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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

FALL 1997

15 years of significant growth: community connections enhance legal education

In the early 1970s, Georgia State's President Noah Langdale began the controversial campaign to open the College of Law. Champions for a second public law school in Georgia argued that the closure of the evening division at Emory necessitated the creation of a new law school that would offer both day and evening classes to students who would otherwise not be able to obtain a legal education.

From left: Dean Marjorie L. Girth, Dean Emeritus Ben F. Johnson Jr., Dean Janice Griffith and Dean Marjorie Fine Knowles.

Not until October 1981 would Langdale hire the college's first dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., a former Emory Law School dean. From an office in Sparks Hall, Johnson—now dean emeritus—and his assistant, Mary Roberts, began the arduous task of preparing the law school to welcome its first class of 199 students in the fall of 1982. Graduates of that initial class still reminisce about being seated in the college's only classroom on the ground floor while professors rotated in and out to teach different courses.

Since its founding in 1982, more than 1,800 students have received their Juris Doctor degrees from the College of Law. The college's many successes include its accreditation in 1990 by the American Bar Association and its 1995 admission to membership in the prestigious Association of American Law Schools. Two female law school deans, unique in itself, provided leadership for these accreditations, the first occurring during the tenure of Dean Marjorie Knowles and the second during that of Dean Marjorie Girth.

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

The College of Law celebrates its 15th anniversary this year. Today, our graduates practice in many areas of the law. As the college moves up to higher plateaus, it must continue to adhere to the standard of excellence upon which its foundation was built.

Excellence can best be achieved when we aspire to do our best, take cognizance of our performance, possess the will and patience to improve that performance, and meet new challenges with optimism and enthusiasm. Our computer support staff was recently faced with the monumental task of overseeing an upgrade to our network infrastructure while at the same time installing new computers and training others in their use. They chose these three words to remind them to excel: "challenge, coordination and communication." The obvious challenges could be met only if they communicated effectively the implementation process and provided the information needed by technology users. Without coordination with each other as a team, their mission could not be completed. This kind of spirit guides our young and energetic College of Law.

In the Information Age, the ability to access and use knowledge will be a key to a successful legal career. The college must integrate technology into all phases of its operations. Many law schools, including ours, have expended great effort to develop a World Wide Web site. But we strive to do more. We aspire to use technology effectively in the classroom, in the library, in the student computer laboratory, and in our faculty and staff offices. We believe that technology should not be a goal in itself, but should be treated as an exciting tool that will make possible new instruction and applications previously not possible.

The college's outreach to other groups and disciplines beyond its doors puts it at the forefront of legal education. The college is exploring partnerships with other units of the university to further scholarly projects requiring knowledge of law and another academic field. We have expanded the opportunities for study abroad and have extended our hospitality to foreign students and professors visiting us here this fall.

As we celebrate throughout this year and look to the future, we have not forgotten our roots. Many people graciously gave their time and support to the college when it most desperately needed this assistance. Our emphasis on community service keeps this tradition alive. Our current position founded upon excellence gives us, with your help and good will, the ability to achieve greater accomplishments.

Janice C. Griffith

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FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY

Wiseman awarded for instructional innovation

Professor Patrick Wiseman

Professor Patrick Wiseman received the university's Instructional Innovation Award for his virtual class, *Law on the Internet*. Professor Wiseman and this year's class of 20 students met on the Internet instead of in the classroom. The class did not often meet in real time. Instead, ongoing substantive discussions took place on the World Wide Web and through e-mail.

During one class session, Wiseman posted the address for the transcript of the Supreme Court argument that the class was discussing at the minute the American Civil Liberties Union posted the transcript on the Web. A menu of options for the class included an online chat room for synchronous textual classes, all of the students' final papers, opportunities for discussion and links to legal sources of information.

Wiseman has also received awards for the Web site he created, "Meta-Index for U.S. Legal Research" (gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex/). The site links to most of the searchable Federal law on the Internet. The Web site received the Lycos Top 5 percent, Web Crawler Select and Net Guide Gold Site awards.

Wiseman's Web page about virtual teaching tools (gsulaw.gsu.edu/faculty/lawppw/vtt/) was also selected as Jurists Web Site of the Week during the week of June 23. Wiseman has also made available to faculty and students many Web-based tools for collaborative work.

