University of California, Berkeley; the University of California, Los Angeles; the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway; and as a professeur invitee at the Universite de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne).

Prior to joining academe, Amann served as a judicial clerk for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court, whose biography she is writing, and for Judge Prentice H. Marshall of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She also practiced law as an associate at Morrison and Foerster, as an assistant federal public defender and as a solo practitioner in San Francisco. She has served as vice president of the American Society of International Law and chair of the Section on International Law of the Association of American Law Schools. Additionally, the Section on International Law of the American Bar Association gave her its Mayre Rasmussen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law in 2010. A frequent commentator in national and international media, Amann is the founder of IntLawGrrls blog (http://intl awgrrls.blogspot.com/).

Amann earned her bachelor's degree with highest honors from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; her master's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles; her law degree cum laude from Northwestern University,
where she served as note and comment editor of the Northwestern University Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif; and her Dr. h.c. in law from the Universiteit Utrecht in the Netherlands.

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For more information about Georgia Law's moot court team, see http://www.law.uga.edu/moot-court/.

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For more information about UGA's School of Law, see http://www.law.uga.edu/.

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UGA pauses to remember those it lost

By LEE SHEARER - lee.shearer@onlineathens.com
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Students tolled the bell at the University of Georgia Chapel on Tuesday to honor members of the university community lost in the past year.

"We come together to comfort each other and to seek comfort for one another," said UGA President Michael Adams, calling the annual service one of the most somber occasions of the university year, but one of the most important.

The list of names was shorter than in many years - seven students and 12 workers - and only about 100 people came to the simple memorial service, forced inside the UGA Chapel by the threat of stormy weather.

Three years ago, the university lost two dozen students in just one year.

Jeffrey Dorfman, chair of the University Council executive committee, UGA Staff Council President Jerry Daniel and Student Government Association President Mallory Davis read the names one by one.

Members of the UGA Arch Society, a student group, lit symbolic candles and tolled the chapel bell once as they read each name.

The students who participated in the ceremony, as well as people in the audience, cried at the end when clarinetist Nikki Hill and the rest of the Southern Wind chamber ensemble, all UGA graduate students in music, played "Going Home."

But the ceremony was a comfort, said family members of James H. Foster, a parking services employee who died in August.

"It shows the university feels like he was family, and not forgotten. It gives you a little more peace," said Reginald Johnson, Foster's brother-in-law.

"He would have been thankful for it," said Foster's widow, Mary Foster.

"I'm sure he's smiling," said sister June Foster.

The people remembered Tuesday included students Justin Elliott, James David Eunice, Lynwood Benard Jenkins, Eddie Hoon Ko, Kevin Joe Min, Joshua Mark Robertson and Stuart Michael Tench; and employees Christopher S. Allen, Sandra Bonds, Therese Buskas, Liana Embovica, Foster, Marcia N. Jones, Bruce Klupferstein, Richard Loring Marsh, Sheron Nordlund, William G. Pannell, Thelma Richardson and Gabriel M. Willner.

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Mayor to speak at UGA law commencement

By Laura Diamond
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Atlanta Business Chronicle - by Carla Caldwell, Morning Call Editor

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Reed, a former state legislator, is Atlanta’s 59th mayor.

Georgia Library Spotlight

Alexander Campbell King Law Library

The Alexander Campbell King Law Library supports the research needs of the University of Georgia School of Law and assists the University, legal community and the public with their legal information needs. It is located on the historic North Quadrangle of UGA's campus in Athens. The library serves over 600 law students and nearly 100 faculty, instructors, and clinic directors.

The library holds more than 600,000 volumes of print and microform materials and is a leader in the provision of information in electronic formats. The collection is particularly strong in historical legal materials of Georgia and comparative and international law. The Louis B. Sohn Collection on International Relations is also located in the Alexander Campbell King Law Library.

The main building opened in 1968 and was renovated in 2003. The J. Alton Hosch Law Library Annex, opened in 1983, added a computer lab, administrative offices, and significantly expanded student study space.

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Georgia, other states settle drug scam case

Georgia has joined other states and the U.S. government in reaching a $44.3 million settlement with the pharmaceutical manufacturer EMD Serono Inc., the state Attorney General's Office said Thursday.

The agreement settles allegations that false or fraudulent claims for the drug Rebif, which treats multiple sclerosis, were submitted to the Medicaid program. From 2002 through 2009, according to the allegations, EMD Serono paid inducements to health-care professionals to get them to prescribe Rebif. Under the agreement, Georgia will receive $399,412. BILL RANKIN

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

State to graduate more parole officers today
The state will add 15 parole officers today to help supervise 22,000 ex-cons after a training class graduation Friday. The State Board of Pardons and Paroles said it has about 300 officers. That is a caseload of 73 parolees per officer in a state with one of the highest incarceration rates in the nation. The board said it uses a "balanced approach of surveillance and treatment intervention" to try and stop the offenders from offending again. STEVEN VISSER

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Atlanta attorney had high-profile clientele

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The following information was released by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE):

Jadun O. McCarthy, an English Language Arts teacher from Northeast Health Science Magnet High School in Bibb County, has been named the 2012 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

Mr. McCarthy was named the winner of the award at the annual Georgia Teacher of the Year banquet held at the Georgia World Congress Center. As Georgia Teacher of the Year, he will serve as an advocate for public education in Georgia.

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10:05 pm May 6, 2011, by Maureen Downey

Jadun McCarthy, center, of Bibb County is Georgia Teacher of the Year.
(PhotobyBibb County schools)

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Congratulations to Jadun O. McCarthy who gave up a career in law to teach.

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"Every child deserves a great teacher. Children don't deserve okay or adequate teachers; every child that walks into a public school deserves a great teacher. I am humbled to be a representative of the tremendous teachers in this state and finalists sitting behind me," Mr. McCarthy told the crowd. "If we could replicate the teachers in this room we wouldn't need No Child Left Behind because there would be no children left behind."

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And here are comments and reactions sent out by Bibb County schools: (I think it is great that Bibb included student comments.)

"All students deserve teachers with Mr. McCarthy's knowledge, skills, dedication, and ability to connect with them," says Bibb County Superintendent Dr. Romain Dallemand. "He serves as an example of what teachers can be do to improve student achievement, and I know he will be a great representative for all employees of our district next year."

"I am astounded but I am not surprised," said Northeast High Senior Shanetra Glover. "Not only is he motivational, but he also challenges and pushes us to excel."

"This is an incredible achievement," said Northeast High Senior Brandon Hill. "This is great the someone that I have been influenced by so heavily has been recognized on such a grand scale."

"This means the world to me; it's the best way I could end my senior year," said Northeast High Senior Rindy Jackson. "I am honored but not surprised that my teacher is the 2012 Georgia Teacher of the Year."

"My life changed when I walked through the doors of Walter P. Jones and met Mrs. Ella Carter. She told me I could be the best," Mr. McCarthy said. "I have had wonderful teachers throughout my life including Ms. Erma Stevens. She taught me how to learn and then taught me how to teach."

—From Maureen Downey, for the AJC Get Schooled blog

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Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed will deliver the keynote address at the University of Georgia School of Law's commencement at 10 a.m. May 21 on the law school quadrangle on North Campus.

Reed, who was elected mayor in 2009, served in the Georgia General Assembly for 11 years and has a law degree from Howard University.

About 220 students will get law degrees this year.
ATLANTA — A Bibb County English teacher was named Georgia’s 2012 Teacher of the Year.

The Georgia Department of Education on Friday selected Jadun McCarthy from among 154 teachers across the state nominated for the title.

McCarthy, who teaches at Northeast High School, said "it's tremendously humbling to represent those great teachers in the state of Georgia."

He said he was in his third year of law school at the University of Georgia about six years ago when he decided he wanted to make a difference before young people got caught up in the legal system, not after. That's when he decided to become a teacher at his alma mater.

McCarthy is also head coach of the Academic Bowl Team and is an adviser for juniors and seniors at the school.

The Environmental Law Institute issued the following news release:

Holli Brown, a second-year student at Vermont Law School, and William Gignilliat, a second-year student at the University of Georgia School of Law, have been named co-winners of the sixth annual ELI-ABA-NAELS "Endangered Environmental Laws" Student Writing Competition. Ms. Brown and Mr. Gignilliat will share a $2000 cash award and will receive publication in the Environmental Law Reporter (ELR), ELI's flagship journal and the most often cited law review covering environmental and natural resource issues.


"We are pleased to recognize these timely articles," said Austin. "Ms. Brown's submission raises thought-provoking questions about challenges to New York's moratorium on hydrofracking, while Mr. Gignilliat's piece explores difficult issues of preemption and displacement in the context of the OPA and state law claims."

The annual competition--co-sponsored by ELI's Endangered Environmental Laws Program, the Constitutional Law Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies--invites law students to analyze issues at the intersection of constitutional and environmental law. All entries received during the 2010-11 academic year were subject to a rigorous evaluation process overseen by judges from ELI, ABA, and NAELS. The winning articles will be published in ELR(R) News & Analysis in the fall of 2011.

ELI's Endangered Environmental Laws Program seeks to defend U.S.
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UGA professor, accomplished author J. Douglas Toma dies at 47

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J. Douglas Toma, a University professor in the Institute of Higher Education, died May 4 after living with melanoma for eight months. He was 47.

Also an adjunct on the School of Law faculty, Toma served as dean of Franklin Residential College and directed the Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows program for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

J. Douglas Toma

A well published writer and scholar, Toma wrote about strategy management in higher education and college football. His most recent books are Building Organizational Capacity: Strategic Management in Higher Education (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010) and Managing the Entrepreneurial University: Legal Issues and Commercial Realities in Higher Education (Routledge, in press for January 2011). In Football U: Spectator Sports in the Life of the American University (University of Michigan Press, 2003), Toma addressed the strategic uses of college football made by research universities. Citing the work, the Chronicle of Higher Education profiled him in July 2005 as one of 11 "up-and-coming thinkers who have already made a mark on
debates about American higher education and who are poised to influence national policies."

A Michigan native, he earned his Ph.D. (1995) in higher education, M.A. (1993) in history, and J.D. (1989) from the University of Michigan and his B.A. in public policy and history, with honors (1986), from Michigan State University. Toma’s first faculty job was at the University of Missouri-Kansas City before moving to the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a senior fellow in the Graduate School of Education. He joined the UGA faculty in 2003.

At Georgia, Doug helped to foster international partnerships for the Institute of Higher Education in China, Uganda, Australia, Croatia, and throughout Europe and the U.K. In 2007, he was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to the University of Zagreb, in Croatia.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. on June 10, in the UGA Chapel, with reception following on Herty Field. Gifts may be made to a fund in his name at the Institute of Higher Education. The fund will enhance IHE’s efforts to develop emerging scholars in the field of higher education, and foster the kinds of national and international collaborations that were a hallmark of Toma’s career. Checks may be made payable to the Arch Foundation/UGA, with IHE/Toma noted in the memo line or accompanying correspondence, and sent to IHE, Meigs Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

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Mr. Wallace has been working with us for nearly five years, and he has been recognized as one of the prominent people who have contributed to the success of our firm, providing helpful counsel and guidance across almost all areas of our business functions, said Mr. Hassan Dellinger, the CEO and President of Weissmuller and Sons. The announcement of Mr. McGrady’s promotion and new appointment replicates his stretched responsibilities and his far-reaching leadership and managerial role within our firm.

Prior to the new appointment and promotion, Mr. McGrady was appointed as Weissmuller and Sons International General Counsel in March 2006. Previously working from renowned legal firm in United States, he joined the firm with primary task of providing legal counsel to Weissmuller and Sons. McGrady’s legal practice centered on multi-faceted business and corporate litigation and wide-array of commercial and tort matters.

Mr. Wallace McGrady earned his degree in law from the University Of Georgia School Of Law while he completed his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Binghamton University in New York where he graduated with highest academic distinction.

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Former deputy AG delighted by bin Laden death
By Jonathan Ringel, Managing Editor

For two years as deputy U.S. attorney general, Larry D. Thompson woke up early each morning to hear daily briefings on national security threats, many posed by Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

So Thompson said he was delighted last week when a late-night news bulletin popped up on his BlackBerry reporting that U.S. commandos had killed the Al Qaeda leader in Pakistan.

"Thank goodness we can put a period at the end of the sentence," said Thompson.

He was Atlanta's U.S. attorney and a King & Spalding white-collar criminal defense lawyer before serving as the No. 2 lawyer at the Department of Justice from May 2001 until August 2003. Last week, he retired as senior vice president and general counsel at PepsiCo Inc., and in the fall, he will start teaching at the University of Georgia School of Law.

Thompson's tenure at the Justice Department forced him to deal with thorny questions on how the government balances national security interests with its constitutional obligations.

But he said he has no concern about the legality of the raid on bin Laden's compound, which he said Congress authorized a week after the attacks of Sept. 11. He noted that the joint resolution allows the president to use "all necessary and appropriate force" against the Sept. 11 terrorists and to prevent any future attacks.

Congress' wishes notwithstanding, Thompson recognized that the decision to send troops on the mission, in a foreign nation, "was a tough decision by the president and his team."

More tough decisions remain, he said. He does not think the country should abandon what he calls "enhanced interrogation techniques" such as waterboarding, because they could be vital in certain circumstances. But he said he advocates the creation of a national security court that would have to approve such actions on U.S. soil.
UGA establishes sports journalism program

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"Welch Suggs has established himself as a leader in the academy and as a journalist in the field of sports," said Kent Middleton, head of Grady’s Department of Journalism. "His inside knowledge of athletics and its role in higher education will be invaluable to the faculty and students of Grady College."

Established in 1915, the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication offers undergraduate majors in newspapers, magazines, publication management, advertising, digital and broadcast journalism, public relations, and mass media arts. The college offers two graduate degrees, and is home to the Knight Chair in Health and Medical Journalism and the Peabody Awards, internationally recognized as one of the most prestigious prizes for excellence in electronic media. For more information, see www.grady.uga.edu or follow @UGAGrady on Twitter.

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Inside K&S’s DOMA debacle

FIRM’S WASHINGTON CHIEF says review process wasn’t followed due to an “unfortunate misunderstanding”

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FOLLOWING A BARRAGE of criticism over King & Spalding’s withdrawal from defending the Defense of Marriage Act two weeks ago, the Washington office managing partner broke the firm’s official silence and made a statement to the Daily Report accepting responsibility for the “unfortunate misunderstanding” and “breakdown in communications” that led former partner Paul D. Clement to contract with the U.S. House of Representatives to defend the law.

Other than a short statement on April 25 by firm chairman Robert D. Hayes Jr. calling the vetting process inappropriate, the statement by J. Sedwick “Vick” Sollers gives the first insight that the firm has offered publicly into how it came to defend DOMA, only to withdraw from the case 11 days later.

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JUDICIAL PROFILE

Judge puts out welcome mat—but be ready

KATHRYN TANSELEY ADVISES lawyers to “come armed with information” in her courtroom

C O B B COUNTY STATE Court Judge Kathryn J. Tansley speaks in a quiet voice and congenial manner to lawyers appearing before her.

“You want people to feel welcome in a courtroom,” she said in an interview. But “welcome” should not be confused with “relaxed.”

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Judge puts out welcome mat—but be ready

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"We don't need to say stuff like that," the judge told solo products liability attorney Rebecca C. Franklin, who is working with Harris Penn Lowry Del Campo on the case. "You need to respect the members of the bar until you have reason not to respect them."

Then the firm's newest partner, former DeKalb County State Court Judge J. Antonio Del Campo, rose to defend Franklin, saying she was speaking at his direction and suggesting the exchange was a misunderstanding and his mistake.

"She needs to stand up to you," Tankersley replied.

After Del Campo's second apology to the court, Tankersley said, "It can be pretty daunting when a former judge tells you to say something. She's going to find out she stands on her own reputation."

In another hearing related to the same case, Tankersley rebuked the defense team for being uncooperative with the plaintiffs' lawyers in scheduling depositions. Later in the hearing, she criticized the presentation style of Ford's local counsel, Michael R. Boorman of Huff, Powell & Bailey.

Tankersley said he "may not have done the right thing," but he did not think the court would have been impressed by the form of the request. He also said the court would have been impressed by the form of the request.

The JQC report also highlights "the extent to which the [Peters] made his personal problems public and spectacular."

In another hearing related to the same case, Peters did not appear in court, but he did have a gun with him that he had demonstrated in court.

The report concludes, "To the contrary, Peters' public airing of his grievances against all those in the judicial system he perceived as 'hitting' him on the nose' brought discredit upon the entire judiciary and eroded public confidence in the very court he took an oath to serve."
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LOVE
for landscapes

LAWYER'S PASSION influences environmental practice and art

MICHELLE HISKY
Special to the Daily Report

KIMBERLEY J. HALE's love of art—especially landscapes—sent her course to Atlanta, and ultimately to law.

Her path took some unexpected twists, but today she is an associate at Kazmarck, Geiger & Lauster, a boutique firm focused on environmental law. In her spare time, she paints on canvas or walls, to bring the outdoors in.

"The thing I like to paint more than anything is a landscape," said Hale, 38. "That was my first love. Being from Louisiana, nothing is more beautiful than the moss, oaks, sunset and that quiet you feel."

She studied architecture at Georgia Tech in the early 1990s, and toward that degree, took sketching and other classes. However, she switched majors to civil engineering with a focus in environmental, then attended University of Georgia School of Law.

As an artist, Hale said, she's aware of the environment. "I focus on details and nuances that I believe are worth protecting and caring for," she said.

As an attorney, she said, "There are a lot of regulations at the state and federal level to protect our environment, but you often have to be creative to reach a settlement and resolution that is reasonable and affordable as well as good for the environment."

"Painting helps trigger that part of my brain to think outside the box."

Hale spoke to the Daily Report about how creativity informs her painting and law practice.

How did you start painting?

My mother loves art, and I started painting and drawing at age 6. I did my first oil painting at 8, and that's my favorite medium; I never liked watercolors. I had private art lessons growing up, in all kinds of media. I put art aside as I went into engineering, law and motherhood. Other than sketches of my kids, I did nothing.

How did you get into it again?

When I stayed home a few years with my kids, I painted their playroom, a big jungle scene. It was like riding a bike or meeting an old friend. I was surprised it all came back, and I improved as I went along.

Describe your equipment and setup.

I use acrylics now, because they dry faster and are easier to clean and I don't have a separate studio for oils, which are very aromatic. I was so picky about my equipment as an oil painter, but with acrylics, I use what is easily available—Van Gogh or Liquitex brands from Hobby Lobby. I usually buy brushes on sale.

For murals, I use the acrylics, as well as standard wall paint with small rollers. I wear my T-shirts and yoga pants that already have paint splatters. It's very unromantic. A true artist would be disappointed, but every mom would understand.

I've worked on large standard stretch canvases to full 5-by-12-foot backdrops for Sunday school pup-pet shows at my church. Peachtree Presbyterian. For canvases, I use a polyurethane finish for protection and to add a little shine. It would be nice to have a studio, but right now I store the materials in the basement away from our cat, who likes to lick the paint.

Do you have a favorite color? Cerulean blue. It's bright, beautiful and reminds me of the ocean.

On canvas, what are your themes?

I donated a vintage baseball scene and twirling ballerina canvases to Cure, which raises money for childhood cancer. I've also painted contemporary floral scenes and Tuscan landscapes.

How has painting changed you?

My kids don't quite understand my job as an attorney. Art is something they see and appreciate, and it's fun to be able to share with them. My neighbors noticed and liked my work, and so I've created paintings for other children to suit their rooms—often ballet and flowers in pastels for girls, transportation and sports themes in darker colors for boys. I've also painted a Nemo mural in a child's playroom and a Winnie the Pooh mural in another bedroom. Small kids gravitate to the bold waves and characters, and selfishly, it's really great for me to see their eyes open wide as they walk to the wall to touch what I've painted.

What part does art play in your adult life?

