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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

WINTER 2001

Graduate Pledges $50,000 Challenge Grant

Dean Janice Griffith is pleased to announce that a 1989 graduate who attended the College of Law on a part-time basis has pledged $50,000 to match all alumni annual gifts to the college. This challenge grant provides a special incentive for the college to dramatically increase donations from our graduates to the $50,000 level and to increase the percentage of giving to 20 percent.

All alumni gifts received since July 1, 2000, will be matched dollar for dollar. As of Dec. 31, 2000, gifts to the annual fund total $17,540.

"We are delighted that one of our graduates is able to support the college in this way," said Dean Griffith. "A gift of this size provides a strong incentive for graduates to give an annual gift if they never have done so, to renew a gift if they have not given recently, or to increase a current gift. Each and every gift to the college makes a positive difference in our ability to enhance our academic programs."

The dean will help kick-off the campaign with visits to firms in the Atlanta area that employ several Georgia State University College of Law graduates.

This edition of the *Law Letter* encloses a self-seal, return envelope for your convenience.

See page 5 for the newly established donor recognition categories.

"Does Law Promise Justice" 27th Lecture in Series

Miller lecturer Jerry Waldron in discussion with College of Law Professor William Edmundson.

The Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series presented Jeremy J. Waldron, the Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law and director of the Center for Law and Philosophy at Columbia University in New York City, at its lecture October 12, 2000 in the Urban Life Auditorium. Professor Waldron earned his B.A. and LL.B. degrees at the University of Otago in his native New Zealand,

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

The American Bar Association's Accreditation Committee recently forwarded its report specifying findings and conclusions relative to the site visit last year. It commended the faculty for its high quality teaching, research productivity, and service to the law school, university and community. It found a high degree of satisfaction with support provided by the law library. The hiring of additional faculty members since the last accreditation site visit in1992 pleased the committee.

While our program of legal education received high marks, the Committee found physical facilities deficiencies in our classrooms, law library, and space allocated for courtroom, student activity, and computer laboratory use. The college is working with the university to complete architectural drawings by July 1, 2001, for additional space in the Urban Life Building when it becomes available.

The committee praised the college's fund raising activities. Since the last A.B.A. visit, two endowed chair positions and several scholarship endowments have been created. The receipt of a $50,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor, who is a member of the class of 1989, should spur additional support this year. This gift will match every gift received from graduates during this fiscal year up to $50,000.

Faculty committees continue to follow up on issues raised during last year's self study process. We remain committed to our mission to provide excellent, affordable legal education to a diverse group of students through part time and full time programs. That education must be relevant for our contemporary global world that is rapidly being transformed by new modes of commerce and technology. We pride ourselves on our readiness to prepare students to meet today's challenges and those they will encounter during their 21st century legal careers.

We also believe that our law school community should provide knowledge to improve our society. The expertise we share connects us to the community in numerous ways. The recent Georgia State University Law Review symposium on sprawl and smart growth showcased talent from a number of universities in the Atlanta metro area and included scholars from abroad as well. Each year a Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute endowment supports a visiting scholar who meets with students, faculty members, the bench, and the bar to discuss the latest developments in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law.

With your help, the law school will continue to excel at providing legal education that prepares students for today's and tomorrow's world.

Janice C. Griffith

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University Thanks Trammell Foundation for Tax Clinic Success

The Trammell Foundation has played an important role in the success of the Georgia State University College of Law. The foundation's leadership and financial support have been instrumental in making the college's tax clinic the successful program it is today. At a dinner party hosted by Georgia State University President Carl Patton on December 5, Dean Griffith presented the Trammell Foundation's Trustees with individual plaques in recognition of their leadership support.

"We can be proud of the fact that, due to the Trammell Foundation's contributions, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the tax clinic as a model for other organizations seeking to assist low income taxpayers," commented College of Law Dean Janice Griffith.

The guest list included Philip C. Cook, chairman of the foundation's board of trustees, and wife Ann Cook; board member Jamie Hutchinson; board member Ben White and wife Ramona White; President Carl Patton and wife Gretchen Patton; Provost Ron Henry; Dean Janice Griffith and husband Richard Perles; Ben F. Johnson III, managing partner of Alston & Bird, and wife Ann Johnson; Professor Ron Blasi, tax clinic director; Dean Morley, tax clinic supervising attorney; and Development Director Alleen Deutsch.

Dean Janice Griffith presents plaque to Phillip C. Cook, chairman of the Trammell Foundation's Board of Trustees.