Using Internet technology in instruction

What if students could go to class without going to school? Or take an exam without leaving home? Or get credit for class participation while sitting at home? Or put together a course outline with their study group while never actually meeting face to face? Well, with the Internet technologies now available at the College of Law, they may be able to do all this and more.

There are two kinds of Internet technologies useful in and out of the classroom:"synchronous" technologies, i.e., those in which communication occurs in real time, and "asynchronous" technologies, those in which communication occurs over time. You may be familiar with "chat rooms" on services such as America Online. Chat rooms are an example of synchronous technology, as they allow a group to meet and converse in real time. Another example of synchronous technology is Internet Relay Chat, an Internet-based system for allowing real-time conversation.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES IS TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO WORK COOPERATIVELY IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT.

Synchronous technology

The College of Law has two synchronous tools in place for use in our courses. The first is the Multi-User Dungeon, an online environment in which participants may meet together and talk, as they do on Internet Relay Chat. However, participants using the Multi-User Dungeon can create objects and rooms.

The second synchronous technology available at the College of Law combines synchronous with asynchronous features. The software, created here at the college, allows the creation of "conferences," in which participants may converse in real time or may leave a message to which another participant may respond later.

Asynchronous technology

The College of Law also uses asynchronous technology. For example, several classes at the college have used e-mail discussion lists. A group of list subscribers discuss the list topic by sending e-mail to the discussion list. The discussion is then distributed to the subscribers. The conversation takes place at the

THE VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR ALLOWING STUDENTS TO WORK IN STUDY GROUPS WITHOUT HAVING TO TRAVEL ACROSS TOWN TO MEET.

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Hill was keynote speaker at 1997 Hooding Ceremonies

William Hill was the keynote speaker at both 1997 Hooding Ceremonies, celebrated in February and June. Hill is a partner with the firm Paul, Hasting, Janofsky & Walker. He served on the bench of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the highest-level trial court in the State of Georgia. He also served as a judge on the State Court of Fulton County, Georgia, and spent 13 years with the Georgia Attorney General's Office.

William Hill

At February's ceremony, 41 students graduated with the help of the Hooding Team, professors Bill Gregory and Natsu Saito. In June, 164 students graduated and the members of the Hooding Team were professors Steven Kaminshine, Mary Radford and Stephen Wermiel.

Law Review pays tribute to Judge Kravitch

The *Georgia State University Law Review* presented a set of published tributes to Judge Phyllis A. Kravitch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit to honor her 17 years on the appeals court. The presentation was made by Dean Janice Griffith and *Law Review* symposium Editor Kim Dammers at a luncheon at the College of Law. The tributes, written by judges, her former law clerks and one faculty member, followed Kravitch's decision to take senior status on the court.

From left: Senior Judge Thomas Clark, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Dean Janice C. Griffith; Senior Judge Phyllis A. Kravitch, honoree, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Kim Dammers, symposium editor, Law Review*; and Kevin King, assistant managing editor,* Law Review.

Kaminshine assumes new role as associate dean

Steven Kaminshine has become the college's new associate dean of academic affairs. He is responsible for the college's academic program and the areas of admissions, registrar and career services.

Steven Kaminshine, associate dean

Kaminshine views his new role as a facilitator among various constituencies and as an aid to the dean. Said Kaminshine, "It is important that we provide students with a rich and challenging academic experience while remaining supportive of and responsive to student needs. I look forward to getting to know many of our students and to working with many of our student leaders. The college is fortunate to have an extremely talented faculty and an array of student organizations that serve as important supplements to our academic program."

A faculty member since 1985, Kaminshine teaches in the areas of labor and employment law and civil procedure and has served as faculty adviser to the college's successful Moot Court program.

Kaminshine replaces Corneill Stephens, who served as associate dean for four years and who now returns to teaching full-time. Said Kaminshine, "I know the faculty joins me in expressing a heartfelt thank you to Professor Stephens for his service and dedication as associate dean these last four years."

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Rhea Ballard-Thrower coordinated a CLE program on Cost Effective Legal Research for the Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education in April in Atlanta. Ballard-Thrower's presentation for the program was entitled It's H-O-W Much?!. . .Pricing Legal Materials (a legal bibliography game show).

