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Students Tackle Jail Issues in New Pro Bono Recognition Program Initiative

Georgia State University College of Law students have been working with inmates at the Fulton County Jail in an effort to provide relief from problems caused by severe overcrowding and understaffing at the jail. The Fulton County Jail Project is the inaugural pro bono initiative of the College of Law's new Pro Bono Recognition Program, which is designed to emphasize to law students that pro bono service is an essential part of their professional life. The pro bono program provides many opportunities and college recognition for student volunteer work.

After the Southern Center for Human Rights filed a lawsuit on behalf of inmates at the jail last June, federal Judge Marvin Shoob placed the jail in the hands of a federal receiver, John Gibson. In a meeting between Gibson, Dean Steven Kaminshine and Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center, Gibson agreed to give student volunteers access to the inmates in an effort to help resolve issues. More than 40 students signed up to work on the project. They attended mandatory training sessions conducted by the Southern Center staff and Professor Mark Kadish, director of the project, participated in interviews at the prison and follow-up work on behalf of the inmates.

Participants in the Fulton County Jail Project gather in the Law Library. From Left (first row): Cassandre Galette, Professor Ellen Podgor, John Molinaro, Elizabeth Ballard, (second row) Professor Mark Kadish, Emily Pittman, Chris Harris, Samir Patel, Professor Roy Sobelson, (third row) Ernest Napier, Jonathan Poole, Christopher Bracci and Jennifer Hendee

Sometimes the students are simply able to provide inmates with information about their situation: the timing of hearings, the nature of the charges, pending charges in other counties and transfer and release issues. At other times, they were able to alert the prison officials to health and safety concerns expressed by the inmates. All students worked in teams accompanied by a faculty member. A special thank you extends to Professors Kadish, Podgor and Sobelson. In total, they processed more than 400 inmate requests for assistance.

"We greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Fulton County Jail's administration and staff in helping make this project a reality," said Associate Dean Anne Emanuel. A few students continued to work at the jail over the winter break under Professor Kadish's supervision. The project resumed full force this semester.

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Dean's Message

The College of Law has come very far very fast, and as we enter our second generation, we are poised to move to the next level on our path of becoming a great public law school. The secret of our past success and our optimism for the future is simple to state: we are blessed with a talented and dedicated faculty and staff, quality students, and successful and supportive alumni and friends. This combination of talent and support is the engine that drives the law school, and this past fall has been no exception.

Beginning in August, the College launched its first two centers, the Center for Law, Health and Society and the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. These centers promise to enhance the College's reputation regionally and nationally, expand educational opportunities for students, and serve as catalysts for research, community partnerships, and attracting resources. Under the leadership of Professor Charity Scott, the Health Center already has launched a distinguished speaker series, a faculty fellows program to attract leading national figures in the health law field, an innovative Health Law Partnership (HeLP) with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Atlanta Legal Aid, and a legislative advocacy program for students interested in health legislation and policy. Under the leadership of Professors Colin Crawford, Julian Juergensmeyer, and Janice Griffith, the Metro Growth Center has been equally active in its first year, creating an "Urban Fellows" program that will provide forums for law students to meet with public and private policymakers, a foreign enrichment course to be taught by visiting international scholars, and an international studies program to begin this summer in Rio de Janeiro.

As we plan programs for the future, we must also strive to offer students fresh opportunities for developing the lawyering skills demanded by today's practice and an understanding of the expectations that come with being a member of the profession. Our nationally acclaimed Tax Clinic, Externship Program and our successful Moot Court and Mock Trial programs have long offered students excellent opportunities for skills development. This fall we have been able to expand these opportunities in two important ways: the launching of a Criminal Justice Clinic under the leadership of Professor Clark Cunningham, and the creation of a Pro Bono Recognition Program. Both new programs have been enormously successful. Students in the new clinic have tackled a demanding caseload and had the rare opportunity this fall to defend (successfully) a client charged with murder. With the Pro Bono Recognition Program students have responded to the call for pro bono service with incredible gusto and enthusiasm.

We also have been most fortunate this year to continue to benefit from the support and involvement of our alumni and friends. Our Board of Visitors, under the leadership of new chair, John T. Marshall, partner at Powell Goldstein, has formed six key working committees that will assist us in examining issues that are important to the law school's future. This fall we also saw the formal establishment of two significant alumni-led initiatives: the Intellectual Property Advisory Board which will help the College build a nationally recognized Intellectual Property program, and the Graduate Health Law Network which will help support the development of the new Health Law Center. In November, the Graduate Leadership Council expanded its annual "Newly Minted Lawyers" reception in honor of our most recent graduates to add an orientation program about alumni activities and giving opportunities. And in December the College of Law faculty hosted a luncheon for College of Law alumnus Glenn Richardson, Class of '84, in honor of his becoming the next Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, the first College of Law graduate to hold statewide office. Joining the celebration were other law alums who hold seats in the Georgia Assembly: Rick Golick '92, Bill

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Hamrick '92, Curt Thompson '93, and Steve Tumlin '87 as well as Glenn's classmates from the law school's first graduating class: Marty Jones, Adam Jett, Sharon Charleston, Diana McDonald, and Jeff Hamby.

