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Justice Anthony M. Kennedy delivers 19th Miller Lecture

The Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, delivered the 19th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture. More than 550 people attended the event in the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, Georgia State University's theater located in the Fairlie-Poplar District of downtown Atlanta. The event was open to the public, and audience members consisted of students, faculty and graduates, as well as members of the bar and judiciary.

From left, Henry J. Miller welcomes Judge William C. O'Kelley, U.S. District Court, and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy at a dinner immediately following Kennedy's lecture. President Carl Patton is in the background.

Kennedy began his lecture with an introduction to the workings of the Supreme Court. He included humorous anecdotes in his explanation of the importance of oral arguments versus written briefs, the role of Supreme Court law clerks and the working relationships between the justices during the decision-making process.

Anthony M. Kennedy

The format of Kennedy's lecture included a lively question-and-answer session with audience members. Kennedy responded to questions on topics including professional ethics and responsibility, broadcast indecency and the Telecommunications Act, and specific Supreme Court cases.

President Gerald Ford appointed Kennedy to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Kennedy took the oath of office in 1975, thus beginning his judicial career. Thirteen years later, Kennedy took the oath of office as associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, following President Ronald Reagan's nomination.

Kennedy is the third Supreme Court justice to deliver a Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture; Justice Sandra Day O'Connor visited the College of Law in 1992, and Justice Antonin Scalia spoke in 1987. The Miller Lecture Series is supported by the Loridans Foundation of Atlanta.

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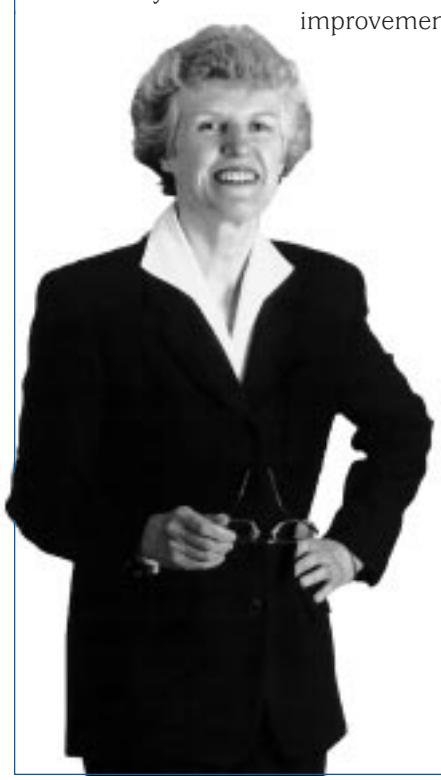
DEAN'S MESSAGE

From time to time we need to reflect upon what the future portends for the College of Law. Little doubt remains that the practice of law in the 21st century will be radically different from what it has been up to now. The ramifications of a highly technological society in which decision making becomes increasingly global in scope can no longer be ignored.

Georgia State University's information technology strategic plan establishes four goals: information accessibility; technology-enabled faculty; technology-enhanced education; and business-process effectiveness. Information accessibility and business-process effectiveness will be enhanced next year by the receipt of funding to upgrade and complete a network infrastructure that will greatly improve the speed at which information from online databases and the Internet can be transmitted. The college looks forward to being a beneficiary of these infrastructure improvements.



Our faculty continues to explore how teaching can be enriched with today's technological advances. Professor Patrick Wiseman received the university's Instructional Innovation Award this year for innovations he has introduced in his *Law and the Internet* course. Breaking the boundaries of the traditional classroom, Wiseman conducts class on the Internet with the use of real-time conferencing software that he developed. Because synchronous class discussions are archived in permanent records, students are motivated to make their electronic comments focused and thoughtful.

New computer equipment and a projection system installed in Room 330 make it possible to introduce additional materials during a class session by accessing the Internet, other online databases and digital data prepared prior to class. Professor William Gregory participated last fall in Board of Regents' workshops designed to explore the use of this technology as an instructional tool to enhance student learning. These improvements enrich the classroom experience. Instructional materials need no longer be confined to printed textbooks.

We want to keep the College of Law at the forefront of legal education. In tomorrow's world, we must be technologically sophisticated to do so. Let our successful student mock trial team that went undefeated to win the American Bar Association Southeast Regional Mock Trial Tournament this year serve as our model and inspiration for future success.

Janice C. Griffith

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Federalism symposium is the 20th event of the Miller Lecture Series

The College of Law and the *Georgia State University Law Review* held their second academic symposium in February, entitled "New Frontiers of Federalism." Organized as part of the law school's Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series, the four-hour program was attended by more than 175 students, faculty, graduates, lawyers, judges and others interested in the timely and provocative subject.