It's a huge stress reliever to be able to start and finish something. Being a mom or a lawyer handling large litigation matters, there's so much that is out of my control or that cannot be resolved quickly. With painting, I finish relatively fast and I'm usually pretty happy with the result. ☺
Justice Stevens: Killing bin Laden Was Lawful

Retired Justice John Paul Stevens, who wrote Supreme Court opinions upholding the rights of Guantanamo detainees, said Thursday that the killing of Osama bin Laden was lawful.

"It was not merely to do justice and avenge Sept. 11," but "to remove an enemy who had been trying every day to attack the United States," Justice Stevens said at a dinner in Chicago, according to former Stevens law clerk Diane Amann, a University of Georgia professor who attended the dinner, which capped a Northwestern University symposium on the justice's jurisprudence.

In 2004 and 2006, Justice Stevens wrote Supreme Court opinions holding that Guantanamo prisoners could challenge their detention before neutral judges, and that while in custody were entitled to the minimal protections of the Geneva Conventions. His rulings stressed that the laws of war—of which the Geneva Conventions, ratified by the U.S., form a principal part—cannot be ignored simply because the government found it "convenient" to do so.

But on Thursday, Justice Stevens indicated that those same laws of war permit the armed forces to kill an enemy commander who remains engaged in active hostilities against the U.S., as Navy SEALs did on their May 2 operation inside Pakistan. "I have not the slightest doubt that it was entirely appropriate for U.S. forces to do," Justice Stevens said, according to Ms. Amann's account.

Justice Stevens, 91 years old, was a naval intelligence officer during World War II, where he helped to break Japanese codes, allowing U.S. forces to locate and down the plane carrying Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, architect of the Pearl Harbor attack, Prof. Amann noted. After hearing of the daring assault on bin Laden's hideout, "I must say I was proud of the SEALs," Justice Stevens said, adding that he also was proud of President Barack Obama for making the decision to undertake the operation.
Governor signs Arizona-style immigration bill into law

New Georgia law will now empower police to check status, require employer verifications

By Jeremy Redmon
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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Gov. Nathan Deal signed one of the nation's toughest immigration enforcement measures into law Friday, thrusting Georgia to the forefront of this country's thorny debate over illegal immigration and triggering immediate threats of court challenges.

Georgia is now one of only three states to adopt this type of immigration law as efforts to get comprehensive immigration legislation through Congress have failed. Officials in Arizona and Utah have also enacted tough laws targeting illegal immigration, complaining the federal government has not secured the nation's borders. But federal judges have halted both of those states' laws amid complaints that they are unconstitutional.

Starting July 1 under Georgia's House Bill 87, police will be empowered to investigate the immigration status of certain suspects. The measure -- which is partly patterned after Arizona's law -- also sets new hiring requirements for employers and penalizes people who transport or harbor illegal immigrants here.

Deal, who campaigned for governor last year on bringing an Arizona-style law to Georgia, called his signature on HB 87 a historic moment.

"While I believe immigration is an issue that ... should be addressed at the federal level," he told reporters at a state Capitol news conference, "this legislation I believe is a responsible step forward in the absence of federal action."

Deal and other supporters of HB 87 have hailed it as a victory for taxpayers who have borne the cost of illegal immigration in Georgia. A recent estimate by the Pew Hispanic Center puts the number of illegal immigrants in Georgia at 425,000, the seventh-highest among the states. Those illegal immigrants, supporters of HB 87 say, are taking jobs from state residents and burdening Georgia's public schools, hospitals and jails.

Local opponents of the measure said Friday that they have been working with some national organizations in drafting a lawsuit to challenge the measure in Atlanta's federal district court, arguing Georgia is overstepping its bounds.

"We look forward to stopping this unconstitutional law from ever taking effect," said Charles Kuck, an
Atlanta-area immigration attorney and past president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Kuck and other opponents are hoping the federal Justice Department will join the fight and sue to block Georgia's law as it has in Arizona. A Justice Department spokeswoman said Friday that she had no comment.

Last year, a federal judge put some of the most controversial parts of Arizona's measure on hold after the Obama administration argued they were pre-empted by federal law. A federal appeals court recently upheld that judge's decision. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer announced Monday that she is appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Barack Obama waded into the debate over illegal immigration in Georgia in a televised interview last month, calling HB 87 a "mistake."

"We can't have 50 different immigration laws around the country," the president said. "Arizona tried this, and a federal court already struck them down."

Deal expressed confidence Friday, saying Georgia's legislation "went through several iterations."

"Thanks to the diligence and hard work of the General Assembly, I believe the final product avoids many of the pitfalls that have been alleged to exist in Arizona's legislation," said Deal, who leaves this weekend for an economic development trip to Europe.

Many other states have considered adopting an Arizona-type law. But Utah is the only other state to do so. On Tuesday, a federal judge halted that law, citing how it is similar to the Arizona legislation, Senate Bill 1070.

Georgia's measure, meanwhile, has drawn stiff opposition from the state's agricultural, landscaping, restaurant and tourism industries in recent weeks. These groups fear the law will damage the state's economy by scaring away migrant workers and conventioneers.

For example, the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau went on record last month against HB 87 over concerns that it could hurt the region's $10 billion tourism industry. One group -- the U.S. Human Rights Network -- has already announced it will cancel plans to hold its annual conference in Atlanta because of HB 87. Opponents of the measure are seeking to organize more such boycotts like those Arizona has experienced since it mounted its crackdown on illegal immigration.

HB 87's sponsor -- Republican Rep. Matt Ramsey of Peachtree City -- addressed concerns from Georgia's business sectors Friday after Deal signed the bill.

"To the extent that there is concern out there in the business community, just know we understand how important business is to our state," Ramsey said. "Georgia is going to continue to be a business-friendly state. HB 87, though, represents our responsibility to watch the taxpayers' bottom line just as the business community vigilantly guards their bottom line."

Supporters of HB 87 say its most important feature is the one that targets the hiring of illegal immigrants. Many immigrants illegally enter the country to find work here. Under Georgia's law, many employers will be required to start using a federal program called E-Verify to confirm their newly hired employees are
eligible to work in the United States.

Arizona has a similar E-Verify law. A coalition of businesses and immigrant rights groups is suing to stop Arizona’s law, arguing it is unconstitutional. The case is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

About two dozen opponents of HB 87 gathered outside of Deal’s office Friday, shouting “Shame on you” and “Undocumented and unafraid.” Dozens more demonstrated outside the state Capitol, carrying signs proclaiming “R.I.P. Southern Hospitality” and “Immigrant Rights are Human Rights.”

“This action is not only an insult to the Latino community and other immigrants, but is also an exercise in cheap political pandering that will cost our state dearly,” said Adelina Nicholls, executive director of the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights.

Others praised Deal’s decision.

“House Bill 87 is good legislation and will provide law enforcement in Georgia with another tool to perform their jobs in an effective and efficient manner,” Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren said.

Staff writer Katie Leslie contributed to this article.

When provisions of Georgia’s House Bill 87 will take effect:

July 1

Local and state police will be empowered to arrest illegal immigrants and take them to state and federal jails.

People who use fake identification to get a job in Georgia could face up to 15 years in prison and up to $250,000 in fines.

People who -- while committing another crime -- knowingly transport or harbor illegal immigrants or encourage them to come to Georgia could face penalties. First-time offenders would face imprisonment for up to 12 months and up to $1,000 in fines.

A seven-member Immigration Enforcement Review Board will be established to investigate complaints about local and state government officials not enforcing state immigration-related laws.

Government officials who violate state laws requiring cities, counties and state government agencies to use E-Verify could face fines up to $10,000 and removal from office.

The state Agriculture Department will be directed to study the possibility of creating Georgia’s own guest-worker program. Some Georgia employers have complained the federal government’s guest-worker program is too burdensome and expensive.

Jan. 1
State and local government agencies must start requiring people who apply for public benefits -- such as food stamps, housing assistance and business licenses -- to provide at least one "secure and verifiable" document, which could be a state or federally issued form of identification. Consular matriculation cards will not be accepted. The state attorney general's office is required to post a list of acceptable documents on its website by Aug. 1.

Phased in:

Georgia businesses will be required to use the federal E-Verify program to determine whether their new hires are eligible to work legally in the United States. Businesses with 500 or more employees must start complying with this provision Jan. 1. Businesses with 100 or more employees but fewer than 500 must start complying with this provision July 1, 2012. This requirement applies to businesses with between 11 and 99 employees starting July 1, 2013. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees are exempt.

Find this article at:
A guide to the top leaders in education around metro Atlanta

Welcome to Atlanta Business Chronicle's annual Who's Who in Education guide. Each year we offer a glimpse at some of the top leaders in the broad education field — those who head our top universities and colleges, our private schools and our technical colleges, along with those who represent us through top government posts.

Inside you will find 100 names and faces of key leaders of metro Atlanta and Georgia's private schools, public schools and MBA programs. To deliver this listing, we rely on our annual Book of Lists, so you will find represented the key names from our 25 Largest Colleges & Universities list; top leaders from 20 of our 100 Largest Private Schools list; we also included metro area superintendents and other educational leaders that round out a handy reference designed to give our readers a fingerprint guide to the leaders shaping our education system.

There can be no doubt that these past few years have been tough ones for education in general. In this special section, you will also hear from Daniel Papp, president of Kennesaw State University, who reveals a sobering, yet optimistic picture of the future for Georgia's top schools and our students.

To quote from his piece: "This past fall, according to the U.S. Department of Education's (DOE) National Center for Education statistics, a record 20.6 million students were expected to enroll in two-and four-year colleges and universities. That's an increase of 5.3 million students from 10 years earlier when enrollment stood at 15.3 million. The DOE projects college enrollment is poised to set new records, increasing by 14 percent between fall 2011 and fall 2015."

Here in Georgia, the Board of Regents (BOR) reports a 13 percent surge in enrollment in Georgia's 33 public colleges and universities during the past three years, even as state funding declined 21 percent. According to BOR projections, some 320,000 students will find their way into one of our institutions this coming fall.

And they will have to pay more for their college experience because when the new fiscal year begins this July, the university system will face a $344 million shortfall.

Papp also notes the recent changes made to the HOPE scholarship program, which will result in increased expenses for students, but will keep the program alive for the foreseeable future.

Also inside you will find the most recent enrollment report from the Board of Regents, University System of Georgia. The data offers a bird's-eye view of current enrollment statistics for a variety of higher education institutions and offers a year-over-year comparison from enrollment for the spring 2010 semester to the spring 2011 semester. You will find that many universities increased their enrollment, a trend that has been across the board, including for adult education and executive MBA programs across metro Atlanta.

We hope you find this guide informative and a useful reference.

Michael F. Adams
The University of Georgia President
Education: Master's and doctorate from Ohio State University
Career highlights: Now the senior president among Georgia's public university system, Adams is a widely recognized leader in national higher education circles. He has been elected by his peers to serve as chair of the American Council of Education, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the NCAA Executive Committee — the only person to hold all three of those positions. He has built support among the state's most influential people, the legislature and the Board of Regents. The University of Georgia is consistently ranked among America's best public research universities.

Robert Avossa
Fulton County School System Superintendent
Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Florida; specialist's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University; doctoral candidate at Nova University.
Career highlights: Avossa was just named superintendent of Fulton County Schools on April 26, 2011. He will replace retiring superintendent Cindy Loe, and will officially take office June 1. Avossa will be coming to Fulton County from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, where he currently is the chief strategy and accountability officer. He has held key roles at the elementary, middle and high school levels, including teacher and principal.

Fred Assaf
Pace Academy Head of School
Age: 44
Education: Bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins, master's degree from the University of Virginia
Career highlights: Each day, Assaf says, he is inspired by the faculty — from the inspirational, fun-loving work of teaching children in the Lower School, to the incredible energy and enthusiasm of the Middle School program, to the thoughtful and dedicated work of the Upper School faculty. But mostly, he says, each day he is awed, amazed by the intellectual spark of students, when he calls, creative, thoughtful and enthusiastic.

Ricardo Azziz
Georgia Health Sciences University and MCG Health System Inc. President and CEO
Career highlights: Azziz has more than 20 years of leadership in biomedical research, medical education and health care. He came to MCG in July 2010 from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He founded, and is the senior executive director of, an international nonprofit organization, the Androgen Excess and Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Society. The author of six textbooks and author or co-author of more than 100 book chapters and reviews, and more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, he received the President's Achievement Award for Clinical Research from the Society for Gynecologic Investigation in 2000.
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John D. Barge
Georgia Department of Education
State school superintendent

Education: Doctorate degree in educational leadership from The University of Georgia

Career highlights: Barge was born and raised in Cobb County. In his 20 years in education, he has served as a high school English teacher, middle school Spanish teacher, assistant principal, and principal. He also served as the state director of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education for the Georgia Department of Education. Barge has been recognized as a Model teacher in 1996, as Georgia’s Assistant Principal of the Year in 2008, and received the Berry College Alumni Association’s Distinguished Achievement Award in 2005. Prior to becoming state school superintendent, Barge served as the director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction with the Barrow County School System.

www.gadoe.org

Scott E. Barron
Mount Pisgah Christian School
President

Education: Bachelor’s degree from Mars Hill College; master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Career highlights: Barron serves as president of Mount Pisgah Christian School in Johns Creek, GA. As one of the leading independent schools in Atlanta, with an enrollment of over 1,000 students from pre-school through 12th grade, Pisgah is recognized for providing an exceptional college preparatory education. Under Barron’s leadership, Pisgah recently expanded its campus in South Korea and Taiwan, and is expanding the international experience available for students and faculty. Prior to joining Pisgah, Barron previously served as the head of schools in Texas and Maryland. A leader in education for more than 14 years, Barron is also an entrepreneur, having started companies that provide educational, professional coaching, and fundraising services.

www.experiencepisgan.org

Sharon J. Bartels
Gwinnett Technical College
President

Education: Bachelor’s and master’s degrees from The University of Georgia.

Career highlights: Bartels’ direction and vision, Gwinnett Technical College has grown significantly in enrollment, program offerings and campus facilities. Now serving approximately 23,000 students annually through credit, continuing and adult education programs, Gwinnett Tech is among the state’s largest technical colleges. Key achievements include expanding the campus from two buildings to nine, plus the college’s International Education Center at Gwinnett Place. Bartels also created the Gwinnett Tech Foundation in 1994. The college’s latest expansion – a new Life Sciences Center – will open in fall 2011. Bartels is an active community leader and was the Gwinnett Chamber’s 2009 Citizen of the Year.

www.gwinnett.edu

Jeffrey B. Bearden
Fayette County Public Schools
Superintendent

Career highlights: Bearden is a 1980 graduate of Bremen High School and a four-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He began his teaching career with the Limestone School Department in Limestone, Maine. He has been a teacher, coach, athletic administrator, assistant principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Until December 2010, Bearden spent his entire professional career in Maine. On Jan. 3, 2011, he began his tenure as superintendent of the Fayette County School System.

www.fbschools.org

Mark P. Becker
Georgia State University
President

Career highlights: Becker became Georgia State University’s seventh president in January 2009. A biostatistician, public health researcher and academic leader, Becker previously served as executive vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of South Carolina. Prior to that, he spent three years at the University of Minnesota as dean of the School of Public Health and assistant vice president of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response. From 1989 to 2000, Becker was a professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Michigan’s School of Public Health.

www.gsu.edu

Lawrence M. Benveniste
Golzoueta Business School of Emory University
Dean; Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Finance

Career highlights: Prior to his current role as Dean of the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, he served as the Dean of the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. He rose to the rank of Dean from his faculty position as the U.S. Banker Professor of Finance at the University of Minnesota. He has also served on the faculties of Boston College, Northwestern University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Rochester. Benveniste is currently on the board of directors of Alliance Data Systems and Rimage Corp.

www.golquaeta.emory.edu

Paul F. Bianchi
The Paideia School
Headmaster

Career highlights: Bianchi has been headmaster for 40 years at Paideia School, which was founded by a group of parents in 1971. The school, which serves K-12, opened with 142 students and one building and has grown to 960 students and a 16-acre campus with 14 buildings. Typically, 98 percent of students in the graduating class matriculate to 60 different colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. The school offers a strong and challenging academic program with rich offerings in the arts, music, and full athletic opportunities in an environment that is tailored to the individual needs of children.

www.paideiaschool.org

Gene Bratcek
Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School
Head of school

Career highlights: Bratcek is the ninth head of Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School, and started in this role in March. He served as interim head of school at the Marshall School (2009-2010) in Duluth, Minn., and was the headmaster at Providence Day School in Charlotte, N.C., for 21 years (1986-2007). Bratcek, a U.S. Air Force veteran, has also worked at the St. Andrew’s School in Savannah and at the Rugers Preparatory School in New Jersey. Holy Innocents’ is one of the largest Episcopal parish day schools in the U.S., and is a fully accredited college preparatory school for boys and girls.

www.hies.org
Carlton E. Brown
Clark Atlanta University
President
Career highlights: Brown became the third president of Clark Atlanta University on Aug. 1, 2008, after serving as executive vice president and provost of the university for one year. Prior to joining Clark Atlanta University, Brown was appointed by Georgia Board of Regents Chancellor Errol Davis to assist in the implementation of major systemwide initiatives. Brown has earned a great wealth of executive experience and accomplishments in higher education, having served as the president of Savannah State University for nine and a half years and having held senior-level administrative positions at several universities, including Hampton University and Old Dominion University.

Richard A.L. Caldarola
Troy University
Associate professor and MBA faculty advisor
Education: Doctor of business administration from Nova Southeastern University
Career highlights: Caldarola has been affiliated with Troy University since 2003, and was awarded the 2006 Instructor of the Year for Troy University’s University College. The MBA program at Troy University’s Atlanta site is a 12-course program that is offered in five, nine-week terms per year. Most students can complete the entire program in 15 months. Courses are offered on weekends, but only once a year.

Gena Calloway
The Schech School
Head of school
Education: Master’s degree from Georgia State University
Career highlights: Calloway has been at The Schech School for 22 years. She has received the school endowment for more than $23.5 million in her tenure, and completed a successful capital campaign for a new wing and renovation of existing space. While head of school, she has spearheaded the creation of a Teacher Training Program, which implements the Graduates’ Approach for educating dyslexic students. To this date, the program has trained more than 300 teachers across the state. Calloway has also overseen the creation and implementation of an adult dyslexic program.

Sanford R. Chandler
Chattahoochee Technical College
President
Education: Doctorate of education from the University of Georgia
Career highlights: Chattahoochee Technical College operates across six counties and eight campuses in North Georgia, forming the largest technical college in Georgia. Chattahoochee Tech provides great opportunities at the certificate, diploma, and associate degree level. The college is home to many nationally ranked academic programs and athletic teams, including one of the few two-year college football teams in the state.

Christopher T. Chavez
Devry University
President, Atlanta metro
Education: Bachelor of science and master’s degree in industrial technology and industrial management from Northern Illinois University
Career highlights: As Devry University celebrates its 50th anniversary, Chavez says he marvels at how far the schools has come and what it has been able to achieve for students. He is proud of Devry’s academic quality, service to students and, above all, with more than 250,000 alumni nationwide, the school’s student outcomes.

William Clarkson IV
The Westminster Schools
President
Education: Prior to coming to Westminster, Clarkson was headmaster at The Potomac School in McLean, Va. Service learning, coordinated through The Glenmore Institute for Philanthropy and Service Learning, is an integral part of school life at Westminster. This year, more than 900 high school students participated in a Service Day, visiting 38 different nonprofit organizations in the Greater Atlanta area. In the Class of 2011, 39 students were named National Merit Finalists and 43 received National Merit Commendations. Seven seniors were named finalists in the National Achievement Scholarships.

Peter C. Correa
American InterContinental University, Atlanta
President
Education: Bachelor’s degree from U.S. Military Academy; master’s degree in financial management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.
Career highlights: Correa provides campus-wide leadership and vision that ensure students continue to acquire the industry current knowledge and skills that will be advantageous to their future careers. Prior to his appointment as president of the AIU Atlanta in January 2009, Correa served as director of another Career Education Corporation institution, Colorado Technical University’s Kansas City campus.