From left to right: Standing: Trammell Foundation Board of Trustees members Phillip C. Cook, Benjamin White and Jamie Hutchinson; tax clinic supervising attorney Dean Morley; Ben F. Johnson III, Alston & Bird managing partner; and tax clinic director Ron Blasi. Seated: Georgia State University President Carl Patton, College of Law Dean Janice Griffith

New Members Join Board of Visitors

The College of Law welcomed five new and one returning member to its Board of Visitors this fall. The new members are: Joel Cowan, Georgia Regional Transit Authority Chairman; Richard A. Jones, vice president and general counsel, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; John T. Marshall, Partner, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy; Charles R. Morgan, executive vice president and general counsel, BellSouth Corp.; Daniel S. Reinhardt, partner, Troutman Sanders. Returning member Dorothy T. Beasley serves as senior advisor, International Programs Division, National Center for State Courts.

Dorothy Beasley returns to the board and Atlanta after a career move from Washington, D.C. She served for more than 14 years on the Court of Appeals of Georgia, including a term as chief judge.

Joel Cowan founded Peachtree City and served as its first mayor. He served the state with leadership appointments in planned growth through the 1970s and 1980s. His entrepreneurial activities include Phipps Plaza and Palmetto Dunes in Hilton Head, S.C.

Richard A. Jones began his career as an attorney with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C. Before joining the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, he was regional counsel for the Atlanta region of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

John T. Marshall is the former chair of the litigation department at Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy. He tries cases in the commercial area, concentrating in banking, securities, professional liability, trusts and estates and business litigation.

Charles R. Morgan has served as vice president and senior corporate counsel of Kraft, Inc., vice president, general counsel and secretary of Chiquita Brands International, Inc.; and most recently as partner in the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt.

Daniel S. Reinhardt is an experienced environmental litigator with extensive experience in business and commercial litigation, professional liability, products liability and personal injury litigation for both the plaintiff and the defendant.

The college is pleased to welcome this distinguished group of professionals to our Board of Visitors in their roles as key ambassadors and supporters of our College of Law.

Georgia State University First in State Bar Pass Rates

Georgia State University College of Law was number one in the state in the overall bar pass rate, the first-timer pass rate and the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) average on the July 2000 bar exam. The overall pass rate topped 91 percent, passing the University of Georgia (90.5 percent), Emory University School of Law (89.3 percent) and Mercer University Law School (87.3 percent).

Georgia State University graduates also placed first among first-time test takers, with 92.3 percent passing. University of Georgia was number two with 91.3 percent, Emory was next with 88.9 percent and Mercer had an 87.9 percent passing rate.

College of Law graduates also swept the Multistate Bar Exam portion with an average score of 149.1, surpassing UGA's 148.6, Emory's 146.5 and Mercer's 143.

One hundred and thirty six College of Law graduates sat for the exam, 131 of whom were first-time takers. A total of 1,270 people took the exam in July, posting a pass rate of 74.9 percent. That figure includes all test takers from schools in Georgia as well as out-of-state, and American Bar Association approved and unapproved schools. The overall pass rate for first timers was 83.6 percent, with only 33.9 percent of repeat takers passing.

"I was very pleased and proud that our graduates finished number one among the test takers of the July 2000 Georgia State Bar," said Dean Janice Griffith. She added "I predicted we would be the state's premier law school in 2020 and today it looks like we will be accomplishing that goal even sooner."

New Staff Members Join Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alleen Deutsch, director of development, is delighted to announce that Delita M. Ashby and Christine M. Hill joined the development office in the fall. Ms.Ashby serves as alumni relations coordinator and Ms. Hill as development assistant.

Delita Ashby joined the college from Zoo Atlanta where she served as membership marketing coordinator. She is a 1998 graduate of SUNY College at Buffalo. Ms. Ashby previously worked for Rogers & Associates on the American Honda Motor Co. account and subsequently, the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific. She is responsible for the organization and implementation of the college's annual fund and alumni special events and programs, including the Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lectures, the Ben F. Johnson Jr. Service Award, class reunions and the hooding ceremony.

Christine Hill (not pictured) attended Hunter College in New York City and was executive assistant to the dean at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law. Most recently she worked at city hall in Avondale Estates, as an administrative assistant in the city manager's office where she was the editor of the city's newsletter. Ms. Hill compiles, edits and produces the *Law Letter*, maintains address and employer information updates, facilitates the Board of Visitors meetings and the Southern Bankruptcy Law Institute programs and provides support for college alumni events, development projects and public relations.