Four distinguished guest lecturers engaged in a lively discussion and exchange of views on the appropriate constitutional balance of power between the state and federal governments and on what should be the proper role for the United States Supreme Court in maintaining that relationship. The four featured speakers were: Professor Lynn A. Baker of the University of Arizona College of Law, soon to join the faculty of the University of Texas Law School; Professor Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of Southern California Law Center; Professor Robert F. Nagel of the University of Colorado Law School; and Professor Edward L. Rubin of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.

The program also included a number of participants from Georgia State. Professor Eric Segall served as moderator for two commentary sessions and a general panel discussion. Dean Janice C. Griffith and Professors L. Lynn Hogue and Charles A. Marvin served as commentators.

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Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, of the University of Southern California Law Center, was the opening speaker of the symposium.

ALS pledges support of 10 additional full-tuition fellowships

The Atlanta Law School trustees have pledged support for an additional 10 full-tuition fellowships for the 1997-98 entering class. This pledge is a commitment for full-tuition support throughout the recipients' legal studies, as long as they are making satisfactory academic progress. The pledge of 10 new renewable fellowships is in addition to the Atlanta Law School pledge to the current four second-year students and nine first-year students. The Atlanta Law School fellowships enable outstanding students to pursue a legal education with fewer financial burdens.

Seated from left are Atlanta Law School Trustees Harvey Moskowitz and E. Lewis Hansen, Dean Janice C. Griffith and Atlanta Law School Trustees David Flint and Edward Brown. Standing from left are Atlanta Law School Fellows Christopher Westmoreland, Marshall Sanders, Nancy Greenwood, Nowell Berreth, Louann Yeattes, Adam Princenthal, Victoria Grosz, Lisa Gable, Margaret Shannon, B. Dianne Usry, Joyce Gist and Teri Forehand.

The 13 Atlanta Law School fellows are meeting the college's high expectations. There are four second-year fellowship recipients, and their combined grade-point average is 86.2. A GPA of 86.2 would rank in the top five percent of the class. The nine first-year recipients also had a great first semester. The group average is 84.1. The college does not rank first-semester law students. But, if this group average holds through the spring semester, it too will place in the top five percent of the class.

Our current Atlanta Law School Fellows are Nowell Berreth, Michael Eisenstadt, Teri Forehand, Lisa Gable, Joyce Gist, Nancy Greenwood, Victoria Grosz, Adam Princenthal, Marshall Sanders, Margaret Shannon, B. Dianne Usry, Christopher Westmoreland and Louann Yeattes.

Tax Clinic selects new supervising attorney

The Tax Clinic selected Dean Morley, the recently retired Atlanta district counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, to assist students in the Tax Clinic program.

Following Morley's graduation from Harvard College and Emory Law School, he spent a year in private practice before joining the legal staff of the IRS. After 31 years of service, he retired from the IRS in May 1996. He served as a docket attorney for more than 15 years, handling all types of audit- and collection-related issues. The last 13 years he spent as district counsel, in charge of 18 attorneys and all IRS cases in Georgia and South Carolina.

"One of my real satisfactions," said Morley, "was the establishment of the district counsel externship program with Georgia State and Emory." Each school provided two or three students each semester to receive an in-depth look at the legal work and procedures in the district counsel's office. After having seen the positive impact of that endeavor, he greeted Georgia State Professor Ronald Blasi's effort to begin the Tax Clinic in 1992 with enthusiasm. Morley helped in several ways to get the clinic off the ground and on solid footing with the district director of the Internal Revenue Service and his staff.

Following his retirement last year, Morley was looking for a positive way to continue his association with federal tax issues when the part-time opportunity arose to assist the Tax Clinic. He now spends most of the 20 hours a week directly helping students deal with real tax problems brought to the clinic by low-income taxpayers. He also assists in the classroom portion of the clinic program on occasion and strives to keep the clinic's working relationship with the IRS on a high level of professionalism.

From left: Dean Morley, supervising attorney of the Tax Clinic, and students Michika Reynolds, Merrill Earnest, Jenny Yates, Sylvia Zamboki, Ajay Jindia, Lauren Brown, Dane Steffenson and Jennifer Wilson. Seated is Betty Allen, head of the IRS Atlanta District Problems Resolution Office.

"It has been quite interesting to view my old agency from this new perspective," Morley said. "For the most part it has been a satisfying experience. In those few instances where the client's or IRS's emotions have been aroused, it is good to know we can help resolve the matter as fairly and calmly as possible."

With 15 students and 90 active cases, the clinic has a full program this spring. Efforts are being made to insure adequate financial support for it to continue for many years. Morley observed, "I have been extremely pleased to see the support given to the clinic by the law school, the university and the Tax Bar. I believe it reflects a genuine understanding on all sides of the special role Georgia State can play in its urban setting in insuring fair treatment by our tax system of low-income citizens. As a practical way for students to learn to interact with and give professional representation to clients, this experience is unsurpassed."

