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News @ Georgia Law is a quarterly e-newsletter for alumni and friends of the University of Georgia School of Law.

Upcoming Events

February 27
Protect Athens Music Conference

February 28
Georgia Law Alumni Reception in Atlanta

March 1
Red Clay Environmental Law Conference

March 2
Working in the Public Interest Law Conference

March 2
Equal Justice Foundation Auction

March 12
Georgia Law Alumni Reception in Savannah

March 20
Edith House Lecture featuring Judge Edith Jones

News & Announcements

Alumnus Jere Morehead named next UGA president
Jere W. Morehead (J.D.’80) was selected to serve as the next president of the University of Georgia by the Board of Regents earlier this month. He will succeed Dr. Michael F. Adams to become the university’s 22nd president on July 1. Currently, Morehead serves as senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at UGA. Georgia Law Dean Rebecca Hanner White will serve on Morehead’s 12-member transition advisory team. (Learn more)

UN World Food Programme Director speaks at Georgia Law events
During February, Georgia Law hosted 1982 graduate and Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme Ertharin Cousin. She delivered the keynote address at the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law’s conference titled “International Law in a Time of Scarcity” as well as at the school’s Eighth Annual Alumnae Evening. (View photos) (Watch her alumnae evening presentation)

Amann appointed special adviser to the International Criminal Court
Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann was recently appointed by Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda as the special adviser on children in and affected by armed conflict for the
March 22  
*The Cuban Embargo: Policy Outlook After Fifty Years Conference*

March 22  
*Law School Association Council Spring Meeting*

March 23  
*SBA Golf Tournament*

March 27  
*Sibley Lecture featuring NYU’s Bryan Stevenson*

March 28  
*Georgia Law Alumni Reception in Nashville*

April 5  
*Board of Visitors Spring Meeting*

April 11  
*Georgia Law Alumni Reception in Chicago*

April 26  
*JHLS Spring Twilight Affair*

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**Photo Gallery**

“Human Rights and Culture,” presented by Chairman of the Irish Centre for Human Rights William A. Schabas - 2/7/13 ([View photos](#))

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International Criminal Court. In this role, Amann will support and advise on Office of the Prosecutor policies, training and awareness with regard to children in and affected by armed conflict. ([Learn more](#))

**Advocacy and Negotiation Competition teams bring home national championship and other top honors**

Georgia Law captured [second place](#) and the Best Oralist Award at the National Moot Court Competition, which was held in New York City last month. Additionally, the school swept the Mercer University School of Law National Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition earning [first place](#), second place and the Best Oralist Award. This is the second year in a row that Georgia Law has won this national tournament. Georgia Law also finished among the [top four](#) in the country at the American Bar Association Law Student Division Negotiation Competition and received the [top awards](#) for the buyer side at the Southeastern Regional Transactional LawMeet, including regional finalist and best draft honors.

**Upcoming conferences focus on music law, environmental law, public interest law and trade law**

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the following Georgia Law conferences this spring:

- **Feb. 27** – *The Protect Athens Music Conference*, featuring panels on the legal and business aspects of the music industry.
- **March 1** – *The 25th Annual Red Clay Conference*, exploring the environmental costs and benefits of sustainable business, government and energy in Georgia. CLE credits available.
- **March 2** – *The Eighth Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference*, focusing on gun control, homelessness, affirmative action and alternative courts as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights. CLE credits available.
- **March 22** – *The Cuban Embargo: Policy Outlook After Fifty Years Conference*, discussing the effectiveness and consequences of economic sanctions as well as the potential outlook for trade with the United States in a post-embargo era.