Marshall Chambers
Eagle’s Landing Christian Academy
Head of school
Education: Bachelor’s degree from a co-educational college preparatory Christian school. The Academy offers a well-rounded academic program for children grades K through grade 12; including the ELCA Online Academy, Fall Day and Half Day Early Learning Academy, and Summer Enrichment Camps for All Ages. Eagle’s Landing has been committed for 40 years to working with parents in order to provide an educational environment that encourages growth in Christian character. We believe that our students should strive for excellence in all things. We provide a loving, safe atmosphere that nurtures our students toward this goal.

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Scholars have established career connections. GAC graduates as professors from educational research, digital learning, and community service. One example: Forsyth County Schools stand out as important. Our system’s technology use has been recognized throughout the country. One example: Forsyth County recently pioneered the development of iAchieve Virtual Academy. iAchieve offers students the opportunity to engage in a digital learning environment to achieve their individual potential through innovative, flexible, and socially connected education. The U.S. Department of Education recently selected Forsyth County Schools as one of 49 grantees for a $4.7 million Investing in Innovation Fund (I3) grant.

David Fincher
Greater Atlanta Christian School President
Career highlights: In mission, Greater Atlanta Christian’s greatest achievement remains true to the vision cast 50 years ago when the school charter was established— to offer a full array of excellent programs without compromising its deep Christian faith and ethics. The future remains bright as GAC responds to new challenges emerging from educational reform, digital advancements, and global connections. GAC graduates have gone on to become ministers, doctors, teachers, professors, service academy appointees, Rhodes Scholars, Fulbright Scholars, and Guggenheim Fellows.

Robert Michael Franklin Jr.
Morehouse College President
Career highlights: Franklin is the 10th president of Morehouse College, the nation’s largest private, four-year liberal arts college for men. Prior to Morehouse, Franklin was a Presidential Distinguished Professor of Social Ethics at Emory University and was a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at the law school. Franklin provides commentary for the NPR program “All Things Considered” and weekly commentary for Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting Television. Franklin also is the recipient of honorary degrees from Bethune-Cookman University, Bates College and Swarthmore College.

Kevin Glass
Atlanta International School Headmaster
Education: Postgraduate Certificate of Education from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom; master of arts from Framingham State College, Massachusetts
Career highlights: Atlanta International School marked its 25th anniversary this year with dedications of the new Firebird, Science and Design Center and the state-of-the-art Klaus Field, both results of the recently completed $15 million See Beyond capital campaign. Representing 96 countries around the world among faculty, staff, parents and students, AIS is an important resource to the city’s international business outreach efforts and community. The school offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate degree and programs for grades 4K-12.
Beverly L. Hall
Atlanta Public Schools
Superintendent

Education: Doctorate from Fordham University

Career highlights: Hall is the 15th appointed superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools, serving in that role since 1990. In addition to setting an aggressive reform agenda to accelerate student success, Hall has worked actively with the community to gain support for public education in the city of Atlanta. She has developed relationships with the business community, civic organizations, nonprofits and government leaders. Hall announced she will step down as superintendent in June.

Merodie A. Hancock
Central Michigan University, Atlanta
Vice president and executive director of off-campus programs

Career highlights: Hancock has been the vice president and executive director of Central Michigan’s off-campus programs since January 2007. In this capacity, she provides educational support and academic delivery for more than 9,000 students taking classes online and at 60 locations across North America, including five locations in the metro Atlanta area. She has been involved as a faculty member and administrator with adult, military and nontraditional education for nearly 20 years and has taught extensively in both the face-to-face and online environments.

Edmond T. Heatley
Clayton County Public Schools
Superintendent

Education: Bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University; master’s degrees from California State University and from Old Dominion University; doctorate from the University of Southern California

Career highlights: Heatley comes to Clayton County from California, where he served as the superintendent of the Chino Valley Unified School District in Chino. During his tenure, he developed the district’s first strategic plan focusing on educational reform and academic rigor. He increased communication with parents and the community and significantly improved the district’s Academic Performance Index.

F. Stuart Gulley
Woodward Academy
President

Age: 59

Education: Bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University; master’s of divinity degree from Emory University; Ph.D. in higher education from Georgia State University

Career highlights: Gulley became the seventh president of Woodward Academy on July 1, 2009. Gulley came to Woodward from L’Ecole College, where he served as president. An ordained United Methodist minister, Gulley served as president of L’Ecole College since 1996. Prior to joining L’Ecole College, Gulley served for 10 years in several administrative capacities at Emory University, including the position of associate vice president for University Development and Church Relations.

Barbara Hampton
State Board of Education
Board member
6th Congressional District

Education: Bachelor’s degree from Northeast Louisiana University; master’s degree from The University of Georgia

Career highlights: Hampton is the senior vice president and chief financial officer of the Georgia Transmission Corp. She serves as chairman of Leadership Georgia. She was appointed to the 6th Congressional District by Gov. Nathan Deal.

Michael Hearn
University of Phoenix
Atlanta campus
Vice president/director

Age: 35

Education: Bachelor’s degrees in marine science and biology from the University of Miami

Career highlights: A member of the University of Phoenix team since 2004, Hearn is responsible for the University of Phoenix’s eight Atlanta locations, and the more than 13,300 students in the area overseeing academic quality, enrollment, operations, finance and marketing. Past experience has earned him a breadth of knowledge in sectors such as education, operations, sales and recruitment.

H. Fenwick Huss
J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University
Dean and professor of accountancy

Career highlights: Huss has been a long-time mover in developing the college’s curriculum, hiring top faculty, and helping to raise the profile and rankings of the college’s programs. Under his leadership, the college has launched three new graduate programs: the Global Partners’ MBA (with Sorbonne University and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro); the Professional MBA program, and the Executive Doctorate in Business. The college has also opened new facilities in Alpharetta, Henry County, Roswell/Dunwoody, and Buckhead.

Ethan Hildreth
Henry County Schools
Superintendent

Career highlights: Henry County Schools is committed to ensuring success for each student. This systemwide goal drives its work and creates a productive environment for student success. Collaborative efforts with parents, community leaders, and school system faculty and staff have fostered a remarkable learning and teaching environment for the school community. Henry County has experienced phenomenal growth during the past decade. In 1991, the school system enrolled approximately 12,000 students. Today, there are approximately 40,500 students in 50 schools within the system. Hildreth says he is extremely proud of the progress of Henry County Schools and looks forward to moving the system toward to ensure success for each student.

Robin Hoffman
DeKalb Technical College
President

Career highlights: Hoffman, president of DeKalb Technical College since 2004, oversees operations and services of the Clarkston and Covington campuses, and seven other locations within the service area of DeKalb, Rockdale, Newton and Morgan counties. DeKalb Tech offers more than 120 different programs of study with an enrollment of more than 5,000 credit and approximately 15,000 Adult Literacy/ESL students annually. In December 2007, Hoffman received the prestigious Meritorious Service Award from the Commission on Colleges. She also serves as a member of the board of directors of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce.
Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes Jr.  
Clayton State University  
President  
Career highlights: Hynes, formerly provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of West Georgia, was appointed by the University System of Georgia as interim president of Clayton State University on May 18, 2009. On Feb. 9, 2010, his appointment was made permanent. During his tenure, the university has been ranked in the first tier of regional colleges by U.S. News & World Report. He opened the Laboratory Annex Building, achieved record enrollment, established partnerships with Clayton, Henry and Fayette public schools, and began strategic planning and facilities management initiatives.

Daniel Israel  
State Board of Education  
Board member, 4th Congressional District  
Education: Bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University; Master’s degree from the University of Georgia; Doctorate from Harvard University  
Career highlights: Israel heads Consumer Mobile Product Management and Strategy at The Home Depot Inc. He has worked as a writer at Atlanta Jewish Times and a radio show contributor for WLRB 1490 and is a member of Atlanta Jewish Community. Israel was appointed to the 4th Congressional District by Gov. Nathan Deal.

Steven J. Kaminshine  
Georgia State University  
College of Law  
Dean and professor of law  
Education: Law degree from DePaul University  
Career highlights: Kaminshine was appointed dean of the College of Law in 2005. He has been a member of the law faculty since 1985, and served as the college’s associate dean from 1997 to 2004. His academic focus is in the area of employment law, and he regularly speaks and writes on employment law topics. Prior to Georgia State, Kaminshine was a partner in a labor and employment law practice in New York and spent three years at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C.

Daniel J. Kaufman  
Georgia Gwinnett College  
President  
Education: Master's degree from Harvard University; Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Career highlights: Under Kaufman’s visionary leadership, Georgia Gwinnett College has grown rapidly since opening its doors to 118 students in 2006. Now offering 12 degrees in 36 areas of study, GGC expects 8,000 students this fall. It recently opened its first residence halls, a library and learning center, and a student center. GGC’s innovative, success-based approach has achieved some of the highest first-year student retention rates in the state.

Elizabeth Kiss  
Agnes Scott College  
President  
Career highlights: Kiss was named No. 6 in Up and Coming Colleges and ranked No. 15 among liberal arts colleges for Great Schools, Great Prices by U.S. News & World Report and was selected as one of the 50 Best Value Colleges and Universities by The Princeton Review. The college is also one of the Princeton Review’s 311 Green Colleges for 2011, and places first in the state this year in RecycleMania, a national college and university recycling competition. The college has experienced record numbers of applications and enrollment for the past five years. The incoming class for 2010-2011 was the largest in the school’s history.

Jo Ann Koch  
The Art Institute of Atlanta  
President  
Education: Bachelor’s degree from Kaplan College; Executive MBA from Colorado Technical University  
Career highlights: The greatest achievement at The Art Institute continues to be the success of its graduates. Despite the state of the economy, 85.6 percent of 2009 graduates were working in a field related to their program of study within six months of graduation and they continue to be productive, contributing members of their communities throughout their careers. The Art Institute has six branch campuses in four states to serve students in attaining the education they need to enter creative careers.

Joel M. Konzen  
Marist School  
Principal  
Career highlights: Konzen is in his 19th year as principal at Marist, having served also as admission director and a teacher of English and religious studies; he presently co-teaches a class on leadership to juniors and seniors. Additionally, he has served as president and principal of St. Michael’s Academy in Austin, Texas.

Dorothy Leland  
Georgia College and State University  
President  
Career highlights: Leland has led the university to national distinctions among public liberal arts colleges. Georgia College ranks among the top three public universities, alongside The University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, in the average SAT and ACT scores of its entering freshmen. This year, US News and World Report cited it among a handful of public universities with A Strong Commitment to Teaching.

J. Grant Lewis  
State Board of Education  
Board member, 11th Congressional District  
Career highlights: Lewis practices internal medicine in Rome. He is on staff at several hospitals. Lewis was instrumental in establishing a summer camp for diabetic kids known as Ricki’s Kids. For more than 10 years he supervised the running of the organization and served as the medical director. Lewis was appointed to the State Board of Education by Gov. Nathan Deal.
Richardson R. Lynn
Atlanta's John Marshall Law School
Dean and professor of law

Career highlights: Lynn became dean in 2008. He previously served as dean of Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif., from 1997-2003. Lynn is a member of the board of trustees of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia. He has taught courses on copyright, trademark, civil procedure, pre-trial advocacy and appellate advocacy.

www.johnmarshall.edu

Kenneth Mason
State Board of Education Board member, 5th Congressional District

Career highlights: Mason is director of Urban Initiatives for the Southern Regional Education Board. He teaches high school students on a civil rights movement experience called Sajoura to the Past. Mason has also been a community liaison and robotic engineering consultant for Berkeley National Laboratory. Mason was appointed to the 5th Congressional District by Gov. Nathan Deal.

www.gcoe.org

John E. Maupin Jr.
Morehouse School of Medicine
President

Education: San Jose State College, DDS degree, Meharry Medical College, MBA, Loyola College

Career highlights: Maupin was recently appointed to the National Health Care Workforce Commission which was created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to serve as a national resource for Congress and the president.

www.msm.edu

Craig McDaniel
Georgia Northwestern Technical College President

Career highlights: McDaniel has served as president of Coastal Valley Technical College since 1998. On July 1, 2008, Coastal Valley Technical College merged with Northwestern Technical College to become Georgia Northwestern Technical College. In October 2008, McDaniel was selected by the Technical College System of Georgia to lead Georgia Northwestern Technical College as president.

www.gntc.edu

Faye S. McIntyre
Richards College of Business at the University of West Georgia
Dean; Sewall Chair of Private Enterprise

Career highlights: McIntyre has completed professional development programs at Harvard University, Columbia University, the University of California at Berkeley, and Oxford University. McIntyre has more than 75 publications and has received numerous awards for her research. She has been invited to present her work at such forums as the American Marketing Association’s Global Marketing Conference and the International Franchising Association’s Annual Convention. McIntyre currently serves as Past Chair for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

www.westga.edu/~busn

Frank Moore
Blessed Trinity Catholic High School
Principal

Career highlights: In 1987, Moore became the dean of students at St. Pius X High School. Starting in 1996, he spent two years as principal of Bishop McDevitt High School in Oklahoma City, and returned to Atlanta in 2000 to become the founding principal of Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell. In its first 11 years of existence, Blessed Trinity has achieved excellence in academics with 23 Advanced Placement courses, 27 students chosen for the Governor's Honors Program, and the last three graduating classes averaging more than $70,000 per student in college scholarship offers.

www.btatholic.org

Mary Sue Murray
State Board of Education Board member, 13th Congressional District

Career highlights: Murray has taught in the public schools of Georgia, and her administrative experiences include assistant principal, curriculum director, language arts specialist, staff development director, personnel director and assistant superintendent. Murray served as president of the Georgia Staff Development Council and has served on many state advisory committees. Since retiring in 1999, Murray has served as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools consultant and chairperson for numerous schools in Georgia.

www.gacce.org

Harold E. Newman
Shorter University President

Career highlights: Since becoming president in January 2006, Newman has led Shorter College in an aggressive growth phase that culminated in its June 1, 2010, transition to university status. The university has continued to be recognized as one of the South's top baccalaureate colleges by U.S. News & World Report and the Princeton Review. Shorter has a growing reputation for excellence in athletics. Newman will retire from the presidency Mar 31, 2011, and will be succeeded by Dan Dowless, who now serves as vice president for academics at North Greenville University in South Carolina.
Shelley C. Nickel
Gordon College
Interim president
Career highlights: Nickel has served as interim president of Gordon College since July 1, 2010. Prior to Gordon, she served as associate vice chancellor for planning and implementation for the Board of Regents. From February 2003 through June 2006, Nickel was president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission. Nickel also provided leadership for the state's public policy on access to higher education, including development of www.GACollege411.org, a one-stop shop helping students plan, apply and pay for college. From 2005 to 2007, she was director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. www.gdn.edu

Frank R. Petruzielo
Cherokee County School District
Superintendent of schools
Career highlights: Appointed in 1995, Petruzielo steered the Cherokee County School District from the brink of losing its accreditation to its current standing as one of Georgia's premier school districts with a statewide and national reputation for professionalism and commitment to educational excellence. In 2006, Petruzielo was named Superintendent of the Year by the Georgia PTA and became the first superintendent in Georgia history appointed to serve on the Georgia PTA Executive Board. The Cherokee School Board is a repeat recipient of the Center for Digital Education and National School Boards Association's Tech Savvy School Board award, as well as a Georgia School Board of Distinction for six consecutive years. www.cherokee.k12.ga.us

G.P. “Bud” Peterson
Georgia Institute of Technology
President
Career highlights: Georgia Tech is one of the world's premier research universities, ranking seventh among public universities by U.S. News & World Report. It also ranks among the top public universities in research expenditures for universities without a medical school and in April of 2010, was invited to join the Association of American Universities. Through research and partnerships with business and industry, Georgia Tech serves as an economic engine for the Southeast, with an annual impact of more than $2 billion. www.gatech.edu

Daniel S. Papp
Kennesaw State University
President
Career highlights: Papp has served as president of Kennesaw State University, Georgia's third-largest university, since July 2006. Under his leadership, Kennesaw State has risen in academic stature as it launched its first Ph.D. program. In 2008 and 2009, KSU was recognized as an up-and-coming school by U.S. News & World Report. Since Papp became president, KSU also has completed its transition to NCAA Division I and expanded its infrastructure with the opening of state-of-the-art buildings such as the student dining hall, the 8,300-seat KSU Soccer Stadium and the Health Sciences Building. Under Papp, KSU is launching a football program. www.kennesaw.edu

David L. Potter
North Georgia College & State University
President
Career highlights: North Georgia is uniquely designated as the Military College of Georgia and as a state leadership institution for civilian and cadet students, and has experienced dramatic enrollment growth in the past decade. Potter has guided efforts to provide an unparalleled education to prepare students for life and leadership in a global community, including expanding the curriculum and adding strategic language courses. Also, he has led efforts to create collaborations that help meet the state's needs for teachers and health-care professionals. President since 2000, Potter announced he will retire from the presidency at the end of this academic term. www.northerngorgia.edu
Marcia Prewitt Spiller
National Association of Independent Schools
Chair of the board
Career highlights: In 2009, Spiller was elected chair of the board of the National Association of Independent Schools. In her capacity as board chair, she assists in shaping the strategic priorities of the association, which serves 1,400 independent private schools nationally. She conducts seminars and workshops on diversity, multicultural curriculum and teacher training. She works with schools internationally, assisting with accreditation, including schools in Managua, Nicaragua, Bogota, Colombia, and San Salvador, El Salvador. She also is an accreditation consultant to schools in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Stanley J. Pritchett Sr.
Morris Brown College
President
Career highlights: Beginning his career as a public school teacher, Pritchett has worked his way through the administrative ranks. Upon retirement from the public school sector, he accepted the leadership role at Morris Brown College. Pritchett and a dedicated faculty and staff have, over the past four years, succeeded in increasing enrollment, implementing a more relevant academic program that better serves the needs of a diverse student population, securing an arrangement to offer online courses to students, and laying the groundwork for the school to regain its accreditation. He was named the 18th president by the board of trustees on March 18, 2010.

Gordon Pritz
Douglas County Schools
Superintendent
Education: Master's degree from Georgia State University; specialist, administration and supervision from State University of West Georgia; doctorate from Nova Southeastern University
Career highlights: Pritz joined the Douglas County School System in May 2010. His background includes teaching in all levels of public schools. During his career he has demonstrated consistent success in leading and motivating large and small organizations/teams toward common goals. He has a wide variety of experiences and successes in curriculum and instructional programs, strategic planning, school improvement, budget and resource management and operations.

Donald B. Robertson
The Walker School
Headmaster
Education: Bachelor's degree in mathematics from William & Mary; master's degree from Rider College
Career highlights: the Walker School has grown from Cobb County's Best Kept Secret to one of the premier independent schools in the Atlanta area. Under Robertson's leadership, the school has grown from a school of 400 students with one building to a school of 1,100 and a campus of more than 30 acres with seven buildings. Despite the amazing growth, Walker still remains the family school that it was when enrollment was 400 students.

Lisa Rossbacher
Southern Polytechnic State University
President
Education: Master's degree from State University of New York at Binghamton; master's and Ph.D. from Princeton University
Career highlights: Southern Polytechnic's greatest recent accomplishment has been successfully navigating the mission change from a special-purpose institution to a comprehensive university with a special technological focus. In the process, the school has added new academic programs, new residence halls, more faculty, expanded campus acreage, added new and renovated academic buildings, and experienced a 25 percent increase in enrollment over the last three years.

Mike Royal
State Board of Education
Board member, 7th Congressional District
Career highlights: Royal was named by Gov. Nathan Deal to the state board of education in March.

Steve Salbu
Georgia Tech, College of Management
Dean and Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Chairholder
Career highlights: The college's greatest achievement since Salbu arrived in July of 2006 has been the remarkable growth of world-class faculty by generating resources to attract the best and brightest scholars. The college has dramatically grown resources by establishing approximately 39 endowed professorships, endowed chairs, and term professorships, and by substantially increasing Executive Education enrollments. The college has added 25 top-tier faculty members during this period. Stellar faculty hiring at Georgia Tech has drawn international attention and recognition, with commensurate increases in reputation and in quality of enrolled freshmen.