Tax Clinic's first fundraising campaign

The Tax Clinic began its first fund-raising campaign with an enthusiastic response from the clinic's Advisory Committee and contributions from members of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Georgia, the Tax Section itself and the Tax Section of the Atlanta Bar Association.

Members of the clinic's 15-person Advisory Committee made contributions and pledges totaling nearly $20,000. Members of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Georgia pledged or contributed an additional $3,500. The Tax Section of the Atlanta Bar Association also boosted the fund-raising campaign with a pledge to contribute $5 for each of its 200 dues-paying members and the Tax Section of the State Bar of Georgia contributed $3,000. Contributors to date are:

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Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution moves to Georgia State

Last summer, the College of Law became home to the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. Thanks to the generosity of the college, CNCR now has permanent offices on the sixth floor of the Urban Life Center and a resource center supporting research in the areas of conflict resolution and prevention. Additional support from Georgia State and the chancellor has allowed CNCR to expand its staff and programs.

Founded in 1990, CNCR is one of only 14 "theory building" centers funded nationally by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the only such center located in the South. While CNCR is housed in the College of Law, faculty and practitioners throughout the state take part in its programs. Member expertise covers the fields of domestic and international law, social science, political science, psychology, ecology and environmental policy, city planning, business management and criminal justice.

CNCR's mission is to bridge theory and practice in conflict resolution through research, interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge delivery. CNCR supports research through its seed-grant program and research initiatives. The seed-grant program provides funds for conducting or spawning research on cutting-edge topics related to negotiation and conflict resolution. A sampling of research activity includes mediator qualifications, violence reduction in the workplace, community policing, effectiveness of environmental mediation and revitalizing civic society.

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In addition to the seed-grant program, CNCR has several ongoing research initiatives. The Democracy Project, for example, supports efforts to revitalize participation in civic affairs in the United States.

Symposia and conferences serve as CNCR's vehicle for interdisciplinary collaboration. CNCR holds monthly research symposia on topics of broad interest to members as well as to governmental, business and community leaders. At the February symposium, Nigerian lawyer and former Carter Center Fellow Edna Eguh shared her research on the topic of "Developing Sustainable Environmental Policies in a Developing Country: The Case of Nigeria."

CNCR also sponsors or cosponsors national conferences that bring together researchers, practitioners and policy makers. These include the Southeast Conference on Environmental Policy-Making and Dispute Resolution and the Lecture Series on Risk Perception and Management, among others. In addition, CNCR anticipates sponsoring an international conference on conflict resolution in higher education.

Knowledge delivery includes teaching, training, publications and community service. CNCR produces a wide range of teaching materials related to negotiation and conflict resolution. Faculty members have developed multiparty negotiation exercises for training purposes, numerous model curricula and several case studies.

In 1991, CNCR began a working paper series, built largely around results of research catalyzed by seed grants. CNCR teaching and training materials and publications are available for purchase.

CNCR has become deeply involved in the implementation of the Board of Regents Initiative and Policy Direction on Conflict Resolution. CNCR members have provided technical expertise and training support for the initiative. They will continue to support the initiative through the administration of a system-wide panel of neutrals; training, education and consultation; and data collection and evaluation.

Edna Eguh, (right), United Nations Development Project (Tokten) consultant and visiting scholar at the University of Georgia, and Dr. Karl Aquino, assistant professor of management at Georgia State and a participant of CNCR. Eguh's presentation, "Developing Sustainable Environmental Policies in a Developing Country: The Case of Nigeria" was delivered at the CNCR symposium in February.

Participation in CNCR is open to anyone interested in the subjects of conflict resolution or conflict prevention. For information on how to become involved, please contact Carolyn Benne via phone at 404/651-1588 or e-mail at cncr@gsu.edu.

BLSA hosts second annual service-award luncheon

In November, the Black Law Students Association hosted its second annual service-award luncheon. This year, the BLSA honored Judge Dorothy Beasley of the Georgia Supreme Court; Paul Howard, district attorney for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; and Lydia Sartain, district attorney for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit. The BLSA presented plaques to the honorees, who were recognized for their many contributions to the legal profession.

Special invited guests included Chief Justice Robert Benham of the Georgia Supreme Court; Georgia Court of Appeals judges; and past BLSA honoree Sherie Welch, clerk of the Georgia Supreme Court. Many administrators, faculty, staff and students from the College of Law were also in attendance.

