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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

May 17
Class of 2014 Commencement

June 6
State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Reception

June 7
State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting Alumni Breakfast & Distinguished Service Scroll Award Presentation Ceremony

June 29-30
Georgia Bar Exam Luncheon

August 11-13
Early Interview Week in Athens

August 19
School of Law Fall Semester Begins

October 4
24th Annual Law School BBQ

News & Announcements

Dean White to step down
Dean Rebecca Hanner White recently announced her decision to step down as dean from Georgia Law. Her plan is to remain as dean until her replacement is found. She will then return to the law school’s faculty. She said it has been an honor and a privilege to lead the law school for the past 11 years. “Our students, faculty, administrative team and staff are outstanding. Our law school, and I, have enjoyed strong support from the university, and I could not ask for a more loyal and supportive alumni base. Together, we all have made a good law school an even better one.”

Georgia Law Advocacy Program has record year; brings home four national titles
Georgia Law had one of its best advocacy seasons ever with four wins in national competitions. The most recent national titles came in the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge and the Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition. In the South Texas tournament, third-year students David B. Dove, Adam J. Fitzsimmons, Margaret E. “Maggy” Randels and Emily K. Westberry overcame approximately 30 teams from law schools across the country. They also prepared the contest’s second-best brief. In the Prince competition, second-year students Xon R. Hostetter, George S. Ray and Nicolas M. “Nick” Stanojevich represented Georgia Law, and Stanojevich was named the best oralist in the final round. The team was coached by law school faculty member Thomas Burch and third-year student Kenneth J. “Kenny” Bentley. The other two national trophies were won at the National Moot Court Competition and the Andrews Kurth Moot Court National...
ABA’s Rives to deliver graduation keynote

Jack L. Rives (J.D.’77), the executive director and chief operating officer of the American Bar Association, will deliver the keynote address at Georgia Law’s Commencement on May 17. Approximately 235 students will receive the Juris Doctor degree, and approximately 15 Master of Laws candidates, who have completed one year of graduate legal study, will be recognized. Learn more.

Appellate Litigation Clinic students claim victory

This spring, Appellate Litigation Clinic participants and third-year students Victoria A. Cuneo and Steven L. Strasberg prevailed in a habeas corpus case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. After full briefing and oral argument, the court vacated the judgment of the district court and remanded for the district court to issue a conditional writ of habeas corpus. Learn more about the clinic.

Georgia Law welcomes executive director of career development

Susan J. Wilson (J.D.’89) recently became Georgia Law’s executive director of career development, overseeing the school’s legal career services and professional development programs. Dean Rebecca H. White said she was pleased Wilson was able to join her team to lead the school’s important efforts in career services and professional development. “This is such a critical area for our students and the law school. I am confident Susan will bring fresh insights and make valuable contributions to these programs and the law school more generally.” Learn more.

Faculty Highlights

Three faculty recognized for excellence

On Awards Day, three faculty members were honored by the Georgia Law student body. Associate Professor Erica J. Hashimoto received the C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching, Associate Dean Lonnie T. Brown Jr. was given the Student Bar Association Professionalism Award, and Associate Professor Elizabeth Chamblee Burch was the recipient of the John C. O’Byrne Memorial Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Student-Faculty Relations.

Amann serves as distinguished discussant and publishes book

Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann served as the Distinguished Discussant for the 16th Annual Grotius Lecture at the American Society of International Law’s Annual Meeting. Her talk was titled “The Post-Postcolonial Woman or Child.” Amann also served as editor-in-chief of the Benchbook on International Law (American Society of International Law, 2014).

Baradaran publishes article in the Harvard Law Review Forum

Hall publishes article in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online

Hashimoto publishes article in the Northwestern University Law Review

Hellerstein publishes article in the Virginia Tax Review

Smith named president-elect of the Association for Law, Property and Society
Martin Chair James C. “Jim” Smith was named president-elect of the Association for Law, Property and Society. ALPS is an organization for scholars conducting interdisciplinary legal scholarship on all aspects of property law and policy including real, personal, intellectual, intangible, cultural, personal and other forms of property. Learn more

Georgia Law Review launches online companion journal; calls for submissions
The Georgia Law Review has created an online companion journal, the Georgia Law Review Online. It features short, op-ed length essays by practitioners, judges and professors focused primarily on timely legal issues in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and legal issues raised by articles published in the print version of the journal. To accompany these focused
essays, the Georgia Law Review’s website also features a new student-driven blog that summarizes relevant cases published by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Learn more.

Changes to reunion event planning

Based on feedback over the years, we have realized that, due to the lack of hotel availability and hotel costs, the Friday night of Homecoming weekend is an inconvenient time for most alumni to attend a reunion in Athens. Thus, the law school is happy to help coordinate a class reunion in Athens or Atlanta (or elsewhere) at a time more convenient for your class. Several classes have recently opted for alternative dates and locations with great success and strong attendance. If you are interested in organizing a reunion for your class, please contact Kate O’Reilly, coordinator of alumni relations, at (706) 542-5190 or krl@uga.edu. If your class wishes to organize a reunion in Athens during Homecoming weekend, we are happy to help with that as well; however, the law school does not have access to hotel room blocks during home football weekends.

Please note the law school will continue to host the very popular BBQ the morning of the Homecoming football game, which is scheduled this year for October 4.

International programs continue to benefit students

Opportunities for international exposure continue to be important to today’s law students. The law school’s Global Internship Program remains a unique draw for prospective students when evaluating which law school to attend. This summer, 17 Georgia Law students will work in 13 countries, spanning five continents. The newly established Transnational Law Program adds to the law school’s international offerings by bringing foreign law students to Athens for one week of study focused on requested areas of international or domestic law. Partnering institutions include the University Mauricio de Nassau in Brazil and the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development’s Global Academic Exchange Program. Learn more about the Global Internship Program. Learn more about the Transnational Law Program. View Transnational Law Program photos.

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