Fred Sanderson
Cobb County School District
Superintendent
Career highlights: With more than three decades of educational experience, Sanderson became superintendent of Cobb schools in 2006. Since 2006, the district's graduation rate has increased from 84.2 percent to 87.3 percent; the total number of AP exams administered has increased 62 percent, and SAT and ACT scores remain higher than metro Atlanta state and national averages. In 2010, 51 percent (99 of 110) Cobb schools made Adequate Yearly Progress. The district also implemented a new strategic plan that places emphasis in three critical areas: process, people, and performance.

Lawrence M. Schall
Oglethorpe University
President
Education: Bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College; law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School
Career highlights: Schall was elected the 16th president of Oglethorpe University in 2005. Under his leadership, Oglethorpe opened the Center for Civic Engagement. Schall serves on the board of the Atlanta Local Education Fund, the Atlanta Jewish Committee, Project GRAD and on the Commission for W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars.

www.naais.org
www.morrisstudent.edu
www.douglas.k12.ga.us
www.theswalkerschool.org
www.spu.edu
www.gadoe.org
www.migt.gatech.edu
www.cobb.k12.ga.us
www.oglethorpe.edu

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Beheruz N. Sethna
University of West Georgia
President, and professor of business administration

Career highlights: Sethna has served as president since 1994. He is the first president of a U.S. university of Indian origin. In February 2011, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved a Ph.D. in Psychology: Consciousness and Society at the University of West Georgia. The university has been designated as one of a Robert Temple of Doctoral Comprehensive Universities. Over the past 13 years, UWG has topped the nation eight times in the number of student research papers accepted at the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Steve Spellman
St. Pius X Catholic High School
Principal

Career highlights: Spellman, in his 13th year at St. Pius, has led the school through two major strategic planning processes resulting in two major building campaigns. These campaigns expanded the existing complex and added 8 acres to the campus footprint, the last addition of land in the 53-year history of the school. The new buildings have been important as the past nine years have brought record-setting numbers of applications to the school resulting in a student body of 1,093 students seeking the school's Catholic college-preparatory curriculum. In addition, St. Pius boasts a highly recognized reputation for providing a well-rounded education.
Robert T. Sumichrast
Terry College of Business, The University of Georgia
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Career highlights: Sumichrast was appointed dean in 2007. At the time, he was named to the Simon S. Seig Jr. Chair for Economic Growth. From 2003 to 2007, he was dean of the E.J. Ourso College of Business at Louisiana State University. Before that, he was on the faculty at Virginia Tech from 1984 to 2003. In 2011, Sumichrast was elected by the membership of AACSB International to the accrediting organization’s board of directors. Sumichrast also sits on the board of the Southern Business Administration Association.

Rick G. Swigman
Pinecrest Academy
Executive director
Education: Bachelor’s degree from St. Cloud State University
Career highlights: Swigman says the achievement he is most proud of at Pinecrest Academy is that, on average, nearly 25 percent of graduating seniors serve the broader community through mission work for one year before embarking on their college career. This year of service has become a tradition for seniors to consider, an extremely generous donation of time and talent essential in today’s society. He feels it is an affirmation of the kind of formation Pinecrest endeavors to impart. These young men and women are then uniquely qualified to enter college life with a sense of maturity and spirit of self-giving.

Bevery Daniel Tatum
Spelman College
President
Career highlights: In 2002, Tatum was selected as the ninth president of Spelman College. A widely recognized scholar, race relations expert and leader in higher education, under her tenure, the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement was created and its annual Leadership and Women of Color Conference established. For 130 years, Spelman College has been the leading educator of women of African descent, and the graduation rate, more than 80 percent, is among the best in the country. One-third of the 2,110 students are majoring in the sciences, engineering or mathematics.

Alvetta Peterman Thomas
Atlanta Technical College
President
Career highlights: The greatest achievement of Atlanta Technical College is in the thousands upon thousands of lives that have been transformed as a result of the education, training and employment provided. The college offers more than 140 programs and credentials, including associate degrees, certificates and apprenticeships. With a 93 percent job placement rate, and the designation as the best technical college in Georgia by Washington Monthly, Atlanta Technical College is the college of choice for recent high school graduates and those looking to return to college. A little later in life. Another tremendous achievement is in our partnerships with business and industry. Our business is workforce development, and we do it extremely well.

David Tilley
Mount Paran Christian School
Headmaster
Career highlights: Mount Paran has experienced tremendous growth while maintaining our commitment to a mission that has been unaltered. While the school provides a college prep experience for students, it is not singularly focused. Service to community has been emerging as the hallmark of the school. Whether on mission fields in Cambodia or the Dominican Republic or community service projects in nursing homes, the school’s mission is the hallmark of quality life. A strong leadership development approach that seeks to honor God, love others, and walk in truth is integrated to all aspects of the program.

William D. Underwood
Mercer University
President
Education: Law degree from the University of Illinois
Career highlights: Underwood has served as Mercer University’s 18th president since July 1, 2006. Prior to joining Mercer, Underwood served as interim president of Bayer University and held the prestigious Ernst J. Luehrs Chair at the Bayer School of Law. Under his leadership, Mercer’s enrollment has grown by 17 percent, to more than 8,200 students. Over the past three years, the number of Ph.D. students has increased from fewer than 25 to more than 200, while the amount of externally funded research expenditures has grown to nearly $25 million a year.

Anthony S. Tricoli
Georgia Perimeter College
President
Career highlights: Since Tricoli assumed office, the college closed its Lawrenceville campus and opened the new Forest Park campus. Obtained the highest enrollment in the history of the college, securing nearly $1 million in donations for improving technology in classrooms, and recognizing the administration structure to create a streamlined organization focused on successful delivery of service to students. Tricoli has also spearheaded the development of Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAGS) (the number is now 421) - with four-year institutions, guaranteeing students a smooth transition to a bachelor’s degree.

Flora W. Tydings
Athens Technical College
President
Education: Master’s degree from Mercer University; doctoral degree from The University of Georgia
Career highlights: Tydings is only the third person to serve as the CEO in the 53-year history of Athens Technical College. Tydings has positioned the college to be a major contributor to the economy of northeast Georgia. Athens Technical College was selected recently to join Achieving the Dream, Community College Council, a national effort focused on increasing student success rates. Athens Technical College is the first college in Georgia to participate in this initiative. Tydings is actively involved in community organizations in the Athens area.

Ramona Tyson
DeKalb County School System
Interim superintendent
Career highlights: Tyson began her career as an educator with the DeKalb County School System in 1987 as a business education teacher at Lakeview High School. During her 27-year career, Tyson has served as classroom teacher, support center and training coordinator, technical and support specialist, and training coordinator, technical and support services manager, director, associate superintendent, chief information officer, and interim chief superintendent. She also took a sabbatical for four years (1999-2003) to work with IBM Corp. as an education initiative specialist consultant in the U.S. Managing and Services Division and was assigned to the DeKalb County School System and state of Georgia territory.

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Russell Vandiver
Lanier Technical College
President; Former Vice President of Economic Development, and Executive Director Manufacturing Innovation Center

Education: Specialist in technical education from The University of Georgia, certified Economic Development Trainer

Career highlights: Vandiver has served Lanier Technical College for more than 34 years. He provided Quick Start Training for more than 100 new or expanding companies, creating more than 30,000 new jobs throughout northeast Georgia. Vandiver serves on numerous statewide committees on workforce development and currently serves as chairman of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council.

www.Emory.edu

James W. Wagner
Emory University
President

Career highlights: Throughout his career, Wagner has worked with faculty, students, alumni, and staff to enhance the undergraduate educational experience; grow research, and foster partnership between the academy and local institutions. Reinvigorating an Emory tradition, Wagner has delivered the address at each of the baccalaureate services for graduating seniors. Since his arrival at Emory in 2009, Wagner was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as vice chair of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Biotechnological Issues.

www.emory.edu

Paula S. Wallace
Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta
President

Career highlights: Since its inception in 1978, SCAD has grown to become the world's most comprehensive art and design university, offering more than 100 degree programs in more than 50 disciplines. The university is regularly recognized for its forward-thinking programs, advanced by a wealth of industry-standard facilities and equipment. This rich creative atmosphere nurtures top-quality graduates who go on to redefine the boundaries of their professions. SCAD has campuses in Atlanta, Savannah, France, online, and (in fall 2010) in Hong Kong. This success owes to the fact that everything we do is designed with purpose, specificity, and with daring.

www.scad.edu

Rebecca Hanner White
The University of Georgia School of Law
Dean

Education: Bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University; law degree from the University of Kentucky

Career highlights: White was named dean of The University of Georgia's law school in October 2004, after serving 14 months as interim dean. She is the first woman in the law school's history to hold this position. Prior to being named dean, White served as associate provost and associate vice president for Academic Affairs at UGA and has been a member of the School of Law's faculty since 1989. Her areas of scholarship and teaching include employment discrimination and labor law.

www.gwu.edu

Thomas C. Whitworth
Darlington School Headmaster

Education: Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; master's degree from The Citadel

Career highlights: Whitworth, who has more than 27 years of administrative experience, is in his sixth year as headmaster of Darlington School. Prior to coming to Darlington, he spent 15 years as founding headmaster of Fink Hill School. Founded in 1905, Darlington challenges its students to learn with passion, act with integrity and serve with respect. In 2010-11 alone, students completed more than 10,000 volunteer leadership hours at various community organizations. Darlington offers three specialized sports academies in golf, soccer and tennis and an Instrumental Music Enrichment Program. The school is currently in the final phase of a $30 million capital campaign.

www.darlingtonschool.org

J. Alvin Wilbanks
Gwinnett County Public Schools
CEO/Superintendent

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Georgia; Ed.S. from Georgia State University

Career highlights: Wilbanks has been superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools since March 1996. He has served on a number of state and national education committees and is the recipient of numerous honors and awards for his professional accomplishments and civic contributions. He feels his greatest achievement is the culture of success the district has cultivated over the last 15 years as it has moved from being a good school system to becoming a system of world-class schools.

www.gwinnettk12.go.us

Larry E. Winter
State Board of Education Board member, 9th Congressional District

Education: Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida

Career highlights: Winter is the managing partner of Winter & Scoggins Certified Public Accountants, Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Winter to the State Board of Education in 2006. He currently serves as chairman of the Budget Committee and the board liaison to Georgia's Bright from the Start Pre-K Program. Winter is active in civic and business affairs and has been named to the White House Conference on Small Business (1979), the Georgia State Board of Pensions Compensation Advisory Council (1991-2004) and the Georgia State Bar Fee Arbitration Council (1967-present). He received the Georgia Sheriff's Association Distinguished Humaneitarian Award in 1981 and was named a Hooten Fellow by Kwanza International in 2000.

www.gldoe.org

Zach Young
Westleyan School Headmaster

Education: Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia; master's degree from Harvard University

Career highlights: Westleyan's greatest achievement has been developing, funding and implementing a mission program that sends children and faculty all over the world each spring vacation to spread and receive God's love. A secondary achievement has been attracting the necessary resources, people, and vision to acquire the necessary land and/or facilities and complete the build-out of the original master plan for the campus.

www.westleyanschool.org

Belle S. Wheelan
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges President

Career highlights: Wheelan's career spans 37 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education. In several of those roles, including her current role as president of SACSCOC, she was the first African-American and/or woman to serve in those capacities. Wheelan has received numerous awards and recognitions including four honorary degrees, the Distinguished Graduate Award from Trinity University and from the University of Texas; and the AUPC Woman of Distinction Award.

www.sacscoc.org
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Board of Regents University System of Georgia, Student Enrollment Report, Spring 2011
Around Town: SACS's retreat good news for Cobb parents, students

by Otis Brumby, Bill Kinney, Joe Kirby
Around Town columnists
05.14.11 - 12:00 am

SO MUCH for the threatened investigation of the Cobb school system by accrediting body SACS, which was sicced on the county by opponents of the board's "reform" block and sour-grapes supporters of the "balanced" school calendar. In most communities, even a hint of a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools probe into a system's operation sends knees to knocking and teeth to chattering.

Not Cobb.

As reported in Friday's MDJ, SACS notified the Cobb school system this week that it has no plans to investigate. Yes, the letter includes some muscle-flexing and face-saving comments. But the bottom line is that SACS - unexpectedly confronted with sharp questions on these pages and elsewhere about its role, its funding and the lavish salary it pays its leader - wisely decided to skitter home. In football parlance, it backed up and punted.

That's great news for parents and students and the system. Most Cobb school supporters - although perfectly aware that the system and its board are not perfect - had no desire to see the district in SACS' gun sights.

But it's no doubt a bitter pill for SACS, which now stands exposed as a self-appointed, out-of-control, unaccountable bureaucracy headed by educators living high on the hog, courtesy of the funds it collects from local school systems around the Southeast who fear loss of accreditation otherwise. Several state legislators from Cobb have told AT they expect SACS to be a target next year.

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SACS'S LETTER came after Chairwoman Alison Bartlett, Vice Chair Scott Sweeney, lame duck Superintendent Fred Sanderson and Deputy Superintendent Alice Stoudt quietly journeyed to SACS's opulent Alpharetta offices to kiss the ring of Dr. Mark Elgart, who makes around $400,000 per year as head of the non-profit.

The letter comes as a reminder that SACS sees itself as a self-anointed guru of good corporate governance, although there's no evidence that its pontificating translates to increased student achievement.

As for specifics, the letter stresses the need for board members to undergo more professional development, perhaps overlooking the fact that in the Cobb school board's case, you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Elgart, the letter's author, continued to focus on a meeting that newly sworn-in
Chairwoman Bartlett and three other new reform-minded members - Sweeney, Kathleen Angelucci and Tim Stultz - called for a Sunday in early January. They called that special meeting in order that they, not former Chairwoman Lynnda Eagle, could set the agenda for the next regular meeting. Eagle and pouting board members David Banks and David Morgan chose not to attend the special meeting.

Elgart conceded that Bartlett's move was legal, but said such meetings could "cause divisions."

But in fact, Elgart's and Eagle's complaint is a bogus one. Everyone knew the board's leadership had changed. The new members came to power in one of the most issue-oriented school board elections in local history, in which the voters had spoken loud and clear. The new members were eager to hit the ground running and carry out their campaign pledges. That's the way politics works in this country, whether it is new House Speaker Newt Gingrich in January 1995, new President Barack Obama in January 2009 or the new GOP House majority in January 2011. Elgart seems oblivious to the fact that elected officials are accountable to those who put them in place, and that board members' first loyalties must be to the public - not to the superintendent, or to SACS. Upholding campaign promises is apparently "old fashioned" in SACS' eyes.

To his Johnny-come-lately credit, Elgart finally got around to noting that the Cobb board has a recent history of circumventing the state's Open Meetings Act. Too bad he and SACS didn't speak up when it mattered, back when it gave the system a clean bill of health despite the prior board's 55 secret meetings and votes.

Elgart also noted that the January special meeting was not an emergency. But he ignored the fact that then-lame duck Chairwoman Eagle, just a month or so earlier, had wanted to hold a special board "retreat/meeting" right after the election at a remote location away from the public. Member-elect Sweeney memorably retorted that the public had elected him "to charge, not retreat," and the retreat never took place.

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ELGART'S LETTER also focused on this year's vote to switch back to the traditional calendar. He conceded that the matter was the board's prerogative, and scolded that "effective governing boards require access to reliable data and evidence to guide such decisions."

Never mind that SACS conveniently - or selectively - forgot that the prior board adopted the daffy Carver Governance Model, which shifted power and accountability to the superintendent from the board, despite a complete lack of "reliable data" showing that the Model would improve student achievement in any way, or that it had any other redeeming virtue. Governance guru John Carver found scant interest in his "model" anywhere else, but the Cobb board - apparently hypnotized by his presentation and $1,000-an-hour fee, swallowed his plan hook, line and sinker.
Most members of that board also eagerly backed then-Superintendent Joe Redden's and deputy Donald Beers' ruinously expensive take-home laptop plan for middle and high school students, despite any "reliable data" from here or anywhere else that it would increase student achievement. Redden's "data" boiled down to his stated need for the system and its supporters to "think outside the box."

But none of that mattered to SACS at the time.

Elgart's letter slapped the board's hand as well for some members having based their calendar votes, in part, on the results of the online Survey Monkey poll, which could be easily "monkeyed" with to distort its results. Future such polls should be done by an outside consultant, he suggested.

In truth, too many politicians use such polling as a crutch. We shouldn't govern based on Gallup Polls. An elected official should vote based on what's best for the entity he or she represents, not based solely on the fickle winds of public opinion.

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WITH SACS no longer looming as a threat and with the calendar issue settled for now it is hoped that the board will finally be able to "clear the decks" and move on to more important matters, such as hiring a new superintendent and - fingers crossed - entering a new era of board civility and a stronger emphasis on student achievement.

THE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF for Cobb Superior Court Judicial candidate Roland Castellanos will be a fundraising reception at the House of Lu in Marietta from 5:30-7 p.m. May 19, reports Jim Lovejoy. Tickets are $125 per person. Castellanos, now a State Court judge, is running for the seat currently held by Judge Dorothy Robinson, who is retiring.

Also running are Cobb Juvenile Court Judge Greg Poole and assistant District Attorney Van Pearlberg.

EVER BEEN TO A "BOOB-E-QUE"? Well, neither has AT. But here's your chance: Pearlberg and his wife, Patti, are hosting a first-ever "Boob-E-Que" fundraiser Sunday to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer. The Pearlbergs plan to roast a whole pig and will have a DJ and beer on hand as well. That's even though, as Van put it to AT, "I'm just a Jewish boy from Brooklyn, and my wife is a vegetarian." The Boob-E-Q runs from 2 till 7 p.m. at the Pearlbergs' home at 383 Church St.

THE GEORGIA BOARD OF REGENTS nominated Vice Chair Ben Tarbutton III to become their new chairman this week, news that has one member of the Around Town trio beaming with pride - Otis Brumby Jr., his father-in-law.

Brumby can't mask his admiration for Tarbutton, saying he's a "fine young man" and that he's "greatly blessed to have him as a son-in-law." Brumby does jest,
however, that Tarbutton sometimes keeps a low profile at family gatherings. Tarbutton is a Georgia Tech graduate and a solid Yellow Jacket fan while Brumby, son Otis Brumby III and daughter Lee (and her husband Heath) Garrett are all University of Georgia Law School graduates, and daughter Anna earned her MBA at Georgia. They're all big Bulldog backers - and Tarbutton has to live with the unfortunate outcome in the latest renewal of the rivalry until the chance for redemption next November.

Tarbutton, 39, was appointed to the board by former Gov. Sonny Perdue in 2006. It is believed he will be the youngest-ever chairman of the Regents when his term begins July 1.

Tarbutton is from Sandersville and is assistant vice president of the Sandersville Railroad Company. He is a former president of the Georgia Railroad Association and he also serves on the board of directors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Tarbutton and his wife, the former Betsy Brumby, have given Brumby and his wife Martha Lee three adorable grandchildren - Ben III, Annabeth and Henry - according to their grandfather.

