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Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge named dean of Georgia Law

Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge, a leading scholar in the fields of international dispute resolution, arbitration and the U.S. Supreme Court, has been named dean of Georgia Law following a national search. Rutledge, who holds the Herman E. Talmadge Chair of Law and is the associate dean for faculty development at the law school, will become dean on Jan. 1, 2015. Learn more

Georgia Law paid a visit by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spent a week at Georgia Law during September. Thomas taught a class on federal common law and met with groups of students and faculty throughout his visit. This was his sixth trip to the law school since 2003. View photos

Janet Napolitano gives 112th Sibley Lecture

The law school's 112th Sibley Lecture was delivered by University of California President and former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, whose speech was titled “Anatomy of a Legal Decision.” Napolitano discussed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals reform made during her tenure with the Department of Homeland Security. View speech View photos
PepsiCo leader Indra Nooyi speaks on modern corporations

PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi spoke to law, business and international affairs students recently, discussing the role and responsibilities of corporations as well as her company’s Performance with Purpose strategy, which strives to deliver sustainable financial success by operating in line with the needs of society. Learn more View photos

International Criminal Court Prosecutor headlines conference

Late last month, Georgia Law hosted the “Children and International Criminal Justice” conference. The event included a keynote address by International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, a public panel and closed workshop sessions. Conference discussions will assist Georgia Law’s Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann, the prosecutor’s special adviser on children in and affected by armed conflict, in advising the Office of the Prosecutor in the process of its development of a Policy Paper on Children. Instrumental in staging this event were the Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy and the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law. View photos View conference website

Georgia Law wins National Trial Advocacy Tournament

In early October, the law school had its first advocacy win of the year when it brought home the championship trophy at the National Trial Advocacy Tournament, hosted by the University of Florida. The team was composed of third-year law students Garrett S. Burrell, Joshua H. “Josh” Dorminy, Whitney T. Judson and Ashley R. Wright. Additionally, Dorminy was named the best advocate of the final round, and Judson was selected for delivering the best closing argument in the preliminary rounds. Learn more

Law school team wins Georgia/Florida moot court competition

Georgia Law second-year students Aaron D. Parks and E. Keith Hall secured a win against the University of Florida at the annual Hulsey/Gambrell Moot Court Competition. Learn more

Georgia Law hosts Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop

Georgia Law recently hosted the Seventh Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop that included more than 25 presentations concerning federal courts. The two-day workshop paired senior scholars with a panel of junior scholars and was organized by Professors Kent Barnett and Matthew I. Hall. Learn more

Notable faculty scholarship
Assistant Professor Kent Barnett presented “Codifying Chevmore” at the 2014 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference. Barnett’s paper was one of four selected as the winners of the 2014 SEALS Call for Papers Competition.

Associate Professor Harlan G. Cohen co-hosted the Legitimacy and International Courts symposium at the University of Baltimore School of Law. The papers presented at the symposium will be chapters in a book Cohen is co-editing with the same title.

Assistant Professor Jaime L. Dodge has published “Disaggregative Mechanisms: Mass Claims Resolution Without Class Actions” in 63 Emory Law Journal 1253 (2014). This is the keynote article of a dedicated volume on complex litigation and disaggregative mechanisms.

Associate Professor Timothy Meyer’s book Goldilocks Globalism: The Rise of Soft Law in International Governance was the focus of a Temple University Beasley School of Law roundtable conference.

Hosch Professor Lori A. Ringhand participated in an “Author Meets Critics” panel at the American Political Science Association’s annual conference in Washington, D.C. The panel was convened to discuss her book Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings and Constitutional Change.

Gardial and Ralston win England Mock Trial Competition

Congratulations to second-year law students Meredith A. Gardial and Benjamin P. Ralston for winning the 2014 J. Melvin England Mock Trial Competition. View photos

Blue Key Honor Society recognizes Carnes and Spalding

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Julie E. Carnes (J.D.’72) and Cox Communications Vice President for Government Affairs and Chief Privacy Officer John Phinizy Spalding (J.D.’85) received Blue Key Honor Society Service Awards at UGA’s annual Tucker Dorsey Blue Key Alumni Banquet. Learn more

Ten Georgia Law alumni named to Rising Stars 2014 list

Ten Georgia Law graduates were included in the Daily Report’s Rising Stars 2014 list for their notable work and growing prominence. Alumni who made the list this year include: Jennifer Auer Jordan (J.D.’01), Andrew Goldner (J.D.’02), Edward A. Marshall (J.D.’02), Robert L. McCorkle III (J.D.’02), Sloane Perras (J.D.’02), Rebecca C. Franklin (J.D.’04), Alan J. Hamilton (J.D.’05), Kimberly R. Bourroughs (J.D.’08), Letitia Sikes (J.D.’09) and Devin Hartness Smith (J.D.’09). Learn more

Law school welcomes Adams, Hinson and Headrick

Three new professionals recently joined Georgia Law. In the admissions area, Shannon Shipley Hinson (J.D.’06) became the school’s associate director of admissions, and Kizmet S. “Kiz” Adams (J.D.’89) was
named the associate director of Graduate Legal Studies. Hinson will primarily be responsible for J.D. student recruitment, while Adams will handle admissions functions relating to the LL.M. and M.S.L. degrees. Jeremy Headrick is now a member of the law school’s advancement team. As a major gifts officer, he will work to grow private support and to ensure a strong future for the law school.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season

Happy Holidays

Please note the law school will be closed Nov. 27-28 (Thanksgiving) and Dec. 25-Jan. 1 (Winter Break).

Include Georgia Law in your year-end charitable giving

Please support the next generation of lawyers by making a gift to the Law School Fund. This fund is the largest single source of annual scholarship dollars at Georgia Law and helps students cover their tuition and fees. For more information, please contact Phyllis Cooke at (706) 542-7637 or cooke@uga.edu. Give now.

In the Spotlight

University Professor and Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law
Dan T. Coenen

1997 Alumnus Robert J. "Bobby" Soper

Second-year student Carlos W. Alexander

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14 - Talmadge Moot Court Competition
Nov. 20 - Georgia Law Alumni Reception in Washington, D.C.
Nov. 20 - Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement: Perspectives from International and Constitutional Law
Jan. 22 - LSAC Winter Meeting
Jan. 22 - Georgia Superior Court Judges Reception
Jan. 27 - Founder's Day Lecture featuring

Multimedia Gallery

Sept. 23 - Chevron Chief IP Counsel Nick Leach (J.D.'85) visit
Oct. 4 - 24th Annual Law School BBQ
Oct. 4 - Class of 2004 Reunion
Oct. 17 - Georgia Association of Law and Politics Symposium featuring GreenLaw's Stephanie Stuckey Benfield (J.D.'92)
Oct. 18 - Fall 2014 Public Interest Law Council Community Service Day
Oct. 24-25 - Transnational Law Program