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# GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
# STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to All Students

While this is a very rough first issue for the new S.B.A. Newsletter, it is a beginning. We all are faced with a "beginning" and I am sure that just like you, this Newsletter will make it. The Newsletter will provide a line of communication between students, the faculty, and the administration. It will be published once a month this year. Hopefully, we will be able to generate some advertising revenue to defray production costs. Look forward to the next Newsletter in early September

For those of you new on campus, welcome. The next few days will be the start of the most unusual experience in your lives. The S.B.A. stands ready to help you with any problems you face. If you need help learning your way around, deciding what books to buy, or anything else, drop by your S.B.A. office on the second floor and we will be happy to help.

For the new class of 2Ls, welcome back. You will find that 2nd year is not a lot different that 1st year. You will work harder; but you will be more relaxed while you work. Overall, it is probably a wash. It is not too early to start counting the days to graduation.

For the new class of 3Ls, I'm sorry you have one more year. It is kind of like a prison sentence at this juncture; but you must serve the time if you are to become a member of the profession held in the lowest regard of any around.

It is that point I want to address. We have a new Dean starting in January. G.S.U. is extremely lucky to have a person the caliber of Marjorie Girth as its new dean. While Dean Knowles was able to lead the School down the long and arduous road to accreditation, fresh blood will be good for the school.

Prof. Pat Morgan has accepted the position of Associate Dean. She brings to this job the stability and concern for students that will be appreciated by everyone.

Acting Dean Blasi is in the unenviable position of not only maintaining order in an interim position; but also getting this ship headed in the right direction for the future.

Dean St. Germaine is set to enjoy her first new class of students. Her experience at Northeastern is going to be called upon time after time in handing the day to day problems students face.

We all are embarking on something new this year. If we all will pull together, we can make this the best year ever at G.S.U. If we are to make a dent in upgrading the reputation of the Law Profession, it is going to take participation on everyone's part. I hope you share my concern not only for G.S.U , but also for the profession. If you do, let us try to make a difference this year. Your support is needed if we are to succeed. Any suggestions you have regarding this newsletter will be investigated; and, if feasible will be implemented. Again, I look forward to making this year a real winner.

Robby Hughes

### STUDENT BOOKSTORE

The SBA is sponsoring a bookstore this year. It will provide you with the opportunity to sell your old textbooks, hornbooks, outlines and other study aids for a reasonable price. It also will allow you to buy books at prices that are below the prices charged in the bookstores. The store will be open beginning Aug 20 and will close on Aug. 30. The sooner you bring your books and tapes to the bookstore, the greater your chance of selling the books. The store hours are as follows:

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| Tuesday, August 20 | 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. |
| Thursday,August 22 | 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. |
| Friday, August 23 | 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. |

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experience, and enjoyed it a great deal, it is good to be back. I particularly look forward to renewing my acquaintance with many of you and to meeting those of you I have not yet gotten to know.

This is an exciting time for our Law School. We were extremely fortunate to have attracted a new dean, Marjorie Girth, whose outstanding professional credentials, proven leadership and personal warmth made her a natural first choice. I know you will share in the optimism generated by her acceptance of the deanship. Although she will not assume her new role until January 1, 1992, she is participating in the Law School planning process and following current developments with keen interest.

We are also quite proud of our three new faculty members, and I hope you will participate in welcoming each of them to our community. Professor Ellen S. Podgor, who is teaching White Collar Crime and Agency and Partnership this term, brings to us substantial practice and teaching experience. She spent two years as a prosecutor, then nearly ten as a criminal defense lawyer, following which she obtained an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and an LL.M. from Temple University School of Law. She previously taught at another "new" law school, St. Thomas Law School in Miami.

Professor Eric Segall, who will teach Federal Courts and work with Professor Budnitz on the Externship Program, comes to us from the Justice Department, where he was a trial attorney in the Civil Division of the Federal Programs Branch. Prior to joining the Justice Department, Professor Segall worked in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and clerked for federal judges in Atlanta at both the trial and appellate levels.

Professor Jack Williams, who will teach Bankruptcy and Commercial Paper, joins us after four years of practice with the Dallas, Tx. firm of Hughes & Luce, where he specialized in commercial litigation and planning. Prior to entering private practice, Professor Williams spent two years as clerk to the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

In addition to our new faculty, several faculty members who were away part or all of last year have returned. Professor Mary Radford, who spent the past year as a Judicial Fellow at the United States Supreme Court, has returned, as has Professor Patrick Wiseman, who taught last year at the University of California at Santa Clara Law School. We missed them both, and it is great to have them back.