Another factor critical to our future success is the need for state-of-the-art facilities and space within which to grow. Clearly, this will require a new building, and while that is not likely to happen in the immediate future, it is something we must begin to plan for now. This fall the University endorsed such planning by referring to a new law building in its new Strategic Plan. In the meantime, while space is tight, the University continues to support our efforts to upgrade aspects of our existing facilities where possible. We completed three such upgrades this fall: new carpet for the Law Library; a technology make-over for the Courtroom that will expose students to the kind of multi-media features found in many of today's federal and state courthouses; and the renovation of a 60-seat classroom. I encourage you to view these improvements when you visit us.

Finally a word about publicity for the College of Law. We all were quite pleased this fall that—indicative of our growing reputation—the national media looked to members of our faculty as sources for major stories. National Public Radio's Morning Edition featured Lynn Hogue in a story about legal challenges to the military's extension of tours of duty in Iraq. National Public Radio's Weekend Edition featured Eric Segall in a story about the constitutional implications of student requests to leave school early for Islamic religious observances. *Newsweek* magazine and the Sunday *New York Times* quoted Mark Budnitz extensively in separate stories about the legal and regulatory issues involved in online banking.

This coverage is wonderful, but it represents just a fraction of the important work being done by our faculty and our alumni that is worthy of such publicity. Indeed, we have long known that, while the law school has come very far, we have been less effective than other schools in generating media coverage and getting the word out about our successes and initiatives. That is why we took steps this fall to rectify this state of affairs. Using funds generated by a modest tuition increase, we hired a communications consultant, the Echols Group, to conduct an audit of the College's media and marketing efforts and recommend a plan of action.

This plan, which we received in December, offers a comprehensive set of recommendations, the most significant of which is the need to hire a full-time communications director which we plan to do this spring. We fully expect that such a hire, along with the other recommendations, will lead to improved media relations and publicity and more effective communication with our alumni, friends, and external community.

As always, we are fortunate to have so many supporters and friends. I look forward to seeing many of you in the months ahead.

Steven Kaminshine

Emanuel is Named Associate Dean

Professor Anne Emanuel moved to the associate dean's office on July 1st, when former Associate Dean Steven Kaminshine became interim dean of the College of Law. Dean Emanuel has been a member of the faculty since 1986; prior to that she clerked for both federal and state court judges and practiced with the Atlanta firm of Huie, Brown & Ide. Dean Emanuel served as the reporter for the Georgia Trust Code of 1991 and continues to teach in the area of wills, trusts and fiduciary administration, as well as criminal law and criminal procedure. She is presently serving as chair of the Georgia Assessment Team of the ABA Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation. Dean Emanuel reports that after 18 years on the faculty, she is surprised as associate dean to learn something new about the College of Law almost every day; fortunately, it is almost always something good. "These are exciting times," said Dean Emanuel. "With terrific faculty, terrific students, and terrific staff, we really are poised to move forward as an institution."

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Anne Emanuel

Center for the Comparative Study for Metropolitan Growth to Take Students to Rio

Rio de Janeiro, like other major metropolitan areas across the globe, faces a wide range of serious environmental health challenges. This May, students will be given the opportunity to experience a unique, 32-day, interdisciplinary program and use Rio's peerless surroundings as a laboratory to study cutting edge environmental health issues, such as the degradation of Rio's spectacular beaches from industrial and residential pollution and the loss of biodiversity in the Atlantic rainforest as the city's luxury high rise condominiums and shanty-town communities increasingly dominate the landscape.

Students will also study with environmental and public health advocates, ecologists, lawyers and government officials to explore issues such as the challenges of insuring water quality for human use in a diverse city of nearly six million people.

This program is sponsored by the Georgia State University departments of Health Sciences, Anthropology, Geography, the Institute of Public Health and the College of Law. For more information send an email to Professor Colin Crawford at ccrawford@gsu.edu or call 404/651-2058.

Center for Law, Health & Society

The recently established Center for Law, Health & Society is actively developing the Health Law Partnership (HeLP), an interdisciplinary community collaboration among the center, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to improve the health of low-income children and their families in metropolitan Atlanta. By combining the health care expertise of hospital professionals with the legal expertise of attorneys, HeLP will provide a coordinated and integrated set of services to address the multiple social and economic determinants of children's health. Attorney Sylvia Caley was hired to begin developing both the on-site legal clinics at Children's at Egleston and Children's at Scottish Rite and the educational programs for HeLP.

Director of the center, Professor Charity Scott, collaborated in the creation of a new joint-degree program in law and health administration between the College of Law and the Robinson College of Business, approved by the Board of Regents. Students can elect to combine a JD degree with one of the following business degrees: (1) Master of Science in Health Administration (MSHA) or (2) Master of Business Administration/Master of Health Administration (MBA/MHA).

For more information about the Center or how to become involved in its activities such as the Graduate Health Law Network, please contact Assistant Director Jerri Nims at 404/651-0599 or visit http://law.gsu.edu/clhs.