Seated from left: Judge Marion Pope, Georgia Court of Appeals; Judge Dorothy Beasley, Georgia Court of Appeals; Chief Justice Robert Benham, Georgia Supreme Court; Judge J.D. Smith, Georgia Court of Appeals; and Judge Gary Andrews, Georgia Court of Appeals. Standing from left: Xernia Fortson, BLSA member; Jeff Saxby, BLSA president; Lydia Sartain, honoree and district attorney for Hall County; Dean Janice C. Griffith; Judge John Ruffin, Georgia Court of Appeals; Judge Frank Eldridge, Georgia Court of Appeals; Paul Howard, honoree and district attorney for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; Charlotte Combre, BLSA member; Deborah Mitchell, BLSA treasurer; and Kathryn Watson, BLSA event coordinator.

Physician-Assisted Suicide Forum held at Georgia State

The Student Health Lawyers Association recently sponsored a timely panel discussion, "Physician-Assisted Suicide: Legal and Ethical Issues." In a discussion moderated by Professor Charity Scott of Georgia State, the panel, composed of local community leaders in the field of medical ethics, presented diverse arguments on both sides of this emotionally charged issue.

Homer Brewer, president of the Hemlock Society of Georgia, argued that concern for individual autonomy and dignity should shape our country's policy toward assisted suicide and that government has no right to influence an individual's decisions about his own quality of life, including the decision surrounding when that life should end. The other members of the panel, Dr. Mwalimu Imara of the Department of Community Health; Dr. Brian Childs, medical ethicist from Georgia Baptist Medical Center; and Rabbi Brett Isserow of The Temple, Atlanta, presented a variety of arguments holding that physician-assisted suicide would irreparably harm our society by devaluing the individual and encouraging the sick to end their lives in order to benefit others, regardless of their own desires. While no consensus was reached, these viewpoints stimulated valuable and spirited discussion among those present.

The Student Health Lawyers Association, one of the College of Law's newest student organizations, is dedicated to bringing controversial health care issues to the forefront of discussion by professionals and the community at large. The association plans future programs on medical malpractice; genetic engineering and the Human Genome Project; and legal issues surrounding the ongoing AIDS epidemic. Membership in the Student Health Lawyers Association is open to all interested law students, and it encourages input regarding topics for future programs. The association can be reached by contacting Sandy Herron, president, at Georgia State University College of Law, Student Health Lawyers Association, Student Box 361, P.O. Box 4037, Atlanta, GA 30302-4037.

Mock trial team wins prestigious regional competition

The College of Law's mock trial team won the American Bar Association's Southeast Regional Mock Trial Tournament, the oldest and most prestigious of such competitions, and the team advanced to the national tournament held in Houston in April. The team went undefeated in the regional competition and defeated teams from the University of Miami, the University of Florida, Cumberland Law School and the University of Georgia. Georgia State's team was the only undefeated team among 22 teams representing 11 schools.

The college has been competing in the mock trial tournament for nine years, and a Georgia State team has advanced seven times to the finals or semi-finals in the regional competition.

Lawyers on the mock trial team are Linda Day, 3L, Barbara Davis, 2L, and Jason Poulos, 2L. Second-year students Jeff Petry and Amy Stewart served as the team's witnesses in the competition.

Professor Margaret Howard is the 1997 SBLI Visiting Professor

Professor Margaret Howard of Vanderbilt University's School of Law is Georgia State's 1997 Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Visiting Professor. Howard has taught bankruptcy and commercial law at Vanderbilt since 1982 and also served as a visiting professor at the law schools of Emory University and the University of North Carolina.

Professor Margaret Howard

Howard serves on the editorial boards of a number of bankruptcy and business law journals. She is also a member of the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification. Howard's publications include a number of articles and a recent casebook, *Bankruptcy: Cases and Materials*, (West Publishing, 1995), which she co-wrote with Peter Alces. She has also lectured extensively for professional audiences.

During her visits, Howard will meet with students enrolled in Georgia State's bankruptcy and consumer-protection courses; make presentations to the faculty and to the SBLI's directors and judicial advisers; and consult with Georgia State's faculty members concerning their ongoing research projects.

FALL 1996
FIRST-YEAR CLASS

Average Age	27.68	Median LSAT	157
Average UGPA	3.21	Women	50%
Average LSAT	157	Part-time	29.81%
Median Age	25	Minorities	21.1%
Median UGPA	3.24		

Law Review

The Georgia State University Law Review *currently circulates to approximately 500 libraries, law firms, courts and individuals. The* Law Review *publishes four issues annually, including the* Peach Sheets*, the fall legislative review that provides the legal community with an in-depth view of significant bills passed by the Georgia General Assembly. The* Law Review *is publishing a survey of the extensive changes to Georgia's Probate Code that will become effective January 1, 1998. This volume should be a valuable aid to Georgia attorneys and became available in March.*

The Law Review *actively seeks support from the College of Law graduates as well as the legal community in the form of subscriptions and donations. The* Law Review *welcomes article submissions as well as suggested topics.*

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Ronald Blasi spoke at the annual meeting of the Bank Tax Institute, and he coordinated the first fund-raising drive for the Tax Clinic. His article on corporate reorganizations was published in the *Journal of Bank Taxation*.