Delita Ashby, new alumni relations coordinator

The development and alumni affairs office is now fully staffed and prepared to help the College of Law, along with its alumni and benefactors, achieve its vision for the future.

Alums to Help Host Competition

Georgia State University College of Law will host the 2001 Southeastern Regional of the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. The competition will be held February 16-18, 2001, at the College of Law. Students from law schools in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and Alabama will compete for the right to advance to the U.S. National Competition, and then to the International Rounds. Alumni Claire Lemme, Lee Biola and Sumita Ghosh are coordinating this effort for the College of Law. They will be assisted by students from the International and Comparative Law Society.

The Jessup Competition was founded in 1959 by a group of international law students from Harvard University, Columbia University and the University of Virginia. Today, approximately 1500 students from more than 300 law schools in almost 50 nations on six continents participate in the competition.

New Donor Recognition Categories Established

The College of Law recently adopted recognition categories to provide an additional means to thank its donors. These categories enable us to further recognize the generosity of all those who contribute financially to the college.

All donors to the annual fund will be recognized, by giving level, during the fall publication of the Law Letter.

You will note that the Dean's Club level is established at $1,000 or $500 if a graduate is five years or less out of law school, or a judge, teacher or government official. All donors to the Dean's Club level and above are invited to an annual special recognition event.

Several special annual giving categories have been established. The Book Award recognizes the top student in a designated course. The Momentum Fund seeks to provide $5,000 per year for five years in order to provide immediate scholarship support for a student's law school education.

Donor Recognition Levels
College of Law Georgia State University

ANNUAL FUND

Associate ..... $1-$99
Supporter ..... $100-$249
Advocate ..... $250-$499
Counselor ..... $500-$999
Dean's Club ..... $1,000-$2,499, or at least $500 annually if a graduate of 5 years or less, a judge, a teacher or a government official.
Dean's Fellow ..... $2,500-$4,999
Dean's Scholar ..... $5,000-$9,999
Dean's Benefactor ..... $10,000-$19,999
Dean's Sustainer ..... $20,000-$29,999
Dean's Council ..... $30,000-$49,999
Dean's Partner ..... $50,000-$99,999
Dean's Trust ..... $100,000 and above

All Dean's Club level and above are invited to the College of Law's annual recognition dinner.

CUMULATIVE GIFTS

College of Law Partner $10,000
College of Law Benefactor $50,000
College of Law Trust $100,000
College of Law Bronze Trust $250,000
College of Law Silver Trust $500,000
College of Law Gold Trust $1,000,000

Special Annual Gift Opportunities

Law Library Named Carrel $10,000

Book Awards ..... $2,000 per year for 5 consecutive years ($10,000)

The Book Award Program honors scholastic achievement in legal education by recognizing the outstanding student in a designated law course taught at the college.

The Momentum Fund ..... $5,000 per year for 5 consecutive years ($25,000)

In order to fulfill the immediate need to enhance the financial assistance available to our students, the college is seeking gifts of $25,000 from individuals or firms to fund multi-year, non-endowed scholarships.

Visit our home page at www.law.gsu.edu

Student Serves on National Board of Governors

Cynthia Matthews, a current 3L at the college of law, has served on the Law Student Division National Board of Governors of the American Bar Association over the past year. This organization represents all accredited law schools in the United States. The Law Student Division (L.S.D.) has approximately 50,000 members from 182 accredited schools. The Board of Governors has the responsibility of managing the Law Student Division and representing the concerns and goals of law students to the House of Delegates.

Some of the programs that the L.S.D. manages are the liaison program that places law students with the various sections of the American Bar Association; the national competitions programs consisting of client counseling, appellate advocacy, negotiation, and trial advocacy competitions; a law school grant program to provide seed money for innovative law school programs; and the volunteer income tax assistance program.

The law school division holds an annual meeting in conjunction with the American Bar Association's annual meeting in which all schools are represented by their Student Bar Association president and representative. At this meeting the L.S.D., through resolutions, debates and votes on policies and issues that the nation's law schools would like to see promoted. Some of the issues that originated with the L.S.D. are the 20-hour work restriction for law students; the institution of a national law day to celebrate the legal profession; and Work-a-Day which is a national community service day for all law students. The law student division also sends its voice on issues affecting the legal community, such as multi-disciplinary practice, to the American Bar Association through its resolutions process.