Tax Clinic Resolved 22 Cases

The College of Law's Tax Clinic, working with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), resolved twenty-two cases involving low-income taxpayers, that were docketed on the September 7, 2004, U.S. Tax Court Atlanta trial calendar. Proposed deficiencies amounted to $143,588, and of this amount, 89% or $129,165 was eliminated. The Tax Clinic provides federal tax controversy resolution services to taxpayers residing throughout the state of Georgia. It has been operating since 1992 as one of the components of the College's lawyer skills training program. Law students participate in all aspects of resolving controversies with the IRS, including interviewing clients, preparing cases for appeal conferences and appearing at the conferences themselves, preparing offers-in-compromise, filing petitions with the United States Tax Court, negotiating settlements with the IRS and appearing before the Tax Court. The tax clinic was recently awarded another $85,000 from the IRS to support future operations.

CNCR Receives Grants from the Hewlett Foundation

CNCR is the recipient of two seed grants from the Hewlett Foundation. The first grant of $30,000 is for a project entitled "The Biology of Conflict Resolution: Exploring the Nexus." The second grant, $25,000, is for concept development of an International Center for Conflict Resolution Education, in partnership with the Ohio Office of Dispute Resolution and Temple University. These two awards from the Hewlett Foundation are the final contributions the organization will designate to the development of theory in the field of conflict resolution.

The College of Law Welcomes Visiting and Guest Faculty and Fellows for 2004-05

Faculty Fellow Gene W. Matthews

For the past 25 years, Gene Matthews, a leading national figure in the area of public health law, has served as a legal advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Mr. Matthews completed his position with the CDC in 2004 and is currently developing the Institute of Public Health in partnership with the CDC Foundation with the goal of expanding the use of law as a tool in public health practice. For the 2005 fiscal year, Mr. Matthews is a College of Law faculty fellow sponsored by the college's Center for Law, Health & Society and the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, as well as the Georgia State's Institute of Public Health.

Visiting Professor Timothy W. Floyd

Tim Floyd

Tim Floyd, who held the J. Hadley Edgar Chair at the Texas Tech University School of Law, is teaching Criminal Procedure I and Criminal Law I as a visiting professor at Georgia State this year. Professor Floyd began his legal career with a clerkship with Judge Phyllis Kravitch of the 11th Circuit. He came back to Georgia this fall with his wife, Daisy Hurst Floyd, who accepted the position of Dean at Mercer University School of Law. This spring, Professor Floyd is also teaching a clinic at the new Capital Defenders Program. Students from Georgia State, Emory, Mercer and UGA are participating.

Research Fellow Gregory Jones

Greg Jones

Greg Jones is currently the director of research for the College of Law Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR), the editor-in-chief for CNCR Press and during this fiscal year, a College of Law Research Fellow. As a research fellow, Mr. Jones will serve as a resource to law faculty in the area of empirical and interdisciplinary research. Mr. Jones taught "Statistics and the Law" at the college this past summer. During the fall, he held a faculty workshop on empirical legal research. He is available to consult with individual faculty who may wish to add empirical, interdisciplinary or statistical dimensions to their scholarship.

Miller Lecture draws audience; Spring Lecture Scheduled

Walter E. Dellinger III became the 35th Henry J. Miller Distinguished lecturer on November 4, 2004, when he delivered a speech entitled "The Supreme Court Today" to a large crowd in the Student Center Speakers Auditorium, just three days after the nation's presidential election.

Lillian BeVier, John S. Shannon Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia, will present the 36th Henry J. Miller Lecture at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2005. For more information call 404/651-4360 or send an email to lawdevelopment@gsu.edu.

Georgia State Students Distinguish Themselves on Winter Bar Exam

Georgia State University College of Law graduates shut out their in-state rivals on Georgia's February 2004 bar exam, posting the highest scores across the board. Georgia State grads had the highest average scores on the Multi-state Bar Exam and the highest pass rates for both first-time and repeat test takers.

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Law Graduate Gifts by Class Year—Final Report

Year	# of graduates	# of donors	% of donors	total gifts
1984	7	2	29%	$1,200
1985	55	15	27%	$3,641
1986	126	25	20%	$12,807
1987	136	21	15%	$4,080
1988	159	27	17%	$10,705
1989	98	21	21%	$61,068
1990	131	19	15%	$9,105
1991	165	24	15%	$27,350
1992	157	35	22%	$22,173
1993	150	33	22%	$18,795
1994	173	32	18%	$10,630
1995	167	31	19%	$6,205
1996	145	26	18%	$3,685
1997	199	47	24%	$8,320
1998	188	43	23%	$10,860
1999	193	40	21%	$4,005
2000	179	43	24%	$5,345
2001	133	35	26%	$3,315
2002	168	52	31%	$4,595
2003	160	44	28%	$3,925
2004	208	37	18%	$1,364
Totals	3,097	652	21%	$233,173

Annual giving from our graduates has reached new heights. Just look at the figures! Overall graduate participation reached 21%, up from last year's 17%. Fourteen classes achieved a 20% participation rate or better, up from six last year. Graduates from 14 law firms achieved a 100% alumni participation rate, up from two last year. The college's endowment grew from $431,893 in 1996 to $5,606,874 today and the college's 14 endowed scholarship funds have now reached $1,146,162.