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Milford B. Hatcher, Jr. - ATLANTA - Milford B. Hatcher, Jr. died on May 13, 2011 at the age of 65. He was an attorney with Holland and Knight in their Atlanta and Jacksonville offices. Mil was a native of Macon and had homes in Atlanta, Ponte Vedra, Kiawah Island and Maui. Mil was a nationally recognized expert in estate planning and specialized in business-oriented estate planning and income tax planning for high net worth individuals. Mil was a nationally recognized attorney and prolific speaker to top professional groups, including the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the University of Miami Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, the American Federal Tax Institute, the Georgia Tax Conference and the Georgia Society of CPAs. He wrote appearing in many professional publications including the ACTEC Journal, the University of Miami Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, the Journal of Taxation, and the CLU Journal. Mil was one of the top experts in sophisticated private wealth planning techniques with a particular expertise in the use of family limited partnerships and the complex tax laws in that area. Mil was Regent with the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and served on their Executive Committee. For 20 years, Mil was a Partner with Jones Day and served as the firm’s Atlanta Tax Group Coordinator. Mil was highly respected among his colleagues for his collaborative nature and his leadership skills. He selflessly dedicated his time and energy to helping other lawyers enhance their skills and thus better serve their clients. He made many pro bono contributions to lawyers and his field of practice, devoting hundreds of hours of financially uncompensated work lead counsel for ACTEC, preparing and filing two amicus curiae briefs for the College in two high-profile family limited partnership cases. In early years he was also an adjunct professor at the Walter F. George School of Law in Macon. Mil was also a trusted advisor and friend to many clients and colleagues alike. His counsel was invaluable to a wide range of people, especially to young associates whom he took under his wing and mentored. Mil had a very creative mind that helped him in serving his clients but also in real estate development and the ownership of private businesses. Mil and his wife Aileen created the 1842 Inn in and saved the historically significant structure as an historic inn. Mil graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1970 with a B.A. magna cum laude with exceptional honors, Phi Beta Kappa. He attended law school at the University of Georgia and graduated with a J.D., cum laude. In 1975 he earned his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University. Mil was a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia and the Florida Bar. He was past Chairman of the Tax Section of the State of Georgia. Mil generously donated his time to many charitable endeavors. He served as Chair of the Investment Committee of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, the President of the Macon Heritage Foundation, the Chairman of the American Bar Association’s Macon Chapter and the Audit Committee Chairman of the Kiawah Conservancy. Mil was a member of The Cherokee Town and Country Club, The Kiawah Island Club, and The Kapalua Club. Mil is survived by his wife of 35 years, Aileen Porter Hatcher; his sister Kathleen Hatcher Cook of Musella; and nieces, Kathleen Cook Medlin and Marion Cook McIntyre of Macon. Janet Cook Carter of Washington, DC. Mil was predeceased by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milford B. Hatcher of Macon. The service will be held at 11A.M. Tuesday, May 17 at the Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta. The family will greet friends at the church following the service. Interment will be private at Arlington Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciate donations to Washington and Lee University, 204 W. Washington Street, Lexington, VA 24450 or to ACTEC Foundation, 901 15th Street, NW, Suite 525, Washington, DC 20005 or the charity of the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be made at hmpattersonspringhill.com. Milford Hatcher
Milford B. "Mil" Hatcher Jr., 63: Tax attorney preserved The 1842 Inn in Macon

By Rick Eado
The Atlanta Journal-Constiution

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The 1842 Inn, an antebellum mansion and carriage house in Macon, exemplifies the architecture of its time with its stately columns and wrap-around veranda.

It wasn't that way back in 1983. That's when Mil Hatcher Jr., a Macon native and Atlanta attorney, bought the property. The vacant structure, on College Street in the town's historic district, had been subdivided into apartments.

"It was full of fleas," said Aileen Ponder Hatcher, his wife of 35 years. "We had to spray ourselves the next time we went inside of it. It was in terrible disrepair, and some of the plaster had fallen off those beautiful columns. The place had not been painted in years. It was an eyesore."

Mr. Hatcher, a Holland & Knight tax attorney, formed a partnership so friends could contribute to renovations that topped $1 million. A year later, the Greek Revival mansion opened as The 1842 Inn. Today, it's a highly-rated bed-and-breakfast.

"Mil said the house should be saved and that's what we did," his wife said. "He thought he owed it to the city. He was so proud of being from Macon."

On Friday, Milford B. "Mil" Hatcher Jr. died in his sleep at his home in Ponte Vedra, Fla., one of his three residences. He was 63. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. H.M. Patterson & Son, Spring Hill Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hatcher earned his law degree from the University of Georgia and began his career at the Jacksonville tax firm of Culverhouse, Tomlinson, Mills, DeCarion and Anderson. For 20 years he was a partner with Jones Day, where he served as the firm's tax group coordinator in Atlanta.

In January 2010, the lawyer joined Holland & Knight's Jacksonville and Atlanta offices as a partner in the firm's private wealth services practice. His specialty was estate planning, business succession and income tax planning for high-end clients. He knew all aspects of tax law.

The attorney was sought after for his expertise, particularly as it relates to family limited partnerships. Edward F. Koren Jr., who oversees Holland & Knight's private wealth services unit, said he'd tried to recruit him for some time.

"We had a ball practicing law over the years, even though we were in different offices," he said. "He was a friend for 15 years before I finally got him over here. He gave us a new dimension, and we will miss his style, dignity and friendship."

Though a lawyer by trade, Mr. Hatcher's wife said he could have been an architect as well. He admired historic structures, she said, and took joy in the preservation of a mansion that had been built by John Gresham, a former Macon mayor and judge. The couple sold the 19-room inn in 1992.

"He had the creative mind," his wife said, "and he used that same creativity to solve tax problems for his clients."

Additional survivors include a sister, Kathleen Hatcher Cook of Musella.

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May 17, 2011 by UGA News Service
Filed under Academics, News

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While teaching a course on white collar crime at the law school during the spring of 2001, Thompson was confirmed as the second in command at the Department of Justice. As deputy attorney general, a post he held from 2001 to 2003, Thompson supervised the overall operations of the DOJ and led its National Security Coordination Council, its Corporate Fraud Task Force and its Enron investigation.

Then, in 2004, he became responsible for the worldwide legal function of PepsiCo, one of the largest convenient food and beverage companies in the world, where he served as senior vice president of government affairs, general counsel and secretary.

Previously, he was a partner in the Atlanta office of King & Spalding and served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, where he directed the Southeastern Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Thompson has received a variety of accolades for his work over the years including the Edmund Jennings Randolph Award for outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of the DOJ’s mission and the Federal Bar Association’s Outstanding Litigator Award. He has also served as a Senior Fellow with The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

Thompson earned his bachelor’s degree from Culver-Stockton College, his M.A. from Michigan State University and his law degree from the University of Michigan.

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By Latina Emerson
Staff Writer

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Six IP litigators from Sutherland join Kasowitz

Patent prosecutor Andrew J. Thomson has rejoined intellectual property firm Fish & Richardson as an associate from an in-house position as legal counsel for Seniors USA Inc., which makes utility metering and monitoring systems.

King & Spalding announced that it has opened a Moscow office—in 17th—with five lawyers from Hogan Lovells and White & Case, Sergey Komolov, who headed Hogan Lovells' corporate practice in Moscow, is the managing partner for the office. Olga Kovyry and Alla Nagnol join as transactional partners and Illya Zolkin joins as counsel from Hogan Lovells. Jennifer Josephson, who headed the Central Eastern Europe/Commonwealth of Independent States oil and gas practice for White & Case in Moscow, joins as a partner.

The Moscow office will augment King & Spalding's international arbitration practice in Paris and expand commercial practice, according to a statement from the firm. King & Spalding's new Moscow lawyers will work closely with the firm's transactional practice in London, which is a legal center for Russia transactions, the statement said. Gary J. Pegg, the co-managing partner in London and former Hogan Lovells partner, and Mark E. Thompson, a London transactional partner who oversaw the planning for the Moscow office, will lead the London-based portion of the firm's Russia practice.

Michael J. Sullivan has been named the new managing partner for Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice's Atlanta office. Sullivan succeeds Clinton D. Richardson and will lead a team of more than 60 lawyers and 50 staff members. He handles mass tort product liability litigation and other large-scale commercial litigation. Richardson will continue in firm leadership as a member of Womble's firmwide management committee and as head of the firm's private equity and venture capital team.

Sutherland has elected two partners to its executive committee, James M. Cain and Alkona J. Lawrence-Hardy. Cain and Lawrence-Hardy will serve four-year terms. Jennifer W. Fletcher and James D. Darrow are stepping down from the executive committee after serving for three years.

Coreen O'Connor has promoted Jennifer A. Kennedy-Coggins to partner. Kennedy-Coggins is a member of the firm's global insolvency group and is one of 17 associates who have become partners at the firm.

Corporate lawyer David R. Yates has been promoted to counsel at Hunton & Williams. Yates handles corporate transactions for foreign and domestic clients and also advises clients seeking to use public/private partnerships to participate in infrastructure projects.

Larry D. Thompson, who recently announced his retirement as general counsel from PepsiCo Inc., is joining the faculty of the University of Georgia School of Law as the John A. Sibley professor in corporate and business law. Thompson, the former deputy attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice, will teach courses in corporate law and white-collar crime. Thompson was also U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia and a partner at King & Spalding.

Keynote Speaker

Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham was the keynote speaker at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School's Commencement on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Boisfeuil Civic Center. During the ceremonies, the law school conferred more than 150 J.D. Doctor degrees. Justice Benham, who was previously awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree by John Marshall, received the law school's first honorary LL.M. in Employment Law degree for his distinguished judicial career and service to the State of Georgia.

ATLANTA'S JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL 2011 COMMENCEMENT

Distinguished Alumni

Thomas C. Chambers, III has practiced law in Homerville and Waycross, GA for 34 years. A 1977 graduate of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Mr. Chambers has been a leader in national, state and local bar associations. He has served on the Georgia Bar Association Board of Governors for 23 years. Active in many community and civic organizations in Georgia, he is a long-time member of the Board of Trustees for ICLE and member of the Board of Directors of Georgia Legal Services Corporation.

Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr. is a 1992 graduate of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and has served as the 43rd District Senator for the citizens of DeKalb and Rockdale Counties since 2006. He is Chairman of the Georgia Senate Urban Affairs Committee. Senator Ramsey was the first African American to serve as a municipal court judge in Stone Mountain, GA, and currently serves as the Director of Internal Affairs for the DeKalb County School District.
May 18, 2011

U.S. official who deported Arar gets university post
By CBC News

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"The Center for Constitutional Rights is profoundly concerned at the news that the University of Georgia School of Law has hired former deputy attorney general Larry Thompson as a permanent member of its law school faculty," Maria LaHood, senior staff attorney for the institution and counsel to Arar, said in a statement.

U.S. officials detained Arar in 2002 during a stopover at John F. Kennedy airport in New York, claiming he had links to al-Qaeda. He was then deported to Syria, where he was jailed and tortured.

Thompson, deputy attorney general at the time, signed off on the decision to send Arar to Syria.

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LaHood called on the law school to investigate and reconsider the appointment of Thompson.

"Anything short of a full investigation into this matter would bring into question the integrity of the University of Georgia School of Law."
President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts 5/18/2011

WASHING TO N - Today, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key Administration posts:

- David S. Adams, Nominee for Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State
- Luis A. Aguilar, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission
- Marcos Edward Galindo, Nominee for Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission
- John H. Heffern, Nominee for Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Department of State
- Harry Hoglander, Nominee for Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State

President Obama said, "It gives me great confidence that such dedicated and capable individuals have agreed to join this Administration to serve the American people. I look forward to working with them in the months and years to come."

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David S. Adams has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for House Affairs in the U.S. Department of State since April 2009. Prior to this role, Mr. Adams served in a number of capacities for Representative Gary L. Ackerman and the House Foreign Affairs Committee since 1985. Most recently, he served as the Staff Director for the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia. Mr. Adams received a B.A. from the University of Connecticut, an M.A. from American University, and an M.B.A. from Loyola College in Baltimore.

Luis A. Aguilar has served as a Commissioner at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Prior to his appointment as an SEC Commissioner, Mr. Aguilar was a partner with the international law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. His specialization in securities law, Commissioner Aguilar’s previous experience includes serving as the general counsel, executive vice president, and corporate secretary of INVESTCO. He also serves as an officer and director of several prominent national law firms and as an attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He received a J.D. from the Georgia School of Law, and also received a master of laws degree in taxation from Emory University.

Marcos Edward Galindo is currently a faculty member and Director of the Natural Resources Tribal Cooperation at the University of Idaho Aquaculture Research Institute. Dr. Galindo is also an affiliate faculty member in the biology department at Idaho State University and an affiliate faculty member in the physics department at Utah State University. Dr. Galindo previously worked as a science teacher at Shoshone-Bannock High School at Fort Hall, Idaho, for almost twenty years. Dr. Galindo has extensive research and educational experience working with Native American students. While serving as chairman of the science department on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, he was twice elected as the National Indian Teacher of the Year, awarded by the National Indian School Board Association. Dr. Galindo obtained a Ph.D. as a NASA fellow at Utah State University, an M.S. from Idaho State University, a B.S. from the University of Idaho, and an A.S. from the College of Southern Idaho.

John A. Heffern is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Mission at USNATO-Budapest. Prior to his current post, Mr. Heffern served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Indonesia. Mr. Heffern’s
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career has also included overseas assignments to Japan, Malaysia, Ivory Coast and Guangzhou, China. From 1994-1999, Mr. Heffern served as a Pearson Fellow on the Asia Sub-Committee for the House International Relations Committee. Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Mr. Heffern served in the Office of Senator John C. Danforth as the Senator’s Office Director and Research Assistant. Mr. Heffern received a B.A. from Michigan State University.

Harry Hoglander, Nominee for Member, National Mediation Board

Harry Hoglander currently is the Chairman of the National Mediation Board, where he facilitates the resolution of labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Hoglander served as a Legislative Specialist in the Office of Congressman John Tierney of Massachusetts with a focus on transportation, including aviation, rail and maritime, labor, defense and Veterans issues. He also has an extensive background in the aviation industry and labor relations, having flown as a Captain for Trans World Airline (TWA) and being elected Master Chairman of TWA’s Master Executive Council, as well as Executive Vice-President of the Air Line Pilots Association. After leaving TWA, Mr. Hoglander was named Aviation Labor Representative to the United States Bi-Lateral Negotiating Team by then Secretary of State James Baker. He was also a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Mr. Hoglander holds a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

Gregory Karawan, Nominee for Member, Board of Directors of the Securities Industry Investor Corporation

Gregory Karawan currently is a Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Retirement and Protection at Genworth Financial, Inc. Prior to joining Genworth, Mr. Karawan was at the law firm of Sommerschein Roth and Rosenthal, where he served as a partner from 1994 to 2000. Mr. Karawan was an Associate at the law firm of Ashcroft Ross & Koff from 1988-1990. He serves as a Trustee of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Virginia State Bar’s Board of Governors Corporate Counsel Division. Mr. Karawan received a B.A. in Economics from SUNY Binghamton, and a J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1988.

Patricia M. Loui, Nominee for Member, Export-Import Bank of the United States

Patricia M. Loui is the Founder and Chair of OmniTrak Group Inc., an international marketing and research consultancy focused on Hawaii and Asia. She has consulted on market growth strategies in East Asia, South Asia, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Formerly President of the East West Center Association, Ms. Loui previously served as Vice President of Marketing, Planning, and Development at the Bank of Hawaii and as a United Nations Development Programme and UNESCO development planner in Asia. Ms. Loui received a B.S. in Journalism from Northwestern University and an M.S. in Asian Studies from the University of Hawaii.

María E. Rues, Nominee for Member, Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

María E. Rues is the Vice President of Business Development & Strategy for Integrated Defense Technologies under Lockheed Martin Mission Systems and Sensors. She is a former high school Physics and Spanish teacher and was a volunteer “Hands-on-Science” teacher at her local elementary school for nine years. She volunteers in mentoring and roundtable events with young professionals at Lockheed Martin, with the Hispanic College Fund scholarship recipients, and with the Hispanic Congressional Caucus fellows. Ms. Rues is a member of the Board of Directors for Great Minds in STEM, the chair of the Hispanic Leadership Council at Lockheed Martin, a member of the Executive Diversity Council at Lockheed Martin, and a member of the Women’s Success Forum. She has a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and an M.B.A. from George Washington University.

Susan L. Ziedeh, Nominee for Ambassador to the State of Qatar, Department of State

Susan L. Ziedeh is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Currently she serves as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Ziedeh served as the Official Spokesperson at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq from 2006 to 2009. From 2004 to 2007 Ms. Ziedeh served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain. Ms. Ziedeh’s career has also included overseas tours in Kuwait, Jordan and Jerusalem. Ms. Ziedeh worked in Washington from 2001 to 2003 and served as the Desk Officer for Jordan. Ms. Ziedeh earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Michigan, an M.A. from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and a B.A. from the University of Washington. She is a 2004 Distinguished Graduate of the National War College, National Defense University with an M.S. in National Security Studies.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Unabomber personal property for sale

Whoever wants Unabomber memorabilia can bid for it at an online auction starting today.

The U.S. Marshals Service is auctioning off Ted Kaczynski's personal effects, which are stored in Atlanta, including the Unabomber manifesto. Kaczynski, who called for a revolt against the "industrial-technological system," committed bombings from 1978 to 1995 that killed three and injured 23. He pleaded guilty in 1998 and was sentenced to life in prison.

Last August, a federal judge ordered the sale to compensate the victims. Bidding takes place at www.gsauctions.gov and begins at 10 a.m. today and ends June 2. STEVE VISSER

STATEWIDE

Tribute to Gulf War dead at Columbus hall

Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey will lead the first official tribute next week to the servicemen and servicewomen killed in the Gulf War.

The National Infantry Museum in Columbus is hosting the event, which will include laying a granite paved stone for each of the 382 men and women who died in the war, which recently had its 20th anniversary. Cyndy Carbin is seeking pictures and information about the war dead. Contact her at cerbin@nationalinfantryfoundation.org or 706-685-5808.

The event is May 26, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the museum. STEVE VISSER

HIGHER EDUCATION

Ex-federal attorney joins UGA law school

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BILL RANKIN

GBI official worked famous murder cases

James Dawson was deputy director of the GBI's forensic sciences division, a post he held until retirement in 1997.

Vent of the day

I used to think bank executives had a lock on the most-arrogant award, but oil executives are starting to make me wonder.

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Georgia law school hires official who sent Arar to Syria

BY ANDREW DUFFY, THE OTTAWA CITIZEN  MAY 18, 2011

Maher Arar received his PhD in electrical engineering from University of Ottawa Chancellor Huguette Labelle last summer. Arar is now an adjunct professor at the university.
Photograph by: Julie Oliver, The Ottawa Citizen

OTTAWA — The U.S. official who authorized the rendition of Ottawa's Maher Arar to Syria has been appointed to the University of Georgia's law school.

Larry Thompson was deputy attorney general when Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian, was detained at New York City's JFK Airport on Sept. 26, 2002 as he waited for a connector flight to take him to Montreal after a vacation in Tunisia.

Twelve days later, despite Arar's insistence that he be sent to Canada, U.S. officials deported him to Syria, where he was imprisoned for almost a year and tortured. Thompson signed Arar's rendition order.

Arar's U.S.-based lawyer, Maria Lahood, expressed outrage Wednesday at Thompson's appointment.

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Arar was paid $10.5 million in compensation by the Canadian government after a commission of inquiry said his name appeared on a U.S. terror watch list based on false information supplied by Canadians officials. Justice Dennis O'Connor found no evidence, however, that the RCMP "participated or acquiesced" in the removal of Arar to Syria.

Arar is now an adjunct professor at the University of Ottawa's School of Information Technology and Engineering.

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WASHINGTON, May 18 -- The White House released the following press release:

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David S. Adams has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for House Affairs in the U.S. Department of State since April 2009. Prior to this role, Mr. Adams served in a number of capacities for Representative Gary L. Ackerman and the House Foreign Affairs Committee since 1995, most recently as the Staff Director for the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia. Mr. Adams received a B.A. from the University of Connecticut, an M.A. from American University, and an M.B.A. from Loyola College of Baltimore.

Luis A. Aguilar, Nominee for Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission

Luis A. Aguilar is a Commissioner at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Prior to his appointment as an SEC Commissioner, Mr. Aguilar was a partner with the international law firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP, specializing in securities law. Commissioner Aguilar's previous experience
includes serving as the general counsel, executive vice president, and corporate secretary of INVESCO. His career also includes tenure as a partner at several prominent national law firms and as an attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He received a J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law, and also received a master of laws degree in taxation from Emory University.

Marcos Edward Galindo, Nominee for Member, Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

Marcos Edward Galindo is currently a faculty member and Director of the Natural Resources Tribal Cooperative at the University of Idaho Aquaculture Research Institute. Dr. Galindo is also an affiliate faculty member in the biology department at Idaho State University and an affiliate faculty member in the physics department at Utah State University. Dr. Galindo previously worked as a science teacher at Shoshone-Bannock High School at Fort Hall, Idaho for almost twenty years. Dr. Galindo has extensive research and educational experience working with Native American students. While serving as chairman of the science department on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, he was twice elected as the National Indian Teacher of the Year, awarded by the National Indian School Board Association. Dr. Galindo obtained a Ph.D. as a NASA fellow at Utah State University, an M.S. from Idaho State University, a B.S. from the University of Idaho, and an A.S. from the College of Southern Idaho.