Mark E. Budnitz updated his book, *The Law of Lender Liability*, by publishing the 1996 Cumulative Supplement No. 2, and submitted the manuscript for the 1997 Cumulative Supplement No. 1. He continued advising the Georgia Department of Human Resources on their implementation of a system for electronic delivery of welfare benefits and joined the Digital Signature Task Force, a group that advised a Georgia legislative study committee on proposed legislation relating to electronic records and signatures.

Andi Curcio presented her article, "Painful Publicity — An Alternative Punitive Damage Sanction," at a national conference on the future of punitive damages. The conference was sponsored by the Institute for Legal Studies and was held October 25 - 27, 1996, in Madison, Wis.

Anne Emanuel was re-elected as secretary of the Board of the Georgia Law Center in the Public Interest.

Victor Flatt presented a paper on state enforcement of the Clean Water Act at the Association of American Law Schools' annual meeting. Flatt was selected to be a peer reviewer for the selection of this year's finalists in the *Best of Land Use and Environmental Law Review*. Flatt will be teaching administrative law at the University of Washington this summer and will be a faculty sponsor for the Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest.

The Georgia Supreme Court has extended ***Marjorie Girth's*** term on its Commission on Equality to December 1998. At the AALS annual meeting, she was a panelist for the Creditors' Rights Section's program on "Assessing the Value of Empirical Research on Consumer Bankruptcies."

President Patton appointed Girth as a member of the steering committee for Georgia State's effort to receive NCAA re-certification of our Division I athletics program and as chair of the subcommittee on equity, which is evaluating gender equity and minority opportunities in Georgia State's intercollegiate athletics programs. The National Conference of Bar Examiners has appointed her to its national Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination Specification Review Panel, which has the responsibility for evaluating the proposed revisions to the specifications for the examination.

Janice Griffith was a speaker at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools on a program sponsored by the AALS Committee on Libraries and Technology. The program was entitled "Braving the New World of Technology."

Bernadette Hartfield was elected secretary-treasurer of the minority groups section of AALS at the January meeting. She was also named a fellow on the faculty of the Gerontology Center, effective fall 1996.

L. Lynn Hogue was named to the Legal Advisory Board of the Southeastern Legal Foundation at its fall meeting. He filed an amicus brief in the Georgia Supreme Court in November on behalf of the foundation in the case of *Lowe v. Georgia*. He is serving on an interim basis as general counsel of the foundation.

In November, the Georgia Supreme Court handed down a decision in the case of *Alexander v. General Motors Corp.*, 478 S.E. 2d 123 (1996), on which Hogue was the lead counsel. In this conflict-of-laws case, Hogue briefed and argued the issue before the trial court, Court of Appeals and Georgia Supreme Court. The court held that, despite the rule of *lex loci delicti*, Georgia law, not Virginia law, would apply to a case in which the plaintiff was injured in Virginia because Virginia law, which made no provision for strict liability, was contrary to the public policy of Georgia.

In early January, Hogue taught several blocks of military law for the law department at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in the academy's intersession program. Hogue is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate Generals' Corps. This duty comprises his two-week annual training obligation as a reservist.

Hogue gave a presentation on "Force Configuration: Who Fights, Who Serves in the Post-Cold War Environment?" for the first annual Law and National Security Institute sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, February 13. The presentation addressed the issue of homosexuals in the military in light of *Thomasson v. Perry*, 80F. 3d 915 (4th Cir. 1996) (en banc), cert. denied, 117 S.Ct. 358 (1996), upholding the "Don't Ask; Don't Tell" policy of 10 U.S.C.A. §654.

Nancy Johnson's supplement, *The 1996 Supplement to Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories*, was published by Rotruman Publishing Co.

Mark Kadish's article, "Behind the Locked Door of an American Grand Jury: Its History, Its Secrecy, and Its Process," was published in the fall edition of the *Florida State University Law Review*. He commented on the O.J. Simpson verdict and the JonBenet Ramsey case in live interviews on WGNX-TV and WAGA-TV during February. He did similar commentary on WGST Radio.

Steve Kaminshine recently published two short articles on West's new online publication, *West Legal News*: "Retaliatory Action and the Scope of Title VII" and "Who Qualifies as an Employer Under Title VII." Kaminshine gave a presentation on "First Amendment Issues in the Supreme Court 1995-96 Term" at the Third Annual Supreme Court Update, sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia. Kaminshine was a guest panelist, along with the Reverend Joseph Lorvery, on the Sunday morning television talk show, "News Conference," on WGST-TV hosted by Ken Watts. The topic concerned workplace diversity and the Texaco case.