The college gives special recognition to all 15 law firms with a 100% participation rate for fiscal year 2004 and extends sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers and participants who contributed and continue to support the college.

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1985
Jeryl Rosh was elected probate court judge for DeKalb County.

1986
Mary M. "Peggy" Brockington is the recipient of the Graduate Leadership Council's 2005 Service to the College of Law Award.

1987
Shawn LaGrua was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the position of solicitor general for DeKalb County. She oversees the prosecution of all misdemeanor cases.

1989
Michael E. Manely was featured on the cover of the November 5th issue of the Daily Report. Michael, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, represents the six Cobb County parents suing the Cobb County School District over the issue of evolution in textbooks.

1990
Tarey B. Schell was named the new juvenile judge for Fayette, Spalding, Upson and Pike Counties.

1992
Maria B. Golick was appointed traffic court judge for Cobb County.

Linley Jones and Lloyd N. Bell have established a new firm—Jones & Bell. Their new firm handles personal injury, wrongful death and malpractice claims.

Randy Rich is now the state court judge for Gwinnett County. On December 20, 2004, Governor Perdue administered the oath of office to him.

David van der Griff was recently elected chair of the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission for the city and county of Sacramento, California.

1994
Robert Ruppenthal was re-elected as Magistrate Court Judge Post 3 for Fayette County.

Greg Esslinger is executive vice president of Smith & Carson, Inc., a national corporate investigations and consulting firm based in Atlanta. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors. He spent five years as a counter terrorism agent with the FBI and appeared regularly as a terrorism expert for Fox News and locally on WGST radio.

Dennis Blackmon was elected to the superior court bench in Coweta County.

1995
Belinda Edwards was selected by the judges of the Fulton County Superior Court to be a full-time judge for the juvenile court.

Jonathan Pope was featured in the October issue of *Georgia Trend magazine* as one of Georgia's rising stars. The article "40 Under 40" featured young Georgians drawn from business, government, education, academia, medicine, the arts, the nonprofit sector and the judiciary.

1996
Douglas Isenberg was instrumental in winning an international ruling for the Intercontinental Hotels Group in the case of Six Continents Hotels Inc. (SCH) versus Transporto di Networ and Pro Intel. The case addressed the issue of "cyber squatting" and involved the misuse of nine domain names containing trademarks owned by SCH, including the trademarks "Holiday Inn," "Crowne Plaza" and "Staybridge Suites."

1997
Jason Harper defeated Herman Talmadge III to win the republican primary contest for chairman of the Henry County Commission in August.

2001
Joseph Mulholland, elected at 28 years old, is the youngest district attorney in Georgia. He has offices in Bainbridge, Camilla and Cairo, Georgia.

Laura Windsor will practice labor and employment law at the Richmond office of Troutman Sanders.

2002
Anthony DoVale Jr. recently joined Needle & Rosenberg as an associate in the mechanical patent practice group.

Jerri Nims recently joined Georgia State's Center for Law, Health & Society as assistant director. She is responsible for overseeing the center's daily operations and programmatic activities including educational programs, research projects, grant and contract administration, communication and outreach, budget and personnel management, and coordination of special projects. Contact Jerri at jnims@gsu.edu or 404-651-0599 to learn more about opportunities for involvement.

2003
Samantha Johnson is an associate at Mabry & McClelland, LLP in Atlanta where she practices insurance defense litigation and general appellate practice. She married Micah Fink, an attorney at Fink & Travis, on November 13, 2004.

2004
Bashir Sheikh-Ali joined the law firm, Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, as a member of the biotechnology/chemical group.

John Crolle was featured in the May 24th issue of the *Daily Report*. He participated in the 2003 summer associates program at Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams and Martin. The article included his critique on how law firms can improve the set-up of their summer programs.

Crystal Ferrier was featured in the May 10th issue of the *Daily Report*. The article included her decision to split her summer associate experience between a medium and a large firm.

Andrew S. Lewinter is now a staff attorney for the National Labor Relations Board.

IN MEMORIAM

Jill Stanislawsky passed away on August 29, 2004 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. Jill moved to Los Angeles after obtaining her law degree from Georgia State in 1998. She was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis a few years ago and has struggled with her health ever since.

Philip Robertson passed away on the morning of December 3, 2004. Phil graduated from Georgia State University College of Law in 2003. He was employed in the legal department for the Medical College of Georgia.

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Oglethorpe Legal Society

Inspired by Georgia legal history, in the spring of 2003 a group of law students founded The Oglethorpe Legal Society. In colonial days in Savannah groups that gathered to discuss matters of the day, many with colorful names, abounded — the Amicable Society, St. Andrew's Club and even the Ugly Club, to name a few. The student founders of the Oglethorpe Legal Society sought to emulate that tradition.