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John A. Heffern is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Mission at USBNATO, Brussels. Prior to his current post, Mr. Heffern served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Indonesia. Mr. Heffern's career has also included overseas assignments to Japan, Malaysia, Ivory Coast and Guangzhou, China. From 1994-1996, Mr. Heffern served as a Pearson Fellow on the Asia Sub-Committee for the House International Relations Committee. Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Mr. Heffern served in the Office of Senator John C. Danforth as the Senator's Office Director and Research Assistant. Mr. Heffern received a B.A. from Michigan State University.

Harry Hoglander, Nominee for Member, National Mediation Board

Harry Hoglander is currently the Chairman of the National Mediation Board, where he facilitates the resolution of labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Hoglander served as a Legislative Specialist in the Office of Congressman John Tierney of Massachusetts with a focus on transportation, including aviation, rail and maritime, labor, defense and Veterans issues. He also has an extensive background in the aviation industry and labor relations, having flown as a Captain for Trans World Airline (TWA) and being elected Master Chairman of TWA's Master Executive Council, as well as Executive Vice-President of the Air Line Pilots Association. After leaving TWA, Mr. Hoglander was named Aviation Labor Representative to the United States Bi-Lateral Negotiating Team by then Secretary of State James Baker. He was also a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Mr. Hoglander holds a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

Gregory Karawan, Nominee for Member, Board of Directors of the Securities Industry Investor Corporation

Gregory Karawan is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Retirement and Protection at Genworth Financial, Inc. Prior to joining Genworth, Mr. Karawan was at the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal, where he served as a partner from 1994 to 2000. Mr. Karawan was an Associate at the law firm of Ashinoff Ross & Korff from 1988-1990. He serves as a Trustee of the Greater
Richmond Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Virginia State Bar Board of Governors Corporate Counsel Division. Mr. Karawan received a B.A. in Economics from SUNY Binghamton, and a J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1988.

Patricia M. Loui, Nominee for Member, Export-Import Bank of the United States

Patricia M. Loui is the Founder and Chair of OmniTrak Group Inc., an international marketing and research consultancy focused on Hawai‘i and Asia. She has consulted on market growth strategies in East Asia, South Asia, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Formerly president of the East West Center Association, Ms. Loui previously served as Vice President of Marketing, Planning, and Development at the Bank of Hawai‘i and as a United Nations Development Programme and UNESCO development planner in Asia. Ms. Loui received a B.S. in Journalism from Northwestern University and an M.S. in Asian Studies from the University of Hawai‘i.

Maria E. Ruess, Nominee for Member, Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

Maria E. Ruess is the Vice President of Business Development & Strategy for Integrated Defense Technologies under Lockheed Martin Mission Systems and Sensors. She is a former high school Physics and Spanish teacher and was a volunteer "Hands-on-Science" teacher at her local elementary school for nine years. She volunteers in mentoring and roundtable events with young professionals at Lockheed Martin, with the Hispanic College Fund scholarship recipients, and with the Hispanic Congressional Caucus fellows. Ms. Ruess is a member of the Board of Directors for Great Minds in STEM, the chair of the Hispanic Leadership Council at Lockheed Martin, a member of the Executive Diversity Council at Lockheed Martin, and a member of the Women's Success Forum. She has a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and an M.B.A. from George Washington University.

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Susan L. Ziadeh is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Currently she serves as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Ziadeh served as the Official Spokesperson at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq from 2008 to 2009. From 2004 to 2007 Ms. Ziadeh served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain. Ms. Ziadeh's career has also included overseas tours in Kuwait, Jordan and Jerusalem. Ms. Ziadeh worked in Washington from 2001 to 2003 and served as the Desk Officer for Jordan. Ms. Ziadeh earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Michigan, an M.A. from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and a B.A. from the University of Washington. She is a 2004 Distinguished Graduate of the National War College, National Defense University with an M.S. in National Security Studies. For any query with respect to this article or any other content requirement, please contact Editor at htsyndication@hindustantimes.com

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Deputy AG joins law school faculty

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Thompson was teaching law at UGA in spring 2001 when he was confirmed as the second in command at the U.S. Department of Justice, a post he held until 2003. He joined PepsiCo in 2004 as senior vice president of government affairs, general counsel and secretary.
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U.S. officials detained Arar in 2002 during a stopover at John F. Kennedy airport in New York, claiming he had links to al-Qaeda. He was then deported to Syria, where he was jailed and tortured.

Thompson, deputy attorney general at the time, signed off on the decision to send Arar to Syria.

"It would be shocking if the law school were aware of Mr. Thompson's role in this case and hired him nonetheless," LaHood said.

"The notion that Mr. Thompson should be held out as a model for future law students when in fact he should be, at a bare minimum, investigated for his role in Mr. Arar's rendition to torture, is astonishing."

LaHood called on the law school to investigate and reconsider the appointment of Thompson.

"Anything short of a full investigation into this matter would bring into question the integrity of the University of Georgia School of Law."

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U.S. official key to sending Maher Arar to Syria torture appointed law professor

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Civil rights groups on both sides of the border are expressing their disgust after the man who played a key role in sending Maher Arar to a year of torture in Syria was made a law professor at the University of Georgia.

Larry Thompson was deputy attorney general in the United States when he signed a 2002 memo refusing Mr. Arar’s request to be deported to Canada, consequently paving the way for the Canadian software engineer to be sent to Syria, where he was born.

An internal U.S. report later revealed Mr. Thompson feared Canada’s “porous” border would allow Mr. Arar to easily return to the United States. His decision was made even as officials concluded that Mr. Arar was entitled to protection from torture and that returning him to Syria would “more likely than not result in his torture.”

In 2004, Mr. Thompson became senior vice-president and general counsel of PepsiCo, a post he is now leaving to teach courses in corporate law and white collar crime.

The university did not respond to criticisms of Mr. Thompson’s appointment, but did release a statement welcoming him to their faculty.

"Larry has been a visiting professor and guest speaker at our law school several times in the last decade, and we are thrilled that he will now be joining us on a permanent basis," said Georgia Law Dean Rebecca White.

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The university’s enthusiasm for Mr. Thompson is being lambasted by civil rights groups.

The Centre for Constitutional Rights – which represented Mr. Arar in his legal efforts against U.S. justice officials – is calling on the school to investigate and reconsider its appointment.

“It’s really sickening,” said Maria LaHood, the centre’s senior staff attorney and Mr. Arar’s lawyer.

"On the one hand, you have Maher, who received no justice ... and on the other you have the University of Georgia law school announcing it’s hiring, with pride, one of the people who conspired to have Maher tortured.”

Ms. LaHood added that if Mr. Thompson’s appointment stood, her organization had plans to continue a push to raise awareness of his role in the Arar case.
Amnesty International has also weighed in, saying the appointment sent all the wrong messages.

"Here we have an individual who clearly was centrally involved in the decisions that were made, who instead is moving on to what sounds like quite an illustrious advancement in his career," said Alex Neve, secretary general of Amnesty International Canada.

"This is just another troubling reminder of the complete failure of U.S. authorities to make any effort to ensure that there will be justice and accountability for the human rights violations that Maher Arar endured."

Mr. Neve added that the appointment should also remind the Canadian government that Mr. Arar has still not received the answers and compensation he deserves south of the border.

"This is still an issue that they need to be raising at senior levels with the U.S. government," he said, adding that Mr. Arar remains on a U.S. no fly list.

Mr. Arar has been told about the appointment but hasn’t made a public statement.

His case generated a massive public outcry after he was labelled a member of al-Qaeda while switching planes at New York's Kennedy Airport in 2002 en route to Canada. He spent nearly a year in a Syrian prison where he said he was kept in a grave-like cell and repeatedly tortured.

A Canadian judicial inquiry cleared him of any terrorist links in 2007 after concluding that faulty information passed by the RCMP to U.S. officials likely led to his deportation.

Ottawa formally apologized to Mr. Arar and awarded him $10.5-million in compensation.

The United States, however, didn’t go as far. Then secretary of state Condoleezza Rice admitted American officials mishandled the case – but she cited only the lack of communication with Canada before Mr. Arar was deported.

Mr. Arar is the best known example of the U.S. government’s policy of extraordinary rendition, where terror suspects were moved to another country to be interrogated without public legal proceedings.

His legal efforts against U.S. justice officials have been dismissed and the Supreme Court has refused to review his case. There is, however, an ongoing public campaign for Americans to call on President Barack Obama to formally apologize to Mr. Arar.

One expert on human rights law compared Mr. Thompson’s appointment with that of another controversial U.S. legal figure who was later installed as a professor at the University of California-Berkeley.

John Yoo was a former official in the U.S. Justice department who became known as the author of the Torture Memos submitted to the Bush administration, which detailed enhanced interrogation techniques, including the use of water-boarding.

"There was an outcry then, many asked for him to be dismissed from Berkeley. That didn’t happen," said Erros Mendes, a law professor at the University of Ottawa.

"The big issue is how much leeway do you give to academic freedom and freedom of expression. And how much leeway do you give to the fact that these guys were directly responsible for people being tortured."
Prof. Mendes said Mr. Thompson's record should have been factored into the university's hiring decision. He said the appointment could fuel a current movement stateside to justify the use of torture as claims circulate that extensive interrogation practices helped the U.S. track down al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Prof. Mendes added that Mr. Arar's case remains extremely relevant because it highlights the needs to hold countries accountable when it comes to human rights.

"It's not just the moral and ethical authority of the university which hired him which is at stake," he said. "It's the moral and ethical authority of the United States."

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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The U.S. Marshals Service is auctioning off Ted Kaczynski's personal effects, which are stored in Atlanta, including the Unabomber manifesto. Kaczynski, who called for a revolt against the "industrial-technological system," committed bombings from 1978 to 1995 that killed three and injured 23. He pleaded guilty in 1998 and was sentenced to life in prison.

Last August, a federal judge ordered the sale to compensate the victims. Bidding takes place at www.gsauctions.gov and begins at 10 a.m. today and ends June 2.

STATEWIDE

Tribute to Gulf War dead at Columbus hall

Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey will lead the first official tribute next week to the servicemen and servicewomen killed in the Gulf War.

The National Infantry Museum in Columbus is hosting the event, which will include laying a granite paved stone for each of the 382 men and women who died in the war, which recently had its 20th anniversary. Cyndy Cerbin is seeking pictures and information about the war dead. Contact her at cerbin@nationalinfantryfoundation.org or 706-685-5808.

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BILL RANKIN

GBI official worked famous murder cases

James Dawson was deputy director of the GBI's forensic sciences division, a post he held until retirement in 1997.

Vent of the day

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Thomas also has drawn attention recently because of his wife Virginia’s ties to the tea party movement, which some have called extremist. Some Democrats have called for Thomas to sit out the expected high court fight over President Barack Obama’s healthcare overhaul because of his wife’s public criticism of it.

"His wife is part of the tea party movement, which only adds fuel to the fire," Kendrick said. Still, the Augusta businessman decided to show up at the Wednesday event, deciding that honoring Ruffin, a longtime friend, was more important than protesting the justice’s appearance.

"This is much bigger than Clarence Thomas, and that needs to be celebrated."

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Savannah attorney Wade Herring has been awarded the Savannah Bar Association’s Robbie Robinson Award as part of the bar’s annual Law Day celebration.

Herring, a 1983 graduate of the University of Georgia law school, moved to Savannah in 1985 and joined the Hunter/Maclean law firm where he remains as a partner.

Among his community-service work is his long-standing affiliation with the Chatham-Savannah Citizen Advocacy.

Robinson, a civil rights attorney and Savannah alderman, was slain in December 1989 when a mail bomb exploded in his Abercorn Street law office.

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Also receiving awards were:

* Liberty Bell Award - Carol Elliott, pro bono coordinator for the Georgia Legal Services

* Judge Edward Hester Award - Patricia McCoy, administrative assistant to Chatham County State Court Judge Hermann Coolidge.

The award, named for the late Chatham County State Court Judge, recognizes courthouse personnel of particular assistance to bar members and the public.

* John Miller Community Service Award - Attorney Howard Spiva.

The award, named for Savannah attorney Miller, recognized community service efforts to make Savannah a better place to live.
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US deputy AG who helped send Arar to Syria joins University of Georgia faculty

By Diana Mehta, The Canadian Press – 13 hours ago

TORONTO — Civil rights groups on both sides of the border are expressing their disgust after the man who played a key role in sending Maher Arar to a year of torture in Syria was made a law professor at the University of Georgia.

Larry Thompson was deputy attorney general in the U.S. when he signed a 2002 memo refusing Arar's request to be deported to Canada, consequently paving the way for the Canadian software engineer to be sent to Syria, where he was born.

An internal U.S. report later revealed Thompson feared Canada's "porous" border would allow Arar to easily return to the States. His decision was made even as officials concluded that Arar was entitled to protection from torture and that returning him to Syria would "more likely than not result in his torture."

In 2004, Thompson became senior vice-president and general counsel of PepsiCo, a post he is now leaving to teach courses in corporate law and white collar crime.

The University did not respond to criticisms of Thompson's appointment, but did release a statement welcoming him to their faculty.

"Larry has been a visiting professor and guest speaker at our law school several times in the last decade, and we are thrilled that he will now be joining us on a permanent basis," said Georgia Law Dean Rebecca White.

"To have someone with his experience and status on our faculty will benefit not only our students, but the law school and the university as a whole."

The university's enthusiasm for Thompson is being lambasted by civil rights groups.

The Centre for Constitutional Rights — which represented Arar in his legal efforts against U.S. justice officials — is calling on the school to investigate and reconsider its appointment.

"It's really sickening," said Maria LaHood, the centre's senior staff attorney and Arar's counsel.

"On the one hand, you have Maher, who received no justice ... and on the other you have the University of Georgia law school announcing it's hiring, with pride, one of the people who conspired to have Maher tortured."

LaHood added that if Thompson's appointment stood, her organization had plans to continue a push to raise awareness of his role in the Arar case.

Amnesty International has also weighed in, saying the appointment sent all the wrong messages.

"Here we have an individual who clearly was centrally involved in the decisions that were made, who instead is moving on to what sounds like quite an illustrious advancement in his career," said Alex Neve, secretary general of Amnesty International Canada.

"This is just another troubling reminder of the complete failure of U.S. authorities to make any effort to ensure that there will be justice and accountability for the human rights violations that Maher Arar endured."

Neve added that the appointment should also remind the Canadian government that Arar has still not received the answers and compensation he deserves south of the border.

"This is still an issue that they need to be raising at senior levels with the U.S. government," he said, adding that Arar remains on a U.S. no fly list.

Arar has been told about the appointment but hasn't made a public statement.

His case generated a massive public outcry after he was labelled a member of al-Qaida while switching planes at New York's Kennedy Airport in 2002 en route to Canada. He spent nearly a
year in a Syrian prison where he said he was kept in a grave-like cell and repeatedly tortured.

A Canadian judicial inquiry cleared him of any terrorist links in 2007 after concluding that faulty information passed by the RCMP to American officials likely led to his deportation.

Ottawa formally apologized to Arar and awarded him $10.5 million in compensation.

The U.S., however, didn't go as far. Then secretary of state Condoleezza Rice admitted American officials mishandled the case — but she cited only the lack of communication with Canada before Arar was deported.

Arar is the best known example of the U.S. government's policy of extraordinary rendition, where terror suspects were moved to another country to be interrogated without public legal proceedings.

His legal efforts against U.S. justice officials have been dismissed and the Supreme Court has refused to review his case. There is however an ongoing public campaign for Americans to call on President Barack Obama to formally apologize to Arar.

One expert on human rights law compared Thompson's appointment with that of another controversial U.S. legal figure who was later installed as a professor at the University of California-Berkeley.

John Yoo was a former official in the U.S. Justice department who became known as the author of the Torture Memos submitted to the Bush administration, which detailed enhanced interrogation techniques, including the use of waterboarding.

"There was an outcry then, many asked for him to be dismissed from Berkeley. That didn't happen," said Errol Mendes, a law professor at the University of Ottawa.

"The big issue is how much leeway do you give to academic freedom and freedom of expression. And how much leeway do you give to the fact that these guys were directly responsible for people being tortured."

Mendes said Thompson's record should have been factored into the university's hiring decision. He said the appointment could fuel a current movement stateside to justify the use of torture as claims circulate that extensive interrogation practices helped the U.S. track down al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Mendes added that Arar's case remains extremely relevant because it highlights the need to hold countries accountable when it comes to human rights.

"It's not just the moral and ethical authority of the university which hired him which is at stake," he said. "It's the moral and ethical authority of the United States."
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Canadian Media See Controversy in Law School Hire of Deputy AG Who Signed Rendition Order

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By Debra Cassens Weiss

Another law school is drawing fire for hiring a former Justice Department official, but so far it's been mostly a Canadian controversy.

Inside Higher Ed has a story on the hire of former Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, who is joining the University of Georgia law school as a professor. Thompson, who recently retired as general counsel for PepsiCo, led the Justice Department investigation into Enron and previously was a partner at King & Spalding, UGA News Service says.

But the Canadian news media is focusing on Thompson's signature on rendition papers for Maher Arar, a Canadian citizen detained at the airport in New York and sent to Syria for interrogation. Arar says he was beaten and tortured before Syria determined he had no connection to terrorism.

Arar was defended by the Center for Constitutional Rights, which issued a statement on Wednesday expressing "profound concern" about the law school's decision to hire Thompson.

The Canadian Press and CBC News covered CCR's statement.

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Rendition Under the Radar
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When John Yoo, the former Bush administration lawyer best known for drafting memos authorizing the harsh treatment of terrorism suspects, resumed his post as a tenured professor at the University of California at Berkeley's law school, protesters called for him to be fired. When the University of Minnesota sought to hire as an adjunct Robert Delahunt, who co-wrote what were known as the "torture memos" with Yoo, students circulated a petition and professors signed a letter asking the university to reconsider.

So far, though, another legal official from the Bush administration involved in a controversial terror case has slipped into academe with little notice or comment — at least on this side of the U.S.-Canada border.

The University of Georgia School of Law announced Tuesday that Larry Thompson, deputy attorney general of the U.S. from 2001 to 2003, will become a professor at the law school this fall. Thompson, who has previously been a guest speaker and visiting professor at the university, will specialize in corporate and business law. It is a field in which he has wide experience: he was formerly general counsel and senior vice president for governmental affairs at PepsiCo, and at the Justice Department he led the investigation into accounting fraud at Enron.

But another facet of Thompson's Justice Department tenure has drawn attention in the Canadian news media: his role in the detention and torture in Syria of Maher Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian citizen who was mistakenly believed to have ties to Al Qaeda.

Arar, a telecommunications engineer, was detained while changing planes at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport in 2002 on his way home to Canada from Tunisia, where he had been on vacation. His name was on a terrorism watch list barring him from entering the United States. He was held in New York for 13 days, then imprisoned for 10 months in Syria, where he says he was beaten and tortured.

The deportation to Syria was part of the Bush administration's policy of rendition, or sending terrorism suspects to other countries for interrogation, which the Obama administration has continued. As deputy attorney general, Thompson signed the order for Arar's rendition.

Arar was sent home to Canada in 2003, after Syrian officials concluded he had no connection to terrorism. A Canadian commission that investigated the case later issued a scathing report that blamed both the U.S. and Canada, saying that Arar had never posed a threat to national security. He was mistakenly placed on a "terrorist lookout" list because he was acquainted with a man under surveillance, including listing that man as his emergency contact on his lease, the commission found.

The case received ample coverage on both sides of the border, but is perhaps better known in Canada. Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized to Arar formally in 2007, and the Canadian government paid him $10.5 million in compensation as well as reimbursing his legal fees. Amnesty International continues to seek an apology to Arar from Obama and Congress.