Cynthia Matthews

Governor Matthews has represented the 5th Circuit on the Board of Governors, the largest circuit in the nation, consisting of all accredited law schools in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Her duties included chairing the National Resolutions Committee, serving as a member of the National Student Bar Association Committee, and chairing the Long-Range Planning Committee. Matthews also has organized, planned and led four circuit meetings held in Atlanta, New Orleans, Tampa and Nashville, each of which was attended by over 100 law students.

In recognition of her hard work, the L.S.D. awarded Matthews a Silver Key for outstanding leadership. The Silver Key is one of the highest awards given by the L.S.D. and is received by only three people each year.

Matthews has not allowed her national duties to detract from her work here at Georgia State. She is a competitive member of the College of Law's successful mock trial and moot court teams, an executive officer of the Moot Court Board and has served as the president of the Association of Women Law Students.

Kudos

Jurist is one of the leading web pages for information about legal education and the activities of law school and professors. Recently, *My Jurist*, a customized version of Jurist that serves as a portal for a particular law school has been developed. One of our own students, John Taylor 3L, assisted the staff at *Jurist* in creating this customized page. John's involvement resulted from conversations between Patrick Wiseman and *Jurist* creator Bernard Hibbitts, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. The customized version for Georgia State can be found at http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/myjurist/gsu/htm.

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Congratulations to Bernadette Clark and Eileen Sexton, both 3Ls, for their success at the Keenan's Kids Foundation 4th Annual Law School Closing Argument Competition.

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An article by Karen L. Dayton '00 has been selected as the third place scholarship winner in the 2000 Bernfeld Writing Competition. The article is entitled "To Be or Not to Be: Does the Disparate Impact of the Bankruptcy Code on Women Make Bankruptcy a 'Women's Issue'?" See the Bankruptcy Forum website (www.calbf.com).

MILLER LECTURE *continued from page 1*

Waldron Speaks at 27th Miller Lecture

followed by a D. Phil., from Oxford, where he studied with past Miller Lecturer Ronald Dworkin. Prof. Waldron was admitted as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand in 1978, and has taught at Edinburgh, Otago, Berkeley, Cornell and Princeton. He gave the second series of Seeley Lectures at Cambridge University in 1996, the 1999 Carlyle Lectures at Oxford University, and was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1998.

By paying attention to the kind of justice promised by each component of the legal order, we find confirmation of the idea that law promises justice.

"Does Law Promise Justice?" was the title of Professor Waldron's lecture. The idea of law and the idea of justice can be distinguished in the abstract, yet most of us believe there is a close relationship between the two. The precise nature of that relationship has been a matter of longstanding controversy. Two well-known schools of jurisprudence take starkly different positions on the issue. The natural law position associated with Thomas Aquinas, Lon Fuller and, most recently, Professor John Finnis of Oxford and Notre Dame, represents the relationship between law and justice as very close indeed; an unjust law is held to be no law at all. The position known as legal positivism, associated with John Austin, H.L.A. Hart, and most recently, Professor Waldron's colleague Joseph Raz, represents the relationship between law and justice to be a much looser one. From the perspective of legal positivism, there is no necessary connection between law and justice even though we may be accustomed to thinking that there is or at least should be; what the law is depends upon facts in the world that can be gathered without first making an assessment of the justice of political institutions.

Professor Waldron's contribution to this debate starts with the idea that law is a functional concept, similar in this way to the concept of a hospital. A hospital is by definition a place one goes to get treatment to restore one's health. That is the function of a hospital. But the relation between hospitals and health is not so close that one is guaranteed to get healthier just by getting to a hospital; in fact, the opposite may occur. Nonetheless, hospitals promise health, whether they in fact deliver it is another question. Similarly, law promises justice, although it may not always deliver it. Law is the place one goes to get justice. The natural law position tends to obscure the functional nature of the relationship by insisting that what does not in fact deliver justice is not in fact law. But we would not say that a poor hospital was no hospital at all; rather, we would say that it failed to deliver the health care it promised. Legal positivism tends to make the opposite error by insisting that law, to be law, need not be in the justice-delivery business at all. But we would not say that a place that did not aspire to promote health was a hospital; so also we would not classify as law an institution whose mission was unrelated to justice.