Finally, we welcome former Dean (and now Professor) Marjorie Fine Knowles to the full-time teaching faculty after her distinguished service as our Dean. We are all indebted to her for the accomplishments she led the Law School in achieving, and wish her a pleasant and fulfilling return from the rigors of administration.

I look forward to working with the SBA and other student organizations to continue to build on what our school has already become and accomplished. Together we can continue to make the GSU Law School experience a uniquely rewarding one.

Patricia T, Morgan,
Associate Dean

...and, from the shores Lake Erie...

Let me add my warm welcome to each of you as you begin this academic year. I hope that the summer has been refreshing and am looking forward eagerly to joining all of you before too much longer.

Let me explain why my arrival had to be delayed until January. American law schools have a long-standing, respected custom that requires faculty members who teach to treat April 1 as the last date for notifying their "home institution" that they will not be available for the fall semester. More than 100 students have registered for my fall courses here, and I really must be fair to them. From the beginning of my involvement in the GSU process, the search committee knew how I felt about my teaching commitment to Buffalo.

In the meantime, I am enjoying participating in the longer term planning for GSU's law school activities. The entire College of Law community is very fortunate that Ron Blasi and Pat Morgan were willing to accept leadership roles during this transitional semester. Building a bridge is always a challenging assignment.

For each of you, I hope that the coming year provides at least a fair share of

The store hours for the second week will be posted Friday afternoon on the SBA office door.

To Sell a Book

1. Write your name and campus box number on the front of an envelope.
2. Write the book name and your asking price on the back of the envelope.
3. Tape the envelope inside the front cover of the book with the mailing address face down.
4. The student will be given a receipt for all items tendered to the SBA.
5. The SBA will charge an additional $1.00 per item sold.
6. As your books are sold, the SBA will place the money received for your book in the envelope and place it in your mailbox.
7. If you have not received money for all your books by Sept.4, please stop by the SBA office and pick up your old books. Books not picked up by Sept. 20 will become property of the SBA.

To Buy a Book

1. Stop by the bookstore and ask to see all materials being offered for sale for a particular class.
2. After you have made your selection, you will write a check to the selling student for the amount requested. We would prefer not handling cash. For those of you who do not have checking accounts, an exception will be granted. The SBA will be collecting an extra $1.00 for each item sold.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR FACULTY COMMITTEES FOR 1991-1992

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

First, I would like to thank the SBA for devoting the time and energy to prepare this Newsletter and make it available to you. It's a great idea, but it required much work and planning. I hope Robby Hughes and the other SBA officers will continue to make this a forum for exchange of ideas about our Law School.

On behalf of Acting Dean Ronald W. Blasi and all in the Administration, I welcome each of you (or for the first time) for the beginning of what we hope will be a stimulating academic year. Acting Dean Blasi is no stranger to most of you, who will remember that he served last year as Associate Dean. His fine performance in that role played a large part in his selection as the Acting Dean.

As many of you know, I was away last Spring term on a "visit" to the University of Florida Law School. While I learned much from my visit Florida

satisfying academic experiences, and more than a little fun. See you soon!

Marjorie L. Girth, Dean-Elect

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, August 29 5:00 P.M.
SBA Meeting, Room 325A

Deadline for the next Newsletter
Sept. 6

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

—The SBA has asked Dean Morgan to do her best to insure that all assignments for the first week of classes are posted no later than one week prior to the start of classes. If she is successful, all assignments should be posted by the close of business on August 19.

—We are looking for a name for this Newsletter. Certainly what we have will not do. We need something clever to really catch people's attention. Drop your suggestions by the SBA office.

—Dean Morgan and Professor Sobelson, Chairman of the Student Affairs Committee, are addressing the never ending problem of examinantion scheduling. The SBA has asked the adminstration to make examination schedules available at the same time as the regular class schedules. In the alternative, we have asked the School to revise the interpretation of "exam conflicts" to include any two exams within a 24 hour period. Hopefully, we will have news on this item soon.

—Dean St. Germaine has been asked to find a way to insure that GSU graduates can sit with the students from Georgia's three other law schools for the annual Mass Swear-In for new attorneys. We are only asking GSU to at least follow the policies set by the other schools which allow them to meet the deadlines.

—If you are aware of a company that would like to advcertise in our Newsletter, please let them know of our existence. Drop by the SBA office for information on advertising rates.