One goal of the society is to demonstrate that the College of Law, while housed in Atlanta, serves the entire state of Georgia. Law students are assisted by alumni members who hold seats on the executive committee and who actively contribute to the organization's goals. More specifically, the goals of the society are: to provide networking opportunities, to sponsor CLE programs for members, to sponsor programs that address emerging legal issues in Georgia, to raise the visibility of the pool of exceptional legal talent of Georgia State graduates and to foster a stronger sense of alumni identity among graduates.

This fall, the Society sponsored what it plans to make an annual event: a CLE program taught by Georgia State law faculty for Georgia State law graduates. Held on October 23rd at the Georgia Convention Center in Savannah, the inaugural event included as presenters Dean Kaminshine; Professors Lanier, Milich, and Sobelson; and special guests, former Court of Appeals Judge Irwin W. Stolz Jr. and Professor Emeritus of the University of Georgia Law School, Erwin Surrency. For additional information about the Oglethorpe Legal Society, contact Jimmy Hurt at jimmyhurt@charter.net.

SPOTLIGHT

Alumni presented Mentor Award in Philadelphia

Susan Colussy was presented the 2004 Sam Williamson Mentor Award in Philadelphia during the national convention for the American Immigration Lawyers Association in June. She is a 1986 law graduate and immigration lawyer who has spent nearly 19 years helping immigrants with limited incomes. She runs a low-cost immigration clinic called Catholic Social Services (CSS). Sue was recognized for mentoring law students with an interest in immigration law. She has mentored dozens of Atlanta immigration attorneys and has been honored by Mayor Shirley Franklin and the State Bar of Georgia. Susan began work at CSS while in her last quarter of law school. Over the years, many of Georgia's law students have interned with her clinic as well as summer students from law schools around the country. Susan would like to invite new lawyers to volunteer at the clinic and learn about the practice of immigration law. For more information call 404/885-6571 or visit www.cssatlanta.com.

Susan Colussy '86

Graduate Leadership Council Seeks Members

The college's Graduate Leadership Council (G.L.C.) is the governing body of the Law Graduates Association and provides a wide range of services to the College of Law such as event planning, student recruitment and fund-raising assistance.

The council is comprised of two or more members of each graduating class. These members serve as G.L.C. Class Representatives. Representatives serve a term of office for two years, following a nomination and acceptance of the invitation to serve on the council. We are currently seeking new or additional class representatives for the following classes in particular: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1996. You may nominate an individual to serve or nominate yourself. For more information contact Delita Marsland at 404/651-2040 or send an email to lawdevelopment@gsu.edu.

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Attend a complimentary lunch at Powell Goldstein on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Hear about faculty and student accomplishments and learn how you can help to keep Georgia State listed with the top 100 law schools in the nation. RSVP before March 3rd to lawdevelopment@gsu.edu or call 404/651-2040.

Intellectual Property Initiative Update

In March 2004, the Intellectual Property (IP) initiative was officially kicked off and an IP Advisory Board was formed. The board completed its initial plans and program goals and initiated a "Founders" campaign to secure financial support for the program. As of early September, over $100,000 was committed in gifts and pledges to the IP fund and more than 50 IP founders committed time and money.

On October 9, a celebration was held at the Commerce Club to recognize the ongoing success of the new IP initiative, thank the current founders for their support and share the exciting plans for expansion of the intellectual property law program.

In the near term, plans are underway to add a website, a mentoring program, an externship program, seminars and writing competitions. Committees are being formed to assist on all aspects of this initiative. We would like to encourage you to volunteer to give back to your alma mater by serving on a committee or making a financial contribution to the Intellectual Property Founders Program. For more information contact Scott Frank ('94) at scott.frank@bellsouth.com or the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at lawdevelopment@gsu.edu.

Members of the Intellectual Property Advisory Group gather at their first celebration. From left: Jeff Kuester '93; Clifford Stanford '95; Alleen Deutsch, development director; Michael Landau, professor; Scott Frank '94; Anne Emanuel, associate dean; Creighton Frommer, president of IP Law Society Student Organization and Steven Kaminshine, interim dean.

Graduate Leadership Council Salutes Class of 2004

More than 75 guests attended the Sixth Annual Newly Minted Lawyers Cocktail Reception hosted by the Graduate Leadership Council (GLC). The event was held on Thursday, November 11, 2004, at the Commerce Club. Each year, the council welcomes new law graduates into the College of Law's alumni family and applauds graduates for passing the bar exam. This year's overall bar passage rate was 92 percent.

The program began with a presentation from the president of the council, Amy Bogartz, followed by a presentation from five other graduate organizations: Intellectual Property Law Initiative, Graduate Health Law Network, Cobb Alumni Group, Oglelthorpe Legal Society and the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Pro Bono Opportunity. Several faculty members were in attendance including Interim Dean Steven Kaminshine.

The Graduate Leadership Council thanks everyone for supporting council events and activities. For more information about the Graduate Leadership Council or other graduate organizations call 404/651-2040 or visit http://law.gsu.edu for more information.

From Left: Hoang Minh Vo '04, Samatha Imber '04 and Professor Kelly Timmons reunite at the Newly Minted Lawyers Reception on November 11, 2004.