In a statement issued Wednesday, the Center for Constitutional Rights, which represented Arar, reacted with "profound concern" to Thompson's appointment at Georgia. "It would be shocking if the law school were aware of Mr. Thompson's role in this case and hired him nonetheless," said Maria LaHood, senior staff attorney and Arar's counsel. She called on the law school to investigate and reconsider its appointment.

The dean of the law school, Rebecca Hanner White, could not be reached for comment Thursday. In a release Tuesday, she said she was "thrilled" that Thompson, who previously taught there as a visiting professor, was joining the faculty. "To have someone with
his experience and status on our faculty will benefit not only our students, but the law school and the university as a whole," White said.

Arar, now an adjunct at the School of Information Technology and Engineering in Ottawa, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

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Jones hailed as he takes his seat on federal bench

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ATLANTA - A star-studded gallery Thursday watched Steve Jones formally take his spot as the newest federal judge in the Northern District of Georgia.

The entire bench of the Georgia Supreme Court was there to honor the Athens native, as were University of Georgia President Michael Adams and Georgia football coach Mark Richt.

See more photos of Steve Jones.

And, for perhaps the first time ever, a sitting U.S. Supreme Court Justice attended the investiture ceremony for Jones, a former Superior Court judge who was appointed to the bench by President Obama.

"I tell friends I never want to be nominated again, for obvious reasons," said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who went through a nasty confirmation fight when he was nominated in 1991. "But I want to amend that. I never want to be nominated unless I'm Steve Jones. He's got to be the most popular person I've ever met."

Hundreds of well-wishers filled the courtroom in the Richard B. Russell Building, where many more packed another room where they watched the investiture ceremony on closed-circuit television.

"Gosh, it was a great ceremony," said Lawton Stephens, chief judge for Georgia's Western Judicial Circuit, where Jones served as a Superior Court judge for Clarke and Oconee counties for more than 15 years.

"I am just so proud of Steve because he's such a great person, but at the same time I'm sad that he's leaving us," Stephens said, "but our loss is a gain for the federal judiciary because he will be a great asset to that court."

Jones' new position required him to move to Atlanta from Athens, where he grew up; he graduated from Cedar Shoals High School and UGA, where he also received his law degree.

Stephens estimated about 450 people attended the ceremony, and he called the turnout a validation on how beloved Jones is among people from all walks of life.

The Clarke and Oconee county sheriffs were there, as was the local district attorney, Athens-Clarke police chief, and virtually every sitting and senior judge of the U.S. Northern District attended, according to Stephens. The pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church West, where Jones is a member, delivered the ceremony's invocation, and a fellow church member sang "God Bless America."

"It's a testament to how popular he is, that people would travel from Athens and all over the state to honor him," Stephens said.

Jones earned respect not just by the way he handled himself on the bench, but through his commitment to bettering the community. He served on several nonprofits and was the first chairman of OneAthens, an anti-poverty organization.

The Clarke County Courthouse virtually shut down at noon, when both of Jones' former Superior Court colleagues adjourned so they and other court personnel could attend the investiture ceremony.

"Everyone was so excited, they wanted to be part of this because we consider Judge Jones like family, and that's the way he treats everybody else," Clarke County Magistrate Court Judge Charles Auslander said.

Friends and colleagues described Jones as a tough, but compassionate, arbiter of justice.

"Throughout his career, Judge Jones has proved himself as a leader with the utmost integrity," state Supreme Court Justice
George Carley said, "Yet he's a man who always listens and has never lost his capacity to walk in another man's shoes."

Jones seemed taken aback by all the attention.

"To say that I am overwhelmed would be the understatement of the year," he said, before thanking his family and supporters.

Thomas, for his part, said he's grown close to Jones during visits to UGA over the years. He called Jones "one of the most wonderful human beings I have ever met" and offered him a bit of advice.

"Continue to be, after this day, the judge and man you were before this day, and you'll be fine," he said.

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Cain mistakes Declaration of Independence language for Constitution

In case you had doubts, Herman Cain left no room for interpretation. He is running for president.

Cain said it twice during his Saturday rally at Centennial Olympic Park announcing his run. Videos on the large television screen repeated it. And the celebration had all the fixins of a presidential bid.

There were American flags. Red, white and blue balloons sailed into the air. A video of Cain, wearing a cowboy hat and striding past a farm, recounted his humble upbringing.

There was also a requisite reference to the words of our Founding Fathers:

"We don't need to rewrite the Constitution of the United States," Cain said. "We need to reread the Constitution and enforce the Constitution."

"And I know that there's some people that are not going to do that. So, for the benefit for those that are not going to read it because they don't want us to go by the Constitution, there's a little section in there that talks about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"You know, those ideals that we live by, we believe in, your parents believe in, they instilled in you. When you get to the part about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, don't stop right there, keep reading.

"'Cause that's when it says that when any form of government becomes destructive of those ideals, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it. We've got some altering and some abolishing to do."

Cain's exhortation sent your Politifact Georgia team scrambling for a closer look at the U.S. Constitution.

The bit about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness wasn't there. We did a computer search of its text to make sure. Nada.

Constitutional history scholar and University of Pennsylvania professor Richard R. Beeman came to

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our assistance via email. That phrase is in the second paragraph of the preamble of the Declaration of Independence, which was written in 1776, 11 years before the Constitution was drafted during the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Beeman agreed with Cain that we don’t need to rewrite the Constitution and it’s more important that Americans read it.

“It might be a good thing if Mr. Cain would undertake that task,” Beeman said.

That language about abolishing government? It’s in the third paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution, Beeman added.

Oops.

We asked Cain’s campaign to respond. A spokeswoman said he sometimes mentions the Constitution and Declaration of Independence at the same time.

“Quite often, he references them together when speaking of his appreciation for the work of our Founders,” she said.

The language of the two documents can be easy for your average Joe to confuse.

But confusing the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence is no small mistake, especially for a candidate for president, said Donald E. Wilkes Jr., a University of Georgia law professor.

The Declaration is a statement of beliefs. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land.

“No court makes a legal decision based on the Declaration of Independence,” Wilkes said.

With his first speech as a bona fide candidate, Cain joins a long, bipartisan line of presidential hopefuls who have succumbed to foot-in-mouth disease.

They include Cain’s foe, President Barack Obama, who accidentally said there were 57 states during the 2008 campaign and U.S. Sen. John McCain, who said in an interview he was unsure how many houses he owned.

Welcome to the 2012 presidential election season, folks.

Cain earns a False.
Raymond Andrews.

The silver awards were for general excellence (the Review having taken the gold in this category for the past three years); for best photography, with Connie Imboden’s “Dane Macabre” in summer 2010; and for best feature, honoring the entire Raymond Andrews spread, “Dreams, Its and Alls” in fall 2010.

The bronze honor was in the best profile category went to Gary Gilder’s essay Remembering Raymond Andrews”—one part of “Dreams, Its and Alls.” The spring 2010 issue earned honorable mention for best single cover with its minimal paper cutout by Kara Walker, “Bureau of Refugees: Mr. Alexander, colored preacher brutally beaten and forced to leave.”

Moot court team among top in world

The School of Law recently finished 17th in the world at the Wiltem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna, Austria, where more than 250 teams from almost 70 different countries competed for top honors in the courtroom.

Representing Georgia Law and finishing among the top three U.S. teams were Yvonne S. Godfrey, Mary Catherine Moore, Amanda A. Waide and Francis M. "Donald" Wakeford—who all graduated May 21.

This is the second year Georgia Law has participated in the Vis tournament, which teaches students the art of advocacy in an international forum. Last year, the school also placed 17th in the competition.

"This tournament was created by the United Nations to promote the understanding of key international law documents developed by the U.N., including its model arbitration law and its sales law convention," said Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge, team coach and professor of law.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Researchers develop early detection test for gastric cancer

By Kirk McAlpin

Early detection of cancer may eventually become as easy as taking a home pregnancy test, according to a new UGA research.

Two studies recently published in the journal PLoS ONE identified for the first time that certain proteins excreted in urine can indicate the presence of gastric cancer.

The researchers initially studied tumor samples from already known excretory proteins, the study found that the classification system was more than 90 percent accurate.

Of the 21 urine samples of healthy people, only two did not have the protein. Of the 21 urine samples of stomach cancer patients, only one sample was considered to have a relatively high level of the protein; levels in the rest were low or absent.

"We are suggesting from this relatively small urine sample set that healthy people should have this protein in their urine," Xu said.

The researchers are currently working on a larger urine sample set of 200 gastric cancer patients and 200 healthy people.

"If the EL protein still has the 10 to 15 percent misclassification rate as with the 21 versus 21 samples, I think we have found a good diagnostic marker for stomach cancer and potentially other cancers," said Xu.

Now that the researchers have identified a protein marker, Xu said they should be able to develop a method where urine can change the color of a piece of paper to indicate the presence or absence of the protein, similar to the way a home pregnancy test works. The researchers hope to find multiple protein markers for each cancer to increase the accuracy of the test.

Although the test is not yet 100 percent accurate, it can lead at-risk patients to seek a more comprehensive exam, according to Xu.

"A person could go get a urine test, and if the marker protein is present, then they are generally stomach-cancer free," said Xu. "If the protein is not present, we might suggest that they get their stomach checked."
Group opposes UGA hiring Larry Thompson
The Center for Constitutional Rights wants UGA Law to 'reconsider' Larry Thompson due to his role in rendition case
By Janet L. Conley, Associate Editor

A legal group that challenges U.S. government detention of terror suspects has called on the University of Georgia School of Law to "investigate and reconsider" the appointment of Larry D. Thompson to its faculty.

The Center for Constitutional Rights opposes Thompson's hiring, citing his role as deputy U.S. attorney general in a decision that led to a man's detention and torture.

That man is Maher Arar, a software engineer who was born in Syria but has dual Canadian/Syrian citizenship. Arar was detained in New York's Kennedy Airport in 2002 en route from a vacation in Tunisia to a work obligation in Montreal. He was suspected of links to al-Qaida terrorists, which he denied.

Arar was sent via extraordinary rendition to Syria, where he said he was tortured and interrogated via an intergovernmental understanding between the U.S. and Syria. He was released a year later.

The Canadian government ultimately launched a public inquiry, exonerated Arar of wrongdoing and paid him $10.5 million in compensation.

According to a redacted 2008 report by the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General, Thompson signed a memorandum authorizing Arar's removal to Syria—rather than Canada, which Arar had requested—"because it was determined that removal to Canada would be prejudicial to the interest of the United States."

The OIG report said it was unclear why Arar's removal to Canada would have been prejudicial. It also noted that even though the then-named Immigration and Naturalization Service determined that removing Arar to Syria would be "consistent" with the Convention Against Torture, the "assurances upon which INS based Arar's removal were ambiguous regarding the source or authority purported to bind the Syrian government to protect Arar."

In a statement issued Wednesday, Center for Constitutional Rights Senior Staff Attorney Maria LaHood, who represented Arar in a suit against Thompson and other government officials, said, "It would be shocking if the Law School were aware of Mr. Thompson's role in this case and hired him nonetheless. The notion that Mr. Thompson should be held out as a model for future law students when he should be, at a bare minimum, investigated for his role in Mr. Arar's torture is astonishing."

UGA Law Dean Rebecca Hanner White said in an email, "I am pleased that Larry Thompson, who is one of the finest lawyers I know, will be joining our faculty. I have no further comment on this."

Thompson, a former King & Spalding partner and PepsiCo Inc. general counsel who is slated to begin teaching at UGA's law school this fall, in a voice mail message called the email sent to him by a reporter containing the Center for Constitutional Rights statement "unfortunate." Thompson directed the reporter to the OIG report on the Arar case and to a 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision affirming the dismissal of Arar's suit against Thompson and other officials. (The U.S. Supreme Court denied Arar's petition for certiorari.)

The OIG report outlined, among other things, how Arar had difficulty accessing his lawyers—he was held for almost a week before being allowed to contact anyone, and his attorneys were not notified just hours before a Sunday night hearing in front of an asylum board on whether he had a credible fear of torture upon being returned to Syria. Arar's attorneys did not attend the hearing, which lasted from about 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The OIG made two recommendations in its report: One is redacted, and the other is that the entity then known as the INS should give aliens a specified minimum amount of time to respond to charges against them.

The INS, the report says, will now provide a minimum of 15 calendar days for an alien to submit a statement prior to his or her removal from the U.S.

In the 2nd Circuit case to which Thompson referred, Arar sued under the Torture Victim Protection Act, alleging, among other things, that federal officials encouraged conduct by Syrian officials related to his torture and detention, and he sought damages.

The appellate court's 184-page decision, while not lending itself to easy summarization, essentially says that Arar failed to sufficiently allege that federal officials had the authority of Syrian law. The court also declined to recognize a Bivens claim—an action for damages related to constitutional violations by government officials—that Arar brought against Thompson and others as a result of his detention.
Arar had sued Thompson, Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller, among others, in a case that originated in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The appellate court's majority opinion said that "extraordinary rendition is a context new to Bivens claims," and that "if a civil remedy in damages is to be created for harms suffered in the context of extraordinary rendition, it must be created by Congress, which alone has the institutional competence to set parameters, delineate safe harbors, and specify relief."

The case was heard en banc by 12 judges; four dissented, each writing a separate dissent in which all of the other dissenters joined. One of the dissenters, Judge Robert D. Sack, criticized both the majority’s view that Arar could not assert a Bivens claim for damages and the test applied to reach that conclusion.

The majority, Sack wrote, artificially divided the complaint into a domestic claim related to Arar’s U.S. detention that does not involve torture, and a foreign claim that involves torture related to Arar’s detention in Syria.

"We fear that the majority is so bound and determined to declare categorically that there is no Bivens action in the present 'context' that it unnecessarily makes dubious law," he wrote.

"Incarceration in the United States without cause, mistreatment while so incarcerated, denial of access to counsel and the courts while so incarcerated, and the facilitation of torture by others, considered as possible violations of a plaintiff's procedural and substantive due process rights, are hardly novel claims, nor do they present us with a 'new context' in any legally significant sense."

Augusta native Julia Houston has moved on to Ohio, becoming senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary at Cincinnati-based Convergys Corporation in mid-February.

Houston, 40, moved to the Midwest following a six-year stint at Atlanta-based energy company Mirant Corporation, where she had been senior vice president, general counsel, chief compliance officer, and corporate secretary.

The University of Georgia School of Law graduate has long-running ties to the Peach State. She previously practiced as a securities and finance attorney at Delta Air Lines, Inc. (Atlanta, again). She was also an associate in King & Spalding’s corporate practice group (Atlanta, thrice).

In her new role, Houston reports to CEO Jeff Fox, who is in his second year atop Convergys, a Cincinnati Bell Inc. spin-off that provides relationship management, customer management, and billing solutions. The 30-year-old company has about 70,000 employees working in 67 contact centers and other facilities in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

"I was attracted by the opportunity to work with Jeff Fox . . . and with the rest of the management team," says Houston. "Jeff is focused on simplifying the business and executing our business plan to deliver growth. The opportunity to be part of a transformational time in the company appealed to me."

There is some mystery surrounding the resignation of Houston’s predecessor, Karen Bowman. Convergys announced the move in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, reporting that Bowman, who had been with the company since 1996, "did not resign as a result of any disagreement with management" and left "to take a senior position outside the company's industries."
The following information was released by the American Library Association:

The ALA JobLIST Placement Center will sponsor a session entitled "Experience-Based Interviewing: How to Respond to Interview Questions that Move You to the Top of the Short List" from noon - 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Feel free to bring your lunch. We will provide dessert.

Stand out at your next interview with confident, experience-based responses to interview questions. Most interviewees respond to questions with broad, hypothetical answers. Employers really want to know who you are, not who you think you should be. Rather than preparing a list of attributes and skills, learn how to select and deliver concrete examples from your past to support your claims. This session will show you how to focus your answers on actual events to illustrate your positive work traits and give a picture of you in action.

This session will be held in the JobLIST Placement Center, which will be located in Hall J of the Morial Convention Center. It will be presented by Suzanne R. Graham, the cataloging services librarian at the University of Georgia School of Law Library. Suzanne coordinates staff development and assists with hiring. She has given professional presentations at many state and national conferences on a variety of topics in addition to teaching courses for Valdosta State University's MLIS program this year.

For more information on this or other sessions sponsored by the ALA JobLIST Placement Center, visit the JobLIST Conference Workshops page at http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/Conference_Workshops.cfm.
Passage of time may be in Ratko Mladic's favor

In the nearly two decades since the Balkan war crimes attributed to the Bosnian Serb general, witnesses have died and some victims have moved on. But people familiar with the atrocities say Ratko Mladic's conviction is assured.

By Carol J. Williams, Los Angeles Times

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The passage of nearly two decades since the most heinous crimes attributed to Bosnian Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic could impede his prosecution at the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, legal analysts say.

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"There are certainly witnesses available, and for Mladic, they will come. There are people who would walk to The Hague for this," said Marko Prclec, Balkans project director for the International Crisis Group and a former prosecution investigator at the tribunal in the Dutch administrative capital.

Mladic, now a withered old man of 69 but a barrel-chested nationalist during the 1990s wars for Serbian domination, was arrested Thursday in a small Serbian town and moved to a jail in Belgrade, where he was awaiting extradition to The Hague to face trial on charges including genocide.

Mladic is accused of commanding Serb forces in the July 1995 massacre of about 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica. He also faces charges of directing the deadly 1992-95 bombardment of civilians in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital demolished by unrelenting artillery barrages from Serb-held mountain strongholds towering over the city.

Bosnian Serbs under Mladic's command routed hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Croats from their homes during the war years, claiming to be retaking traditional Serb territory lost under Ottoman Turkish occupation and the communist regime of Marshal Tito. Many of the displaced never returned, and untold thousands have since emigrated from the war-ravaged country.

"From any prosecutor's perspective, the passage of time is not a good thing. Witnesses die. Witnesses disappear. Memories fade. And in those ways the passage of time makes the prosecutor's burden heavier," said Richard Dicker, director of Human Rights Watch's international justice program. "But in this instance, the office of the prosecutor at the Yugoslav tribunal undoubtedly made a tenacious effort to nail down everything that it felt it would need for an eventual trial."

Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic, the architect of the Balkan conflicts, had been on trial at The Hague for four years when he was found dead in his cell in 2006, the victim of an apparent heart attack. His Bosnian Serb political ally, Radovan Karadzic, was captured in 2008 after 13 years on the lam and remains at the tribunal detention facility awaiting resumption of his trial.

Defense attorneys for Mladic would likely try to impugn witnesses' testimony on grounds that their recollections may be faulty, said Diane Marie Amann, an international law professor at the University of Georgia who has followed war crimes cases in The Hague and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But Amann said prosecutors probably have sufficient evidence despite Mladic's 16 years of evading arrest.

"This is the tribunal finally getting custody of the big fish after spending years pursuing the smaller fish that answered to Mladic," she said. "Many of the people with whom he is alleged to have engaged in criminal activity have already been tried and..."
convicted by the tribunal. The prosecution has already put on witnesses and established a record of the facts that it can reintroduce in this trial and build on."

Eli J. Richardson, the U.S. Justice Department's former legal advisor to Serbia and now a lawyer in private practice, said bringing Mladic to justice will strengthen authorities in the Balkans trying to close the bloody chapter of the 1990s and reintegrate with the rest of Europe.

"The one remaining fugitive [indicted by The Hague] is Goran Hadzic, and this arrest does send a message to him," said Richardson. "I'm sure he will be sleeping less well tonight."

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Samuel L. Oliver

Gainesville has lost another person whose contributions to this community and to his family can never be measured.

Samuel L. Oliver passed away May 25, 2011, at Emory University Hospital, after a short battle with leukemia, at the age of 68.

Sam was a member of the law firm of Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar, LLP and specialized in the areas of corporate and business law, estate planning and banking.

While working his way through college, Sam was an honors graduate with an A.B. from the University of Georgia. He earned his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law while serving as editor of the Georgia Law School Law Review publication.

Following graduation from law school, Sam served in the United States Navy as a judge advocate general, and upon his discharge in 1969, he joined the law firm of Kenyon, Gunter, Hulsey, Sims and Oliver, currently known as Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar, LLP.