Marjorie Knowles' article, "The ALI Principles of Corporate Governance Compared with Georgia Law — Continued" was published in the *Mercer Law Review*. She gave a presentation on the "Faculty of the Future" to the Trustees of the Ford Foundation and participated in a colloquium at Mercer Law School, entitled "Choice of Law: How It Ought to Be." In November, she participated in a panel on "Has the Quest for Shareholder Value Destroyed Trust in Corporate America?" The panel was shown on C-Span and delivered to the Treasury Management Association. She also spoke at the Emory Business School on "Current Issues in Corporate Governance." Her report, written with Bernard W. Harleston, on "Achieving Diversity in the Professoriate: Challenges and Opportunities," was published by the American Council on Education.

Charles A. Marvin's article,"New Directions in Legal Education in Bulgaria: The Balkans of the Legal Mind," was published in 4 *IBA Academics' Forum 1* (1996). During the 1996 fall semester, he made panel presentations at the Regent University Law School Tenth Anniversary Symposium,

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"The Law Professor as Circuit Rider," and at the University of Utah Law School Comparative Law Conference, "Problems of Administrative Law and its Enforcement in the C.I.S. (Former Soviet Union)." In February 1997, he served as judge in the Southeastern Region Jessup International Moot Court Competition at the University of South Carolina Law School.

Ellen S. Podgor was elected as the chair-elect of the Criminal Justice Section of the American Association of Law Schools. Podgor presently serves on the Champion Advisory Board and as the co-chair of the Ethics Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Mary F. Radford joined Bill Linkous, chair of the Probate Code Revision Committee of the State Bar of Georgia in conducting eight seminars throughout the state on Georgia's new probate code during fall 1996. The seminars were held in Albany, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Savannah, St. Simon's Island and Vidalia. Radford also gave presentations on the new probate code at the Cherokee-Area Estate Planning Council, at the invitation of that council's president, Georgia State graduate Shane Lovinggood, and at the Decatur-DeKalb Estate Planning Council. Radford and Georgia State graduate Skip Sugarman have completed an extensive article on the new code that will appear this spring in the *Georgia State University Law Review*. Radford has also recently completed an article entitled "The Affirmative Action Debate," which was published in the 1997 research volume of the *Industrial Relations Research Association*. Radford delivered a presentation on "Recent Developments in Employment Law" at the Employment Law Institute, held in Atlanta in December 1996. Beginning in March 1997, Radford began serving as the reporter for the Guardianship Laws Revision Committee of the Fiduciary Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

Charity Scott is currently serving as vice-chair of the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. In August, she moderated a panel on the topic of "Georgia Managed Care Law" at a mid-year Health Law Symposium sponsored by Georgia Healthcare News and other Georgia health-care organizations. In September, Scott spoke at the annual meeting of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys on current legal issues in medical ethics. During the fall, she completed her service on the Task Force on Medical Futility of the Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia, whose final report recommendations were distributed to all member hospital ethics committees in Georgia. She also is collaborating with an interdisciplinary team to offer ethics rounds to medical residents at Grady Hospital. In January, Scott's op-ed piece on physician-assisted suicide was published by the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, and she also spoke at the Unitarian Church on legal and ethical issues related to end-of-life medical care. In February, she spoke at the DeKalb Medical Center on legal and ethical issues in neonatal medicine.

Eric Segall's book review, "Doctrinal Legal Scholarship and Religious Liberty," was published by the *George Mason Law Review*. Segall spoke at a Constitutional Law Conference sponsored by King & Spalding in October and served as moderator for the federalism symposium held at Georgia State in February.

Kathryn Urbonya discussed interlocutory appeals in civil rights actions at a Section 1983 conference in New York, sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute. She also appeared on C-Span, which televised William and Mary's Supreme Court Preview conference in Williamsburg, Va. At that conference, she chaired a panel on pending criminal cases in the United States Supreme Court and participated in the moot court presentation of *Clinton v. Jones*. She also chaired a panel discussion on police misconduct litigation for the Association of American Law Schools annual conference in Washington, D.C. In Atlanta, she chaired her annual Section 1983 conference for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. She also published an article for the *American Bar Journal* on the constitutionality of traffic stops under the Fourth Amendment.

Stephen Wermiel has been awarded a research fellowship for the 1997-98 academic year at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. Last fall, he participated in the annual Supreme Court Preview conference at Marshall-Wythe Law School at the College of William and Mary, and portions of his panel were aired on C-Span. He delivered a lecture on developments in equal protection law for the Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia; testified in Washington, D.C., before the American Bar Association Commission on Separation of Powers and Judicial Independence; organized the New Frontiers of Federalism symposium at the College of Law; and helped to organize the seventh annual Georgia Bar, Media and Judiciary Conference for lawyers, judges and journalists held May 2 and featuring *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis.