Trial Practice Teams Post Victories Across the Country

Paige Boorman and Brandon Taylor as advocates — with Marshall Dees, Kristin Haynes, Neera Makwana, and Graham McDonald as witnesses — won the William Daniel National Mock Trial Competition hosted by the State Bar of Georgia. Paige Boorman was named Best Advocate, with Brandon Taylor a very close second. Alumni Brian Fortner ('00) and Joe Burford ('88) coached our national champions.

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Another Georgia State University College of Law team was the national runner-up at the Lone Star Classic National Mock Trial Competition in San Antonio, Texas. Georgia State lost to the University of Buffalo in the final round. Team members were Marc Clark, Andrew Gebhardt, Naiyareh Karimimanesh and Amanda Lowery. Tom Jones and Brian Duva ('02) coached the team.

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Also national runner-ups: Steve Shewmaker and Laura Dyes as attorneys, and Ed Napier and Jessica Reece as witnesses, reached the final round of the National Trial Advocacy Competition at Michigan State University before losing to SMU. David Brauns, Chip Hodge, Phil Pilgrim and Trea Pipkin — coached by Cheryl Champion and Tom Jones — traveled to Buffalo, New York, for the Buffalo Invitational, bested 26 other teams to reach the quarter finals and finished fifth overall.

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Georgia State's National Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) trial team won two of their three preliminary rounds in the NACDL National Trial Competition. Kryss Roch was awarded the Top Oralist Award for the third round of the entire competition. Other team members were Kennita Haley, Jason Sheffield and Seth Martin. The team was coached by Denise DeLaRue ('95) and Professors Roy Sobelson and Ellen Podgor.

Board of Regents honors College of Law Founder and Benefactor

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recognized Georgia State University graduate and law school founder and benefactor W. Lee Burge as one of six inaugural "Regents' Hall of Fame" award recipients. The award was given to three outstanding faculty members and three notable alumni of the 34 University System of Georgia institutions for their contributions to public higher education in the state.

Burge served as a member of the Board of Regents and led efforts to establish the College of Law. The W. Lee Burge Chair of Law and Ethics at the college is named in recognition of his service and he has established a College of Law endowed scholarship. In addition to Mr. Burge's financial commitment to the law school, he is an emeritus member of the College of Law Board of Visitors and has served on the Georgia State University Foundation Board, the Robinson College of Business Board of Advisors and the Georgia State Alumni Association Board.

From left: Frank Ross, secretary and treasurer of the University System of Georgia Foundation; W. Lee Burge; Chancellor Thomas P. Meredith of the University System of Georgia

Burge, who earned his bachelor's degree in accountancy from Georgia State in 1942, enjoyed a long career with Equifax, ultimately serving as the company's chairman. Upon his 50th anniversary with Equifax, the company established a presidential scholarship in his honor at Georgia State.

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The Pro Bono Recognition Program was launched during college-wide meetings in August. Dean Kaminshine, with the assistance of several members of the faculty and Michael Monahan, Pro Bono Project director for the State Bar of Georgia, presented a program that included the unveiling of the web page for the program. The web page, accessible from the college's home page, contains contact information for hundreds of public service opportunities and allows students to record their volunteer hours and keep a running tally. Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights and recipient of the college's 2003 Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award, helped to launch the program with a noon-time address to the student body.

Visit the college's website at http://law.gsu.edu for more news and updates.

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Ronald Blasi co-authored an article in the *Journal of Taxation and Regulation of Financial Institutions* entitled "New Capitalization Rules: Their Sweeping Effect on Financial Institutions." He also co-authored "Tax Strategies for Community Bankers" published by the American Bankers Association. Commerce Clearing House published Professor Blasi's 2004 edition of the *CCH Bank Tax Guide*. Professor Blasi was awarded an $85,000 grant from the Internal Revenue Service to support the operation of the Tax Clinic.

Mark Budnitz presented papers at a conference at the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank on prepaid stored value cards; at the Consumer Law Professors Conference at the University of Houston on recent developments in payments law; and at a meeting of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors in Chicago on the applicability of electronic payment rules to on-line payday loans. He also led a workshop at the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank on the need for a uniform consumer payments law. At the American Bar Association's annual meeting he chaired a session for the Cyberspace Law Committee's working group on consumer protection. Professor Budnitz was quoted in articles on consumer finance issues in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in June and in *Newsweek* in September. In November, he was quoted in a *New York Times* article about consumers who were unhappy with automated debit programs.

Clark Cunningham presented "Taking the Punishment out of the Process" at the Marilyn Stein Bellet Conference on Ethics and the Law. The conference was sponsored by the Fordham School of Law and Low Country Legal Aid in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Professor Cunningham has been appointed by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to the Fulton County Criminal Justice Blue Ribbon Commission.

Andi Curcio is a member of the advisory board for the Center for Justice and Democracy (CJD) and drafted a fact sheet on "why we need tort law" which will be part of the bigger package of information compiled by numerous academics and provided to the media by the CJD in its attempt to counter some of the mis-information distributed by tort reform proponents. Professor Curcio is continuing her work on the Bar Exam with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) sub-committee. On behalf of SALT, she drafted a paper outlining alternatives to the existing bar exam. The paper was distributed by SALT at the ABA/NCBE/AASL October conference.

