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Office of Communications and Public Relations
New York Times recognizes Georgia Law as a great return on investment
Georgia Law was featured in *The New York Times* regarding the salary-to-debt ratio of its graduates, which was named among one of the five best according to a recent study. Read the full article.

Adams and Hicks win national Scribes Brief-Writing Award
The American Society of Legal Writers announced that two School of Law 2016 graduates won its national Scribes Brief-Writing Award for 2017. D. Tyler “Ty” Adams and Kathleen B. “Kate” Hicks will be presented with the honor, which seeks to “encourage good legal writing by recognizing the finest examples” at a luncheon in April.

Bishop argues before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
Third-year student Rachel M. Bishop recently presented oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit as part of the law school's Appellate Litigation Clinic. Third-year students Allan T. "Trevor" Buhr and Christopher D. "Chris" Stokes assisted in writing briefs and in helping Bishop prepare by acting as opposing counsel during practice arguments.

Law firm honors partner and legal leader with endowed scholarship
The School of Law is pleased to announce the creation of the Gary B. Blasingame Scholarship Fund, which was made possible by a $100,000 donation by the law firm Blasingame, Burch, Garrard, & Ashley, P.C., in honor of Blasingame, a 1961 Georgia Law alumnus and one of the firm's founding partners.
UGA presents President’s Medal to Kurtz

The University of Georgia bestowed one of its highest honors on Paul M. Kurtz, retired law school associate dean and professor. The President’s Medal recognizes extraordinary contributions of individuals who are not current employees of UGA and who have supported students and academic programs, advanced research and inspired community leaders to enhance the quality of life of citizens in Georgia.

Law school to honor distinguished grads during annual Alumni/Alumnae Weekend

Several Georgia Law graduates will be recognized for their service during the school’s annual Alumni/Alumnae Weekend to be held March 17-18. Ertharin Cousin (J.D.’82) (photo top left), William J. “Bill” Stembler (J.D.’71) and Audrey Boone Tillman (J.D.’89) (photo bottom left) will receive the school’s Distinguished Service Scroll Award, while Amanda Seals Bersinger (J.D.’12) will be presented with the inaugural Young Alumni/Alumnae of Excellence Award. Other highlights of Alumni/Alumnae Weekend include: a keynote address by Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham (J.D.’70); an alumni/alumnae panel moderated by Georgia Law Hosch Professor Emeritus Thomas A. “Tom” Eaton; an ethics and professionalism CLE; a speed networking event; a trivia tournament; the annual Equal Justice Foundation auction and a picnic hosted by the law firm Blasingame, Burch, Garrard, & Ashley, P.C. Registration is still open.

Wilbanks CEASE Clinic holds its first conference

The Wilbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation Clinic, the first of its kind in the nation, held its inaugural conference shortly after one year in existence. Discussions centered on the intersection of civil, criminal and juvenile courts in child sexual abuse cases; trauma/compassion fatigue for those representing child sexual abuse survivors; and understanding the psychology of child sexual abuse and using experts effectively. Ross Cheit, a Brown University professor and author of Witch-Hunt Narrative (Oxford University Press) delivered the keynote address. Marlan B. Wilbanks (J.D.’86), who provided initial funding for the clinic, and his wife Diane are pictured above with the Wilbanks CEASE Clinic team. Appearing in the photo are: (l. to r.) Clinic Director Emma Hetherington (J.D.’11), Trevor Buhr (3L), Diane Wilbanks, Ashmal Ali (undergraduate intern), Marlan Wilbanks, Administrative Associate Sarah Ehlers, Hallie Willis (2L), Shannon Wormald (2L), Postgraduate Fellow Meredith Gardial (J.D.’16) and Robert Poole (3L).

Faculty highlights

• Associate Dean and Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann took part in the launch of the International Criminal Court Office of the Prosecutor Policy on Children. Amann presented a speech in her capacity as the prosecutor's special adviser on children in and affected by armed conflict. In this role, she also assisted in the preparation of the policy.

• Associate Professor Kent Barnett’s article "Resolving the ALJ Quandary" (66 Vanderbilt Law Review...
797 (2013)) was cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in the case *Bandimere v. SEC*.

- Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law Gregg D. Polsky was featured in the *Los Angeles Times* regarding his thoughts on private equity investments.


- Brumby Distinguished Professor in First Amendment Law Sonja R. West published "Don't Expect the First Amendment to Protect the Media" (with R. Jones) in *The New York Times*.

**Spotlight: Second-year student Taryn P. Winston**

**Class Notes & In Memoriam**

**Upcoming events** including the 35th Annual Edith House Lecture (3/2), IntLawGrrls! 10th Birthday Conference (3/3), Portrait Unveiling and Reception for Judge Beverly B. Martin (J.D.'81) (3/13), and the 29th Annual Red Clay Conference (3/24)

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