Jack Williams was named bankruptcy tax reporter for the American Bankruptcy Institute Bankruptcy Code Review Project; appointed to the board of advisers of the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review; appointed to the faculty of the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification; and appointed to the Association of American Law Schools Consulting Group on Empirical Research.

Williams delivered a lecture, "Gender Equity and Coaching Salaries" to the Georgia Bar Association in October and was a panelist at the National Bankruptcy Commission Meeting on Taxation in Bankruptcy in November.

Douglas H. Yarn started serving as executive director of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, an interuniversity, interdisciplinary program conducting research in conflict resolution since 1989. He represented the consortium at the annual international conference of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, where he made a presentation on the implementation of conflict-management systems, and at a Stanford University meeting of theory-building centers sponsored by the Hewlett Foundation. He continues to serve on the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Dispute Resolution and was recently appointed to its long-range planning committee. In his capacity as technical adviser to the Regents' Initiative on Conflict Resolution, he recently conducted a workshop on conflict management systems design.

In December, Yarn conducted his Fifth Annual ADR Advocacy Seminar for ICLE, his fourth mediation-training workshop for the university system, and an Arbitrator Training Workshop for the American Arbitration Association. He recently addressed a meeting of the Atlanta Bar Section on Dispute Resolution on the topic of mediator qualifications.

The 1996 supplement to Yarn's treatise, *ADR in Georgia: Practice and Procedure*, was released in the fall.

Grads celebrate five- and 10-year reunions

In November, graduates welcomed the opportunity to be reunited at the Class of 1991 Five-Year Reunion and the Class of 1986 10-Year Reunion. Graduates greeted fellow classmates with warm hugs and handshakes. The classes of 1986 and 1991 celebrated in separate function rooms at the Peachtree Club on the same evening, and the faculty and staff mingled between the two events.

Approximately 80 people attended the reunions, including graduates and their guests, Dean Janice C. Griffith, faculty and staff. Professors Jim Bross, Norm Crandell, Anne Emanuel, Marjorie Girth, Lynn Hogue, Steve Kaminshine and Steve Wermiel delighted in reminiscing with their former students.

The reunion committees for the classes of 1986 and 1991 worked diligently to ensure the success of the reunions. Not only did class members receive mailed invitations, they also received personalized letters and phone calls from committee members, which helped to boost participation. Special thanks to the Class of 1986 Reunion Committee members Randall Lee Allen, Peggy Brockington, Leslie Cornwell, William Pannell, Peggy Harris Walker and Jim Zito; and the Class of 1991 Reunion Committee members Eleanor Benson, Tammy Griner, Cynthia Honssinger, Kurt Kegel, Melanie McNeil, Mike Regas, Robyn Sosebee and Judge Barbara Green Swinton.

Reunion plans for the classes of 1987 and 1992 are already underway. Watch your mailboxes for reunion surveys and invitations!

From left, Class of 1986 members Nena Puckett, William Capp, Darryl Haynes and Linda Bratton-Haynes.

From left, Michelle McCutcheon-Jones, '91; Alan Begner; Cory Begner, '92; Richard Jones, '91; Professor Steve Kaminshine; and B. Emory Potter, '91.

Jones & Askew sponsors welcome reception for Dean Griffith

In September, W. Scott Petty and his law firm, Jones & Askew, graciously hosted a welcome reception for Dean Janice C. Griffith, following the quarterly Graduate Leadership Council meeting. The reception was held at the 191 Club and was a wonderful opportunity for Dean Griffith to meet the members of the Graduate Leadership Council, the leaders of the College of Law's Graduates Association. The College of Law extends its warm appreciation to Scott Petty and Jones & Askew.

From left, event host and Class of 1990 representative Scott Petty, Dean Janice Griffith, Class of 1995 representative Greg Smith and James A. Witherspoon, class of 1995.

CLASSACTIONS

1984
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
Adam Jett

1985
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Bill Cornwell
Pat Tate

John B. Austin formed the law firm of Austin & Sparks, P.C., in March 1996. The firm practices in all areas of civil litigation.

Genevive Bailey is a new Municipal Court judge in Union City. She is the first female Municipal Court judge in Union City's history. An article about Bailey was printed in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution South Fulton Extra*, Thursday, December 5, 1996.

1986
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Peggy Brockington
Jim Zito

John Bloodworth is practicing as a general practitioner in Gwinnett with an emphasis on criminal and civil trial practice.

Sue Colussy, the program director of Immigration Services for Catholic Social Services, appeared in August as an expert on naturalization scams in a 25-minute segment of "20/20."