Anne Emanuel is serving as the chair of the Georgia Assessment Team of the ABA Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

Marjorie Girth was reappointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to the Commission on Access & Fairness in the Courts, formerly the Commission on Equality, and the State Bar of Georgia reappointed her to its Standards of the Profession Committee.

Janice Griffith was appointed to serve as a member of the Quality Growth Legal & Technical Committee, which was established in August 2004 to help implement recommendations made by the Metro Atlanta Quality Growth Task Force.

Lynn Hogue presented a paper entitled "State Choice of Law Doctrine and Non-marital Same Sex Partner Benefits and Relationships: How Will States Enforce the Public Policy Exception?" at a symposium on Interjurisdictional Recognition of Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships and Benefits at Brigham Young University Law School in Utah.

Julian Juergensmeyer is a member of the Panel of Academic Consultants for Black's Law Dictionary, Eighth Edition. Also, his student project (CP 6016/Law 7242) on landfill sitting in Fulton County won an award from the Georgia Planning Association.

Marjorie Knowles spoke at the Fiduciary College at Stanford Law School in May and in August she participated on the panel for the AMA Meeting in Atlanta on "Alternative Dispute Resolution and Corporate Governance."

Michael Landau published a third edition of *Lindey on Entertainment, Publishing & the Arts: Agreements and The Law* with Alexander Lindley. He also published a new edition of the 2004 cumulative supplement to *WEST'S Federal Administrative Practice Manual* with Charles McManis and the 2004 cumulative supplement to *Entertainment Law*. "Questions and Answers About the Napster Case" (Chapter 16) in John Fodor's *Understanding Computer Ethics* was written by Professor Landau. He presented *Law Review* articles scheduled for print at a series of conferences last year. Professor Landau appeared on the cover of the October issue of the *Georgia Bar Journal* and in the magazine's article "Slice of Life" on the daily practice of 11 Georgia lawyers.

Charles Marvin continues to work internationally on law development and reform. He was featured in an article entitled "Building the Rule of Law in Eastern Europe and Eurasia" published in the Spring 2004 *University of Chicago Law School Record*. After teaching summer courses in Latvia and Lithuania this August, he served on the Atlanta host committee of the International Law Section for the American Bar Association Annual Meeting, as one of the hosts for the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative luncheon and meeting and as a panelist on a meeting session on recent legislative developments in Central and Eastern Europe. Professor Marvin was named Vice Chair in charge of Eastern European Law on the European Law Committee of the ABA International Law Section for 2004-2005.

Paul Milich helped present a program at Georgia State entitled "Proof of Electronic Signatures and Documents at Trial." The program was sponsored by the law firm of Lord, Bissell and Brook and by the College of Law and the College of Business. This program was repeated in Washington D.C. in October. Professor Milich also presented a program for Georgia probate and city judges in June and an August ICLE program on "Evidentiary Issues in Contract Cases." Professor Milich presented a program on evidence for city and county attorneys in September, and programs for juvenile court judges and new probate judges in early and late November.

Ellen Podgor wrote an op-ed titled, "Defense 'CEO' Accountable for Prison Abuses," in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and co-authored an op-ed piece in the *National Law Journal* titled, "Proceed With Caution" with Barry Scheck, a piece discussing the Blakely decision on criminal sentencing. She co-authored the third edition of *White Collar Crime in a Nutshell* with Professor Jerold H. Israel and the second edition of the *Statutory and Documentary Supplement for White Collar Crime: Law and Practice* with Professor Jerold H. Israel, Hon. Paul D. Borman, & Professor Peter Henning. Professor

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Podgor's article titled, "Cybercrime-Cyberterrorism," was published as part of the Siracusa Conference Proceedings in *19 Nouvelles Etudes Penales 283* (2004) and her "Gideon Introduction" appears in *41 American Criminal Law Review* 131(2004), followed by the panel she moderated at the symposium at Georgetown University Law Center titled, "Gideon at 40: Facing the Crisis, Fulfilling the Promise," with panelists Yale Kamisar, Abe Krash, and Anthony Lewis. Professor Podgor spoke on two panels in Montreal at the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law on "Responding to Threats to National Security: Finding the Balance: Security, Liberty and Justice" and "Security Measures and Links to Organized Crime." She also was a panelist as part of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL) on "Ethics and Criminal Law: How to Deal with False Client Evidence," and for the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on "Mail Fraud: Limiting the Limitless." At the Southeast Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) she moderated a panel on "Civil Liberties and Terrorism" and at the annual Law & Society Association Conference a panel on "Civil Liberties and Terrorism: Finding the Appropriate Balance." Professor Podgor was also a panelist at the 13th national annual seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, on "Are the Guidelines Working: A Research Perspective" and was the speaker at the Criminal Justice Forum at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, speaking on the topic, "Jose Padilla and Martha Stewart: Who Should Be Charged With Criminal Conduct?"