Prof. Waldron concluded the lecture by pointing out the many parallels between the categories of

Professor Waldron listens to a question from the audience during Q&A session following lecture.

justice distinguished by Aristotle and later thinkers and the structure of our legal institutions. For example, we abstractly distinguish between distributive and corrective justice, the former being a matter of allotting shares of social wealth, the latter being a matter of requiring an individual to restore another to a preexisting level of well-being. Similarly, our legal institutions assign the function of distributing social benefits and burdens to taxing and welfare agencies, but assign the function of enforcing contracts and awarding tort remedies to the civil courts. By paying attention to the kind of justice promised by each component of the legal order, we find confirmation of the idea that law promises justice.

The Spring 2001 Miller Lecture presents
Carol Rose, Yale Law School,
discussing the relationship of
commerce to the environment.

March 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Urban Life Auditorium

FACULTYBRIEFS

Ronald Blasi served as a panelist at the mid-year meeting of the American Bar Association's Tax Sections Banking Committee and as a speaker at the annual meeting of the Bank Tax Institute. Professor Blasi applied for and received a grant from the Internal Revenue Service for the Tax Clinic in the amount of $100,000. He had an article on recent developments in the taxation of financial institutions published in the Derivatives Report.

Mark Budnitz published the following articles: "Consumer Privacy in Electronic Commerce: As the Millennium Approached, Minnesota Attacked, Regulators Refrained, and Congress Compromised"14 *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* 821 (2000); "Consumers Surfing for Sales in Cyberspace: What Constitutes Acceptance and What Legal Terms and Conditions Bind the Consumer? *16 Georgia State University Law Review* 741 (2000); "Privacy Rules: Areas of Concern and Controversy," Consumer Financial *Privacy: Complying with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and the Final Rules* (2000); as well as the second 2000 Supplement to his book, *The Law of Lender Liability*. Professor Budnitz was a speaker at a session titled "Consumer Perspectives on Retail Payments" at the 2000 Retail Electronics Payment Systems Conference sponsored by the Food Marketing Institute.

Andi Curcio wrote a short essay, "Courtroom Visits as a Way to Learn Evidence," which was published in *The Law Teacher* Fall 2000. Professor Curcio also contributed "Teaching Tips" to the American Association of Law Schools' Section on *Teaching Methods Newsletter*, Volume 2000, No. 1.

William Edmundson presented "Toward a Role-Differentiated Epistemology: What Lawyers Can't Know" to the Georgia Philosophical Society at Emory University in November. He is currently editing "The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory," with Professor Martin P. Golding of Duke University, to be published by Blackwell in 2002.

Anne Emmanuel's article, "Spendthrift Trusts: It's Time to Codify the Compromise," 72 *Nebraska Law Review* 179 (1993) is quoted from extensively in the Restatement of the Law of Trusts, Tentative Draft No. 2, pp. 445-449.

Marjorie Girth and Jack Sammons of Mercer's law school developed the second Continuing Legal Education session, entitled "The Lawyer as Advocate and Architect of Future Conduct" for the State Bar of Georgia's Transition into Practice Pilot Project. Professor Girth also received a fellowship from the editors of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Janice Griffith's article, "The Preservation of Community Green Space: Is Georgia Ready to Combat Sprawl with Smart Growth?" was published in the Fall 2000 *Wake Forest Law Review*, Volume 35, Number 3. Dean Griffith was a speaker at the Association of American Law Schools 2001 Annual Meeting on the topic "New Developments in State and Local Tax: E-Commerce, Tax Incentives for Business and Litigation-Generated Revenues."

Bernadette Hartfield was appointed chair of the Minority Affairs Committee and continues as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council. She co-chairs the planning committee for the Ahlene Uhry Family Forum, "Children in Crisis - Rethinking Parenting," sponsored by Families First in March 2001. Professor Hartfield was also appointed to the Committee on Sections and Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. She spoke on "Visitation for Incarcerated Mothers" at the State Bar of Georgia Mid-Year Meeting and has served on the Fulton County Juvenile Court Blue Ribbon Committee.

Lynn Hogue was asked to assume the presidency of the Southeastern Legal Foundation on an interim basis by its board of trustees in October 2000. With the help of the foundation, Professor Hogue filed a complaint with the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct regarding fellow Arkansas attorney, William J. Clinton.

Nancy Johnson is chairing the American Association of Law Libraries Committee on the Economic Study of Law Book Pricing. She is also serving on the American Library Association Task Force on External Accreditation of Library Schools. This past fall, Professor Johnson taught Law Librarianship at the Clark Atlanta School of Library and Information Studies.