Stanley Wade Robbins was the Democratic nominee for state representative for House District 19, covering north Hall County and Dawson County.

Peggy H. Walker of Davis, Walker & Associates, P.C., has opened a new commercial building in Douglasville.

1987
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Stan Klinger
Carol Walker-Russell

1988
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Jody Peskin
Carol Callaway

Howard Atkins is with Buehler Atkins Assoc. in Indianapolis, which specializes in insurance, aviation and commercial law.

1989
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Nicole House
Trish Marcucci
Stacey Routh

Shella Wolff Blaustein is working as a claims adjuster for legal malpractice claims at Risk Enterprise Management Ltd.

Carrie L. Christie is now a partner at Savell & Williams.

Julie Shirley was named the associate-general counsel for operations for GTE Wireless Products. She served as the acting vice president from April to July 1996.

1990
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
Scott Petty

Tami Colston won the Rome Circuit District Attorney election. The former assistant district attorney is Georgia's third female district attorney and the first to attain the position without prior appointment.

William J. Linkous III is now with the firm of Kirwan, Parks, Chesin & Remar in Atlanta.

1991
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Cynthia Honssinger
Clark Sullivan
Lori Winkleman

Marcia Callway-Ingram has moved to Houston, Tx., where she does alternative dispute resolution consulting and mediation.

Jeff Davis is the assistant general counsel of the State Bar of Georgia.

Melanie McNeil received from the Atlanta Legal Aid Society their 1996 Outstanding Service Award for her work with the Senior Citizens Law Project. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Council on Elder Abuse and Neglect and on the board of directors for the Kennesaw State Senior University, a cooperative effort to provide continuing education services to seniors, supported by the Atlanta Regional Commission, Cobb Senior Services and Kennesaw State University.

1992
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Sheila Chrzan
Robert Hughes
Lynda Moser

Michael C. Chisolm is a sole practitioner in Woodstock and practices in the areas of divorce, criminal, and personal-injury law.

Lisa Gugino Gunn joined the law firm of Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Zaleon, P.C., in March 1996 and concentrates in the areas of community association representation, residential real-estate closings, foreclosures and real-estate litigation.

1993
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Joe Davenport
C.R. Wright

P. Cole Law recently opened a solo practice in Cartersville.

1994
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Bonnie Miller
David White

Sandra Cuttler is the author of *Women and the Law: A Guide to Women's Legal Rights in Georgia,* which was published in June and reflects the priorities of the Georgia Commission on Women.

1995
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
Greg Smith
Marilyn Walker

C. Robert Hilliard joined the firm of Gross & Davidson, P.A., in Pensacola, Fla., and practices in the areas of personal-injury, criminal-defense, and family law.

Karen L. Morgan is practicing criminal defense and civil litigation at the law offices of Daniel Lilley, P.A., in Portland, Maine.

Gregory Scott Smith is working at the Atlanta firm of Jones & Askew practicing intellectual property law.

Clifford S. Stanford is working as assistant counsel for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

1996

G. William Little III has opened his practice, G. William Little III, P.C., in Blue Ridge, Ga.

James Michael Money is working as a law clerk for the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit.

Christine Elizabeth Robbins has joined the law firm of Robbins & McLeod as an associate.

Staff accept challenge of new roles in Registrar's Office

Tricia Rackliffe (seated), associate registrar, and Jennifer Grindell (standing), administrative coordinator.

The departure of Charles Gilbreath, the associate registrar for the College of Law, created an opportunity for his assistant, Tricia Rackliffe, to step in as the new associate registrar in January 1997. Rackliffe has worked at Georgia State since 1983, first in the Pullen Library, then in the Office of the University Registrar. She came to the College of Law as a records coordinator in 1986.

Assisting Rackliffe is Jennifer Grindell. Grindell comes to the registrar's office with several years of experience in the College of Law. She started with the college as a records coordinator for the student services office in March 1993 and subsequently worked in faculty support for more than three years. Grindell's ability to juggle the demands of several faculty members will be well served in the registrar's office, and she is delighted to have this new challenge of assisting Rackliffe and meeting and helping the students.

The registrar's office serves the college's 600-plus students with registration, exams, grades processing and counseling. The College of Law will miss Gilbreath but is pleased to welcome Grindell and Rackliffe in their new roles.

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Dean Janice C. Griffith and Professor Edward L. Rubin, of the University of California at Berkeley, served as members of a commentary panel.

The *Georgia State University Law Review* plans to publish the papers from the symposium in early summer in Book 4 of Volume 13.

The Loridans Foundation, which supports the Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lectures Series, funded the symposium. Additional support was provided through a discretionary fund distributed by Judge Albert Pickett of the Superior Court in Augusta.

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