Mary Radford has been elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and has been appointed to ACTEC's Strategic Planning Task Force. Professor Radford gave bar review lectures this summer in Atlanta, Macon, Athens, Birmingham and Indianapolis. She gave a presentation at the Fiduciary Law Institute on recent developments in Georgia probate and fiduciary law and will give a similar presentation to the Savannah Estate Planning Council in October. Professor Radford is the 2004-05 chair of the development advisory committee at the College of Law and is also serving on the dean's advisory committee.

Charity Scott and Sylvia Caley initiated a program with Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Egleston to help patients with health problems that stem from poverty. They will help educate health care providers on the legal aspects of patients' health problems. Caley, a former student of Professor Scott's, will be the first lawyer on call at Children's Healthcare. Professor Scott organized a plenary session on "Race and the Teaching of Health Law" at the annual Health Law Teachers' conference in June, sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME). She spoke on the "Interdisciplinary Contributions to Public Health" at the annual meeting on Public Health Law co-sponsored by ASLME and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Eric Segall participated in a panel discussion about Justice O'Connor at the South Eastern Association of Law Schools Conference at Kiawah Island in July. He also gave a presentation about the religion cases from the 2003-04 term of the Supreme Court to the local bar as part of the annual Supreme Court update sponsored by the ICLE on September 9. He was interviewed by WABE/NPR's "All Things Considered" about the Gwinnett school system's policy of letting Muslim children out early for religious observances.

Roy Sobelson participated in discussions to the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho entitled "Using the Rules of Evidence to Effectively Represent Your Clients," and "Ethical Issues in Criminal Defense Work," in August. Professor Sobelson moderated a panel discussion on the ethical duties of lobbying lawyers sponsored by the *Fulton County Daily* Report as part of its "In Practice" series. The edited version appeared in the paper's December issue.

Jack F. Williams was selected as one of the American College of Bankruptcy 2004 Fellows. The college recognized distinguished bankruptcy professionals in an effort to set standards of achievement for others in the insolvency community and to fund and assist projects that enhance the highest quality of bankruptcy practice.

SPOTLIGHT

Podger Named Honorary Fellow

Professor Ellen Podgor

Professor Ellen S. Podgor was named an honorary fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. The American Board of Criminal Lawyers, an exclusive national, legal honorary society for outstanding criminal trial lawyers for both the defense and prosecution, admits members by invitation only. Professor Podgor is a member of the American Law Institute (ALI) and is on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL). She teaches criminal law, international criminal law, white collar crime, criminal procedure I and II, trial advocacy, women in the law and agency and partnership at Georgia State. Her op-ed pieces have appeared in numerous newspapers and she has co-authored and authored numerous books and articles.

Professor Scott Honored for Exceptional Service

Professor Charity Scott received the University's prestigious Exceptional Service Award for her extraordinary accomplishments in discipline-related service accompanied by excellence in scholarship and teaching. Professor Scott's discipline-related service at the national, state and local levels has helped develop health law as its own professional discipline and fostered collaboration between the legal and health professions to benefit the community's health.

UPCOMING EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP AUCTION
Saturday, February 19 • 7 p.m.
Loudermilk Center, Downtown Atlanta
Call 404-513-9097 to donate items and 404-550-9432 to purchase tickets.

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING
Tuesday, February 22 • 8 a.m.
College of Law
Faculty Conference Room
For more information call 404-651-4360.

GRADUATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 3 • 6:30 p.m.
Hall Booth Smith & Slover
Call 404-651-2040 for more information.

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SEMINAR SERIES
Moderator: Faculty Fellow Gene Matthews
"Reinventing Livable Cities: The Role of Public Health in Land Use Planning Law"
Monday, March 28 • 2:30 p.m.
Urban Life Center, Room 170
Free and open to the public —1.5 CLE credit Call 404/651-0599 or visit http://law.gsu.edu/clhs/ for more information.

FOURTH ANNUAL FUND KICK-OFF LUNCH
Thursday, March 10 • Noon
Powell Goldstein LLP
RSVP to lawdevelopment@gsu.edu before March 1, 2005. Call 404-651-2040 for more information.

SPRING 2005 MILLER LECTURE
Speaker: Lillian BeVier, UVA John S. Shannon Distinguished Professor of Law
Thursday, March 17 • 6 p.m.
Student Center Speakers Auditorium
Free and open to the public — No reservation required

LAW WEEK KICK-OFF BREAKFAST
Monday, April 4 • 7:30 a.m.
Student Center Ballroom
Free — For more information call 404/651-0734.

BARRISTERS BALL
Saturday, April 9
For more information call 404-651-0734.

CENTER FOR LAW, HEALTH & SOCIETY CONFERENCE
"Mananging Conflict Ethically: Collaboration in Bioethics and Health Law"
April 13-14
Decatur, Georgia
Call 404/651-0599 or visit http://law.gsu.edu/clhs/ for more information.

HOODING CEREMONY
Friday, May 13 • 6 p.m-9 p.m.
Sports Arena

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING
Tuesday, May 19 • 8 a.m.
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2005 STATE BAR OF GEORGIA ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI BREAKFAST
June 8-12
The Westin Savannah Harbor Resort, Georgia
Register through the State Bar of Georgia at www.gabar.org or call 404-527-8790.

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