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**Faculty Highlights**


Assistant Professor [Timothy Meyer](#) served as a contributing author...
Closing Argument Mock Trial Tournament - 2/1/13 (View photos)

“Memory Laws in Europe,” presented by Russian historian Nikolay Koposov - 1/28/2013 (View photos)

Athens area reception for alumni and Georgia Superior Court judges attending their annual winter seminar - 1/24/13 (View photos)

Georgia Law Review symposium titled “Evidence Reform: Turning a Grotesque Structure into a Rational Edifice?” - 1/18/13 (View photos)

Special session of the Supreme Court of Georgia held in the Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom - 1/16/13 (View photos)

State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Alumni Reception - 1/10/13 (View photos)

Georgia Law welcomes members of the Brazilian judiciary as part of the school's International Judicial Training Program - 12/3 - 12/14/12 (View photos)

Georgia Law Years of Service and the Emma P. Terrell Distinguished Employee Award Ceremony - 12/12/12 (View photos)

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for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's report titled "Networks for Prosperity: Connecting Development Knowledge Beyond 2015." Meyer was one of only approximately 20 academic and practical experts from around the world asked to participate in crafting the document.

Assistant Professor Logan E. Sawyer III was appointed to serve on the American Society for Legal History's Membership Committee.

Associate Professor Harlan G. Cohen was nominated to serve as a member of the American Society of International Law’s Executive Council, the society’s governing body. Cohen will serve a three-year term, starting in April 2013.

View more faculty highlights

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Around the Law School

Georgia Law student wins top honors at legal writing competition
Second-year law student Katherine P. O'Shea was selected as a runner-up in the Grammy Foundation's Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. As one of the winners, O'Shea presented her paper titled "Rebranding Digital Music Theft and the Graduated Response Model in the United States" at the 15th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Luncheon & Scholarship Presentation earlier this month. She also participated in several other Grammy events as a competition finalist. (Learn more)

Alumnus featured in Sundance Film Festival documentary
Travis A. Williams (J.D.'08), a public defender in Hall County, Ga., is featured in a documentary titled “Gideon’s Army,” which examines some challenges facing our country’s criminal justice system. The film premiered at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival in January, and it is scheduled to air on HBO in July. (View a clip on Williams) (Learn more about the documentary)

Second-year law student crowned Miss UGA
Congratulations to Jenna L. Jackson, who was recently crowned Miss University of Georgia 2013. Jackson will compete in the Miss Georgia Pageant in June, with the winner advancing to the Miss America Pageant later in the year. Second-year law student Utrophia D. Robinson was also honored during the competition, where she tied with Jackson for the Best Interview Award. (Learn more)

Bridge named in memory of former Associate Dean Ellen Jordan
A new bridge at Sandy Creek Park in Athens, Ga., was named in memory of former Georgia Law Associate Dean Ellen R. Jordan in January. Jordan joined Georgia Law in 1976 as an assistant professor and served as associate dean from 1983 to 1986. She then became acting associate vice president for academic affairs at UGA in 1986 and served for two years. Jordan passed away Aug. 9, 1996.

Three alumni recognized in Bulldog 100 listing
Three Georgia Law alumni were named in this year’s Bulldog 100 listing, which recognizes the 100 fastest growing businesses around the globe that are owned or operated by UGA graduates. Sponsored by the UGA Alumni Association, this year’s class included Samuel J. Grant (J.D.’00), SG Financial Advisors; Ronald E. Mabra (J.D.’04), The Mabra Firm; and Thomas L. Rowe (J.D.’86), OTB Consulting. (Learn more)

Baker named 2012 law school employee of the year
The Georgia Law Staff Council presented Administrative Associate Deborah Baker with the 2012 Emma P. Terrell Distinguished Employee of the Year Award. This award is given annually to recognize staff members who demonstrate an outstanding work ethic, commitment to service and exceptional job performance in addition to the cooperation necessary to increase the quality of education and service provided by the law school. (Learn more)

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In the Spotlight
Brief profiles of members of the law school community.

U.S. General Services Administration
Regional Administrator
Shyam Reddy (J.D.’00)

Associate Professor of Law
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Harlan Cohen
Second-year law student
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