Sam was a founding director of GB&T Bancshares and its predecessor, Gainesville Bank & Trust, serving on the board from its beginning until the bank's acquisition by SunTrust.

Sam served on numerous local, community and civic boards. He served for 12 years (1980–1992) as a member of the Gainesville Board of Education, chairing this board from 1983–1986. He also was a member and chairman of the Northeast Georgia Community Foundation and the Gainesville College Foundation.

Sam was a former trustee of the Quinlan Arts Center, past member of the Gainesville Planning Commission, and as a member of Kiwanis, he was a past president and lieutenant governor. He also was a member of Chattahoochee Country Club, serving as a past president.

As a member of Grace Episcopal Church, he served on the governing board for three terms and as senior warden for two terms. Sam currently is a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Hayesville, N.C., where he serves as senior warden for the vestry.

As committed as Sam was to his career and to his community, nothing exceeded his commitment and love for his family. His first priority was to be a role model and mentor for his children and grandchildren. He was totally successful in meeting this goal, and they are his continuing legacy.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 495 Herbert Hills Drive, Hayesville, NC 28904. The Rev. John Rice and the Rev. Don Harrison will officiate.

Sam was born May 31, 1942, in Toccoa, Ga., the son of the late Lamar Oliver and Mary (Chandler) Oliver.

Sam is survived by his loving wife, Jane Oliver of Gainesville; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Jammie Oliver; daughter and son-in-law, Susan (Oliver) and Scott Brown; son, David Oliver and Shauna Delong, all of Gainesville; grandchildren, Sloan Oliver, Sam Oliver, Ethan Dodds, Sawyer Brown, Samuel Rhett Brown and Kaia Delong; and brother, Bob and Jean Oliver of Braselton, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of the following charities: Emory Winship Cancer Institute, Development Office, 1762 Clifton Road, Suite 1450, Atlanta, GA 30322, Designate “In Memory of Samuel L. Oliver;” Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 577, Hayesville, NC 28904, North Georgia Community Foundation, 615 Oak St. NW, Gainesville, GA 30501.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 27, 2011, from 4-7 p.m., at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center.

Memorial Park North Riverside Chapel, Gainesville

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Diane Marie Amann, Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law in the University of Georgia School of Law, is available to offer commentary on the laws of war as they relate to the current situation with Bosnian Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic.

Amann’s research examines the interaction of national, regional and international legal regimes in an effort to combat atrocity and cross-border crime. She has published more than four dozen chapters and articles in English, French and Italian in publications such as the American Journal of International Law, the Harvard Human Rights Journal, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Georgetown Law Journal, the International Journal of Constitutional Law, the UCLA Law Review and the Revue de science criminelle et de droit penal compare.

Additional information on Amann is available at http://www.law.uga.edu/profile/diane-marie-amann and her blog is available at http://intlawrrls.blogspot.com/.

Amann can be reached at amann@uga.edu or 415/867-3874.

Amy Ross, associate professor of geography, is available to offer commentary on the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY, often called the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague), the crimes Mladic is alleged to have committed in Srebrenica, and the impact of this arrest on the landscape of international justice.

Ross’ research examines human rights and wrongs, international justice, geographies of justice, international institutions and the global civil society, genocide, the spatiality of violence. She has conducted research on truth commissions and international courts.

Additional information on Ross, including publications, is available at http://www.ggy.uga.edu/people/faculty/aross/.

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Settlement reached in Eddie Long case

By Sheila M. Poole and Christian Boone
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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Some current and former members of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church expressed relief Thursday that sexual misconduct lawsuits against the church and its prominent leader, Bishop Eddie Long, have been resolved.

Attorneys involved in the four lawsuits against Long, the LongFellows Youth Academy and the 25,000-member Lithonia megachurch said the case had been settled but declined to comment further. The case is expected to be dismissed "with prejudice" — meaning the defendant cannot be sued by the plaintiffs again in the same alleged offense — by close of business Friday, said Barbara Marschalk, who represents New Birth Missionary Baptist Church and LongFellows Youth Academy.

B.J. Bernstein, who represents the four men who sued Long, New Birth and the academy, also confirmed the lawsuits had been settled. The academy was named in three of the suits.

Long, pastor of the Lithonia megachurch, which has an international following, had denied the men's allegations through a spokesman shortly after they first became public in September and told his congregation he planned to "vigorously" fight them.

The accusations made against Long by Anthony Flagg, Spencer LeGrande, Jamal Parris and Maurice Robinson alleged that the bishop used his influence, trips, gifts and jobs to coerce them into sexual relations.

In one lawsuit, LeGrande said when he was 15 he and his mother were among the early members of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte. When he was 16, he said, he went to Kenya with Long. Then when he was 17, they went on another trip to Kenya, and it was then that they had intimate relations, one of the suits alleged.

Rasheedah Oliver of DeKalb County, a member of New Birth for about a dozen years said the settlement means "we can move forward and continue to do what God would have us do."

Oliver said it doesn't bother her that she may never know the terms of the settlement. "I'm still steadfast," she said. "I know what he's done in my life, and I know what he has done in the lives of others."

Kamelya Hinson, a Web content editor who lives in Decatur, said the settlement has not shaken her faith.

"It doesn't make me think he's guilty or anything," she said. "I decided when this came out that I loved my pastor unconditionally. Even if he came out and grabbed the mic and said "I'm guilty," it wouldn't change the way I feel about him. I wouldn't be angry like a lot of people are. You can't walk away after 15 years of being a member of a church."

Hinson said it doesn't bother her that she may never know whether the allegations are true. "He's done 1,000 good things," she said. "He may or may not have done four really bad things."

Some, though, wish Long had done more to fight the accusations.

Former member Barbara Chumbler, who still visits New Birth from time to time, said she always believed the allegations were false, "although a settlement to me makes you look guilty."

She said she was disappointed the case was settled in mediation, although she added that she thought it was "an easy way to get it out of the way and get it over with."

Chumbler, who said she thinks Long is "like a lot of movie-star preachers, arrogant and a bit puffed up," said she still believes he is not guilty of the accusations.

New Birth issued a statement saying the decision was made "to bring closure to this matter and to allow us to move forward with the plans God has for this ministry."
"This resolution is the most reasonable road for everyone to travel," the statement continued.

Neither side would comment further and settlement terms were unknown.

According to Bernstein's office, neither she nor the plaintiffs would be available for an interview "on this matter, now or in the future."

Thomas Eaton, a law professor at the University of Georgia, said two-thirds to three-fourths of all civil suits are resolved out of court "by settlements just like this." He was not surprised that there would not be a public record of the terms of the settlement.

Mediation between the plaintiffs and Long, one of Atlanta's best-known religious leaders, began in February and have often been contentious. Exactly one month ago, DeKalb Judge Johnny Panos said a settlement was within "field goal range."

Panos acknowledged the discussions had been "benevolently intense," likening them to a tennis match, "with a lot of back and forth." Some of the mediation sessions lasted through the night.

Without a settlement, the case would have likely gone to trial this summer or fall.

After the charges first surfaced in September, Long vowed to "vigorously" defend himself against the charges.

"This thing I'm gonna fight," he said just days after the lawsuits surfaced.

Staff writer Michelle Shaw contributed to this article.

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HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

Jeffrey Palis

New job title: Interim director, Center for International Studies
Company: Georgia Southern University
Duties: He will manage the center and advise international studies and international trade majors. He will coordinate the university's numerous bilateral and consortium exchange programs, and teach a course on contemporary world cultures.
Related work experience: He previously served as Georgia Southern's Coordinator for Study Abroad and Exchange Programs and Associate Director of International Studies.
Education: Doctor of Education in curriculum studies from Georgia Southern, Master of Arts in international studies from East Carolina University and a Bachelor of Arts in geography from UNC Wilmington.

Tracie Tomlinson

New job title: Mortgage banker
Company: Ameris Bank
Duties: Growing the bank's mortgage portfolio in Savannah and Vidalia.
Related work experience: She previously served as a senior loan officer for Moon River Mortgage and also owned her own mortgage company.

Larry Evans

New job title: Associate in the litigation section of the firm
Company: Oliver Maner LLP
Duties: He concentrates his practice in the area of business litigation.
Related work experience: Evans practiced in Atlanta with a large law firm in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate work. Evans is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Savannah Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association. Evans presently serves as a director and secretary for Rambo Committee Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting The Christian Hospital Mungeli in Mungeli, India.
Education: Evans graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia in 2005 with a degree in international business and a minor in Spanish. Evans received his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2008, graduating cum laude. While attending the UGA School of Law, Evans was a notes editor for the Georgia Law Review.
Jen Young

**New job title:** Graphic designer

**Company:** Clark Creative Design

**Duties:** Graphic design focused on packaging, event marketing, and brand development.

**Related work experience:** Young has worked in advertising and design for over 10 years. Her work has been featured in publications and on billboards, clothing, posters and packaging throughout the U.S. She has worked at BFG Communications in Hilton Head, S.C., and at Syntech of Burlington, N.C.

**Education:** BFA in graphic design from SCAD, Savannah (2005); AS in advertising & graphic design from Guilford Tech College in Jamestown, N.C. (2003)

Amanda Diczenko

**New job title:** A leadership role with THA Group’s Independent Life at Home Service Line

**Company:** THA Group

**Duties:** Diczenko’s responsibilities include recruiting, coordinating and monitoring in-home caregivers; communicating with clients and families to resolve issues and ensure a high level of service; working with branch management to facilitate coordination of services; providing appropriate training and oversight for in-home caregiver staff.

**Related work experience:** Diczenko was the executive director of programs for exceptional people at the University of South Carolina and a doctoral student in the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina.

**Education:** She has a master’s degree in social work and brings seven years’ experience to THA Group.

Hayes Williams

**New job title:** CPA

**Company:** Ford & Crowley, CPAs, LLC

**Duties:** Williams is based in the Beaufort office.

**Related work experience:** He has 14 years experience in public practice.

**Education:** He earned his Bachelor of Science in accounting from the College of Charleston in 1995.

Hollis Howell

**New job title:** Commercial lines account manager

**Company:** Bernard Williams Insurance and Financial Services in Savannah

**Related work experience:** Howell got his start in the insurance industry at Willis Insurance Services, where he spent six years.

**Education:** Howell is a graduate of Effingham High School.

Pam Toteno

**New job title:** Accounting manager

**Company:** Bernard Williams Insurance and Financial Services in Savannah

**Related work experience:** She has previously served as the controller for the Oglethorpe Club and as an operations accountant for Thunderbolt Marine.
Cory Knight

New job title: Program director

Company: YMCA of Coastal Georgia — West Chatham branch

Duties: Oversees operations of the pool and aquatics programs, manages the fitness floor, including group exercise classes, and maintains the upkeep of the facilities. Runs and oversees youth and adult sports year round. Recruits volunteers, active participants and provides additional support as needed.

Related work experience: Fitness instructor at Greater Charlotte YMCA. Lake supervisor at Camp of the Pines, and assisted in college summer camps.

Education: Bachelor's degree in sports management from Pensacola Christian Academy.

Tracy Davis

New job title: Fitness, aquatics, and sports director

Company: YMCA of Coastal Georgia — Effingham branch

Duties: Oversees and develops fitness, aquatics, and sports programs.

Related work experience: Wellness/fitness coordinator at the Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA of Virginia.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Columbia International University.

Jacqueline Henry

New job title: Marketing/communications specialist

Company: YMCA of Coastal Georgia — Habersham branch

Duties: Assist in marketing, promotions, and advertising of the YMCA of Coastal Georgia branches.

Related work experience: Public relations and marketing intern at nonprofit organization; The Averitt Center for the Arts, and YMCA volunteer for 10-plus years.

Education: Bachelor of Science degree in communication arts from Georgia Southern University with a major in public relations and a minor in marketing.

Cathy Solomons

New job title: Interim director

Company: Telfair Museums

Duties: Oversee daily operation of Telfair Museums.

Related work experience: Solomons has a history as a community volunteer, focusing her efforts on education and the arts. She sits on the board of several community organizations including the Savannah College of Art and Design Advisory Board.

Education: Savannah Country Day School, 1974; University of Georgia, B.A. in art.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grady College awards medal to Swann Seiler
Honor/Award: Swann Seiler, manager of corporate support and external affairs for Georgia Power in Savannah, has received the Dean's Medal for Communication Leadership from the University of Georgia Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Seiler, a 1978 public relations alumnus of Grady College, is the fourth recipient of the medal and was honored in a ceremony held on Grady's Peabody Awards Terrace on May 11.

Background: The Dean's Medal was established in 2007 to honor an alumnus who plays a significant role in a communication event that rises to the status of case study in one of the journalism and mass communication disciplines.

Attorney's book available on amazon.com

Honor/Award: Peter J. Strauss has written a book on captive insurance titled, "Captive Insurance Companies for the Small Business Owner." It is available on Amazon.com. The book, with an introduction by Hillel Presser J.D., was debuted this month in Las Vegas at the American Institute of CPA's Conference.

Bluffton company receives award

Honor/Award: Shelco Inc., a local authorized Ceco Building Systems builder in Bluffton, S.C., was recognized for achieving $500,000 in annual sales in 2008 at the recent Ceco 2011 National Business Meeting in Tampa, Fla.
DNA base will grow, but some want more data

By MERRITT MELANCON - merritt.melancon@onlineathens.com
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Law enforcement officers are hopeful that a recent expansion of state's DNA database will help them solve rape and murder cases more quickly, but crime victim advocates believe the change doesn't go far enough.

Victim advocates originally wanted the database to contain samples from all suspects arrested on felony charges - not just those who are convicted - and are disappointed because that language was taken from the bill. The new law is just a first step in bringing Georgia's DNA testing laws in line with laws in other Southeastern states, they say.

"They were wanting to take DNA swabs from everyone arrested on a felony," said Susan Cash, executive director of the Piedmont Rape Crisis Center. "(The bill) was kind of slaughtered, but it's a good place to start."

Georgia's current law requires all suspects convicted of felonies and those on probation for violent felonies to submit a DNA sample to the state. The new law, which Gov. Nathan Deal signed earlier this month, will require people on probation for nonviolent felonies to have their DNA placed in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's database as well.

The change may only expand the number of DNA profiles in the database by a few thousand people but that still makes the database a more precise tool for leading police to unknown suspects and for ruling out suspects, said Athens-Clarke police Sgt. Greg Smith.

"There's definitely a benefit to seeing the database expand," Smith said. "The more people who are in the database, the more hits you're going to have."

While crime victim advocates originally wanted the database to contain samples from all suspects arrested on felony charges whether they were convicted or not, they recognize this year's law as step toward their goal, said Joan Berry, who lives in Gwinnett County and has been pressuring for the law in Georgia for two years.

State Sen. Joshua McKoon, R-Columbus, introduced the bill, which was named for Berry's daughter, Johnia Berry, who was killed by a man who broke into her Knoxville, Tenn., apartment in 2004.

The original bill would have required all suspects arrested on felony charges to have samples of their DNA taken when they were booked into jail.

That bill passed the Senate, but was changed substantially in the House, after representatives expressed concerns about privacy and the multimillion dollar cost of implementing such a plan.

State Rep. Rob Teitel, D-Smyrna, introduced a similar bill, requiring DNA testing of all suspects arrested on felony charges during the 2010 legislative session, but it did not pass.

The GBI created its current DNA database, the Combined DNA Index System or CODIS, in 1998, and it now contains the DNA profiles of more than 200,000 felony inmates and probationers.

Investigators have used the registry to solve more than 2,000 murder, rape and burglary cases since it was created.

Federal agents already take DNA samples from everyone they arrest. Twenty five states, including every state bordering Georgia, take samples from all suspects arrested on felony charges.

Georgia is the 50th state to require all convicted felons, including nonviolent probationers, to submit DNA samples, Berry said.

"Georgia was the last state in the 50 states to pass taking a suspect's DNA upon conviction," Berry said. "That's sad. But at least this is a step in the right direction, and we'll come back next year and try again."

"All of our neighboring states have already passed DNA (samples upon arrest) legislation."

When authorities caught the man who killed Berry's daughter - two years after he murdered her - her mother found out the man had been in trouble with the law before. If his DNA had been in a database in Tennessee, police may have caught him sooner.
Berry believes.

Berry and Cash both testified to legislators about how DNA profiles could simplify investigations, solve old cases and help identify bodies.

Most sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone the victim knows, not a stranger, but the DNA database would be an important tool in cases where the victim doesn't know her attacker, Cash says.

Cash was raped by a stranger in 1985 in Savannah and left under an abandoned house. She doesn't think an expanded database will help catch her assailant now, but it might have made a difference if the technology and legal structure were in place years ago.

Athens-Clarke police have kept several cold cases - such as the killings of University of Georgia students Jennifer Stone in 1992 and Tara Baker in 2001 - open for years in hopes that DNA evidence will emerge to help them find the culprits.

It's rare that an entry of a new DNA sample into the GBI's database will match an old case, but it does happen often enough that expanding the database makes sense, Sgt. Smith said.

In November, Smith closed a 13-year-old rape case, when a man who was sent back to prison on a probation violation had a sample of his DNA entered into the database. Tracy Sylvester Wright Sr., 39, is scheduled to go to trial this fall for a crime he allegedly committed in 1997.

"As the database expands, our chances become greater and greater that we'll have similar cases where we will get an DNA hit off of old evidence," Smith said.
ATLANTA - An investiture took place here last week that would make you eminently proud, especially if you have an affinity for the University of Georgia.

Steve Jones, a learned and humble jurist and a good guy to boot, was confirmed for federal district court duties at the Richard B. Russell Federal Building. The first thing the Athens native said when he looked out into the courtroom and saw all his friends from Clarke and Oconee counties was, "Who let the Dogs out?"

There was more to appreciate about the ceremony than just the formality. The Rev. Winfred Hope prayed, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas praised and a fellow associate, Lawton Stephens, brought levity to the occasion in warm tribute to an Athens son who is remarkable, likable and capable.

Jones has a quiet dignity with an affinity for traditional American values. When he watched the swearing-in ceremonies of American citizens a few years ago, he was overwhelmed. It stirred his inner self and made him reflect, in effect, "I was born an American citizen, and I will never take it for granted."

Jones can walk with kings and never lose the common touch. He loves life, in part, because life has been good to him. He is not likely to succumb to drinking heady wine and forget where he came from. His background has influenced who he is today.

His mother, Katie Jones, and his brother and two sisters always reminded him to live by the golden rule - not memorize it and recite it, but live it.

He learned early on that life can be beautiful if you have discipline and affection for simple values. He grew up on Timothy Road, riding his bicycle, playing in the woods and savoring the smallest of treats.

He would ride his bicycle down to Hamilton's Grocery and buy an R.C. Cola. He would stand aside and listen to the grown folk talk, learning by listening and soaking in their sage wisdom. He learned about multitasking when he would buy an ice cream sandwich and try to pedal the long hill back home, savoring each tasty bite before it melted away.

"Sometimes," he laughed, "the handlebars got more of my ice cream than I did."

He played in the woods, collected wild muscadines and blueberries, played horseshoes and basketball, shot marbles and roamed about barefoot in the springtime. "I had a great childhood," he grinned.

Chief Judge Julie E. Carnes, who was all-too pleased that she and the newest member of the court have something in common, presided over the investiture.

"We are both double Dogs," she smiled broadly, referring to the fact that she and Jones hold two degrees from the University of Georgia. Carnes brought levity to the ceremony, too, a ceremony where high honor was the theme but could hardly trum the love and laughter that permeated the event.

The newcomer to the court was humbled by it all.

Jones' wife, Lillian, held the Bible for the official swearing in and also draped his robe around his shoulders - his personal highlight of the day.

Thomas, his friend, presented the official commission. Jones enjoys a warm friendship with this fellow Georgian, who called him when he learned of Jones' appointment.

"I'll be there for the investiture," Thomas told him. With that, Jones asked the justice to participate in the ceremony. When Thomas got up to speak, he noted that his friend was a good person.

"To judge your fellow man," Thomas said, "you need to be a good person."

If it please the court, let us remind you that for his friends in Athens, Justice Thomas' cogent assessment is old news.
Smith: Steve Jones a good, honorable man

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