Julian Jurgensmeyer's symposium paper, "Environmental Mitigation Fees: The Case For Cash" has been published by the *Houston Business & Tax Law Journal*. In October, he presented a paper at the Richard Nelson Symposium on growth management issues held at the University of Florida College of Law titled: "Growth Management Issues: The Interrelationship of Water Policy, Standing, and Regional Planning." In December Professor Jurgensmeyer signed a contract with the West Publishing Group to prepare a second edition of his Hornbook "Land Use Planning and Control Law" and recently he has been appointed to the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Court of Arbitration, Warsaw, Poland.

Steven Kaminshine submitted a paper and made a presentation on "Current Developments in Labor and Employment Law" in December at the 30th annual Labor and Employment Law Institute, sponsored by the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

Neil Kinkopf published two pieces in *Law and Contemporary Problems:* "Foreword: The Constitution under Clinton" and "The Scope of 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors' after the Impeachment of President Clinton." He also presented a paper entitled "The Constitution in Exile: Some Problems with Repatriating Federalism," at a symposium at Duke University Law School. The paper will be published in volume 50 of the *Duke Law Journal*. Professor Kinkopf provided advice to the legal team representing Vice President Gore on the briefs they submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Marjorie Knowles delivered her findings on the Women's Program Forum to a meeting of the Ford Foundation in September 2000. Professor Knowles spoke on "Why Good Corporate Governance Matters" to the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries in October.

Charles Marvin is in Latvia for a nine-month teaching stint at Riga Graduate School of Law after being awarded a Fulbright Lecturing Grant.

Paul Milich presented three programs for the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education for juvenile court, administrative law and superior court judges. Professor Milich also presented a satellite broadcast program for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education on witness impeachment. He spoke at the November DHR conference in Macon on the investigation and prosecution of serious child abuse and child fatalities. Professor Milich has published a 2001 edition of his *Courtroom Handbook on Georgia Evidence*.

FACULTYBRIEFS

Ellen S. Podgor recently published a co-authored book titled "International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials" (w/ E. Wise) for Lexis Publishing. She moderated a panel at the Georgia Symposium on Indigent Defense held in Atlanta, Georgia. Professor Podgor also presented a paper at a Symposium on Cooperation held at Cardozo Law School in New York. She spoke about ethics, the law school environment, and going into law teaching on panels at the Lavender Law Conference. Podgor was reappointed to the American Bar Association Legal Education Committees on Professionalism and Pre-Law. As a visiting professor at the University of Georgia School of Law, she taught criminal law and international criminal law during the fall semester.

Mary Radford gave a presentation in September to the Savannah Estate Planning Council on the prospects for repeal of the estate tax under a Bush or Gore administration. In December, she spoke on recent developments in Georgia probate law for the ICLE "Recent Developments in Georgia Law" annual seminar. Professor Radford has completed the 6th edition of the two-volume treatise entitled "Redfearn: Wills and Administration in Georgia." She has also been elected to the Executive Committee of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Donative Transfers.

Natsu Taylor Saito made the following panel presentations: "The Internment of Japanese Latin Americans" at the August 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Washington, D.C.; "Using History in Teaching Critical Race Theory" at the Society of American Law Teachers' Teaching Conference at New York University in October; and "The Symbolism of Redress and Reparations for Slavery in the United States" at a conference on reparations and reconstruction in Capetown, South Africa, in January 2001. In addition, she moderated a panel on Davis v. United States: Black Seminoles and the legacy of slavery" at the Auburn Avenue Research Library. Professor Saito received the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)'s Trailblazer Award for the Southeast Region at NAPABA' Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

Charity Scott was a contributing author to two chapters on collusion among competitors in a book entitled *Joint Ventures in Health Care: An Antitrust Analysis*, published by the American Bar Association Section on Antitrust Law. She gave a talk on "Patient Rights and Health Care Decision-Making" at the annual health law conference of the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, at which she also moderated a panel discussion on legal, ethical, and medical issues in end-of-life care. As a Faculty Associate in Law with Emory University's Center for Ethics in Public Policy and the Professions, she joined an interdisciplinary teaching faculty in offering medical ethics classes to third-year medical students during their clinical rotations at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Jack Williams spoke at several conferences, including the American Bankruptcy Institute Southeastern Workshop on Bankruptcy Taxation and the New York Society of Certified Public Accountants on "The Use of Statistical Techniques to Detect Fraud and Lost-Profits Damages Calculations. Professor Williams developed and taught a six-week faculty workshop on Law and Statistics for the Faculty of Law at St. John's University School of Law and testified before both House and Senate committees on the pending bankruptcy legislation. He co-authored a two-volume treatise entitled "Kennedy Countrymen & Williams on Partnerships, Limited Liability Entities and S Corporations in Bankruptcy" for Aspen Publications, as well as an article entitled "The Truth About the New Value Exception to Bankruptcy's Absolute Priority Rule" 21*Cardozo Law Review* 1303 (2000). Williams serves on the board of directors of the Jewish Educational Services committee researching the needs of learning-disabled children in religious school situations.

Douglas Yarn facilitated the Negotiation for Beginning Lawyers Workshop, for the Transition into Practice Program of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. He was an invited speaker at the University of Georgia's Institute of Ecology annual seminar series where his topic was "Meditations on the Biological Origins of a Sense of Justice." Professor Yarn presented "How the Biological Roots of Apology Undermine the Movement for Legal Safe Harbors" at the annual meeting of the Society for Evolutionary Analysis in Law at Indiana University School of Law in October. He organized and facilitated the Conference on Evaluation of Court-Connected ADR, sponsored by the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Dispute Resolution. In November, Professor Yarn presented "Psychological Factors in Conflict Resolution" at the State Bar of Georgia Dispute Resolution Section's Annual ADR Institute at Callaway Gardens. He also gave the keynote address at that meeting entitled, "The Last Duel and Other Stories About Lawyers in Dueling."

Faculty Courted by Media During Controversy

The controversy over Florida voting during the recent presidential election and its aftermath produced media opportunities for three College of Law faculty members. Professor Neil Kinkopf appeared on CNN twice and gave interviews to local television channels 5 and 11, as well as WGST radio. He and Professor Eric Segall gave statements to National Public Radio, and Professor Segall was also quoted twice in the Atlanta Constitution. Professor Lynn Hogue appeared on CNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews" twice and "Rivera Live" three times.

After 11 years at the College of Law, associate librarian Rhea Ballard-Thrower is moving to Washington, D.C., where she will be the new law library director at Howard University Law School.

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College Hosts Alumni Breakfast

More that 30 alumni, staff and faculty gathered at the Swissôtel Atlanta for the early morning reception hosted by the College of Law during the State Bar of Georgia's midyear meeting on Friday, January 12, 2001.

Dean Griffith welcomed the guests and updated them on current events at the law school, including the upcoming symposium "Spr'All Come On In: Local and Comparative Perspectives on Managing Atlanta's Growth" on February 1 and the Miller Lecture on March 22.

"The college continues to be savvy in the use of technology," said the dean. This is evident in the development of the expanded web site, which presents information in a more user-friendly format. The college looks forward to receiving new monies that will help it to fund, among other things, work stations for students to access e-mail and more electronic carrels in the library. For the first time this fall some students used computers rather than blue books to complete their examination. In addition, the college continues to work under a grant from the Georgia Courts Automation Commission to conduct research and develop the technology to facilitate the use of electronic signatures and the digital filing of legal documents.

After her remarks, Dean Griffith introduced Julian Jurgensmeyer, the first Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law. Professor Jurgensmeyer presented some entertaining and intriguing perspectives on sprawl and the ways that the law contributes to it. His provocative comments led to a lively question and answer period following his talk.

The breakfast meeting ended with a raffle, assisted by Professor Jurgensmeyer. Five winners received mugs, t-shirts and other college of law alumni paraphernalia.

The State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting will be held at Kiawah Island Resort in South Carolina, June 13 through June 17, 2001. The College of Law will host its traditional alumni breakfast on Friday, June 15 at 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast guests listen to Dean Griffith's report on events at the college.

◀ *Professsor Julian Jurgensmeyer, Dean Janice Griffith and Gwendolyn Waring'92*

▶ *Peggy Brockington '86, Professor James Bross and Bob Dallas '89.*

◀ *Professor Mary Radford and Michael Stevens '94 with raffle prize.*

CLASSACTIONS

1986
Peggy Brockington joined Holland & Knight as a partner in August 2000. She will continue her litigation practice, focusing on employment law and education law.

1987
Catherine T. Crawford was appointed an administrative law judge in August 2000.

1988
Robert H. Chastain is general counsel at Delegate Systems in Atlanta.

Jeannette Griffith Congdon has relocated her law office from Willow Spring, North Carolina to Indialantic, Florida.

1991
Rachell A. Snider was made partner in Macey, Wilensky, Cohen, Wittner & Kessler in Atlanta in January.

Kathy Urbach has been named assistant dean and director of career services at the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law in Gainesville

1992
Evelyn Ashley, founder and president of Red Hot Law Group, announced the fusion of Long Aldridge & Norman, Red Hot Technology Accelerator, and Red Hot Law Group. The services and expertise of these firms will provide technology clients with access to business and legal counsel suited to their needs.

Robert Dow was made partner at Arnall, Golden & Gregory.

Daniel R. King was made partner at King & Spalding.

Anthony W. Morris has been made partner at Arnall, Golden & Gregory.

Anandhi Rajan was made partner at Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP.

Mark A. Waschak has joined the practice of Wimberly, Lawson, Nelson, Steckel and Schneder, where he will continue his work in the O.S.H.A. defense field.

1993
Cathy Alterman went to China with a group of lawyers to meet with Chinese judges, legal scholars, prosecutors and defense attorneys to discuss our respective legal systems.

Fred Kross is an associate at Cohn and Turpen in Buford, Georgia.

1994
Penny Brown Reynolds was the keynote speaker at Georgia State University's 18th annual Martin Luther King Jr. convocation. She was recently appointed a judge of Fulton County State Court by Governor Barnes.

Ronald Weiner was made partner at Arnall, Golden & Gregory.

1995
J. Mathew Magure Jr. is currently an attorney with Meadows, Ichter & Trigg, P.C.,in Atlanta.

Bobby Slotkin has joined the Atlanta office of Holland & Knight LLP, where he practices commercial litigation, emphasizing intellectual property issues.

Gregory Smith was made partner at Tourtman Sanders LLP in January.

Clifford S. Stanford has been promoted to senior counsel for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

1997
Jason T. Harper took office as commissioner for the third district in Henry County on January 1, 2001.

1998
Kathryn O. Pulliam has relocated from Kilpatrick Stockton to the Clayton County district attorney's office as an assistant district attorney.

Michele Guthrie Whitelaw has become associated with Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP, in Atlanta.

1999
Mark S. Kashdan is an attorney with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

2000
Julie Simmermon is an associate at Ford & Harrison, which represents management in labor and employment issues.

Allison K. Whitley is an associate at Richeld, Morrissey & Toleb in Atlanta.

Graduate Leadership Council Salutes 2000 Graduates

More than 50 guests attended the second annual "Newly Minted Lawyers Cocktail Hour" hosted by the Graduate Leadership Council (GLC) Thursday, November 9, 2000. The event was held at a popular midtown cocktail spot, the Leopard Lounge, known for its swanky style and retro look. The club provided a smooth and sophisticated atmosphere for mingling and casual conversations among the alumni, students, faculty and guests in attendance.

Dean Janice Griffith, and faculty members Marjorie Girth, Steve Kaminshine, Victor Flatt, Mary Radford, Eric Segall, and Roy Sobelson applauded the new graduates on their 91% overall pass rate on the 2000 Georgia Bar Exam, which surpassed all other law schools in Georgia. This exciting news garnered loud cheers and congratulations all around. The Graduate Leadership Council thanks everyone who supported the success of this event.

Professor Victor Flatt and Nancy Greenwood, class of 1999 representative on the Graduate Leadership Council

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAW WEEK
Sunday, March 18 - Saturday, March 24

HENRY J. MILLER DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
Speaker: Professor Carol Rose, Yale Law School
Topic: The relationship of commerce to the environment

Thursday, March 22
6:00 p.m.
Urban Life Auditorium

BARRISTER'S BALL
Saturday, March 24

ALUMNI REUNION
Classes of 1985, 1990 and 1995

Saturday, March 31
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

HONORS DAY
Tuesday, April 3

BEN F. JOHNSON JR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
Recipient: Clifford Oxford, Esquire
McGee & Oxford, LLP

Thursday, April 12
5:30 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

HOODING CEREMONY
Followed by a reception in Urban Life Plaza

Friday, May 11
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
University Sports Arena

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA ANNUAL MEETING
Graduates' Breakfast

Friday, June 15
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
Kiawah Island, South Carolina

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IN MEMORIAM

Michele Ferguson Priestly, a second year law student, died on January 24, 2001. Michele balanced a full-time job as an Atlanta police officer, with raising a son and attending law school on a part-time basis.

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