Mark Budnitz's articles "Stored Value Cards and the Consumer: The Need for Regulation," and "The FTC's Consumer Protection Program During the Miller Years: Lessons for Administrative Agency Structure and Operation," were published by the *American University Law Review* and the *Catholic University Law Review*, respectively. Budnitz's *The Law of Lender Liability*, 1997 Cumulative Supplement No. 1 and *Counseling and Representing Financially Distressed Businesses*, 1997 Supplement, were also published. He delivered a presentation at a symposium at American University, Washington College of Law, entitled The Electronic Future of Cash. Budnitz testified before the Federal Reserve Board on proposed changes to the Truth in Lending Act and before the Federal Consumer Electronic Payments Task Force on stored value cards.

Nancy Deel participated in the April Cost Effective Legal Research Program. The program was entitled Law in Your Pocket – Handy CDs for Georgia Research.

William Edmundson published "The Antimony of Coherence and Determinacy," in the *Iowa Law Review*.

Victor Flatt's article, "A Dirty River Runs through It (the Failure of Enforcement in the Clean Water Act)" was published as the lead article in the silver anniversary edition of *Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review*. He also taught a class in administrative law this summer at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Marjorie Girth was elected to membership in the American Law Institute. She will be participating in the ALI's Consultative Group for the Transnational Insolvency Project. In March, she served as the AALS summarian for the ABA/AALS Reaccreditation Site Team for the University of Nebraska's College of Law. Girth was also an invited participant in the Aspen Institute's Justice and Society seminar in August.

In June, Girth participated in the Debtor Education Think Tank at New York Law School. That group was convened to assist in the development of a proposal to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission for a nationwide financial counseling opportunity that would be added to consumer bankruptcy proceedings.

The State Bar's Board of Governors has accepted the recommendations of its Committee on Standards of the Profession for a mentoring program for new lawyers. The committee has extended Girth's term in order to assist in the next step of that effort, the development of the details of a pilot program to test the mentoring concept. She also served as an adviser to the development of a video entitled "Let Justice Be Done," which was produced by the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Equality for judicial training on issues of racial, ethnic and gender bias.

At the law school's summer program on comparative dispute resolution at Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria, Girth lectured with Prof. Walter Buchegger on A Comparative Analysis of Austrian and American Business Bankruptcy Laws. In March, she also lectured on A Look at Women Lawyers in the '90s for the Western New York Women's Bar Association and on Breaking through the Glass Ceiling for the annual Seven Sister Colleges' Conference in Buffalo.

Bill Gregory's model answer to a corporations question appearing in the February 1997 bar examination was published in the *Fulton County Daily Report*. Gregory will be on professional leave for fall semester 1997, when he will be working on a new casebook on the law of corporations.

Janice C. Griffith attended the 1997 New Law Teachers Workshop held in Washington, D.C. in July. She has been appointed to serve as the 1998 chair of this AALS workshop. She has been also appointed to serve on a newly-formed joint AALS/ABA Commision on the Financing of Legal Education. In August, she completed her year as Chair of the ABA's Section of State and Local Government Law. Among her initiatives as Chair, was a study of the effect of the privatization movement upon state and local governments.

Griffith lectured on higher education legal issues at the American Council on Education Fellows Seminar in June and on the Nuts and Bolts of State and Local Government Law at the ABA annual meeting. She developed and moderated a joint ABA/International Municipal Lawyers Association program, held in April, on Reinventing Government: Privitization of Automation and Technology Services.

Nancy Johnson spoke on Education for Law Librarianship in the New Millennium to the Southeastern Law Libraries Association. She also was a representative of the American Association of Law Libraries at the Atlanta Law Libraries Association. Johnson instructed paralegals on Going Online — Legal Research on the Internet and was a CLE instructor on Cost-Effective Legal Research. She attended the AALL Conference as an executive board member in July. Johnson's curriculum guide for using West's keysite was published by the West Group.

Stephen Kaminshine became associate dean on July 1,1997. He was appointed reporter to the State Bar's Study Commission on Georgia's Labor and Employment Laws. Kaminshine made a presentation at the 4th annual Supreme Court Update, sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia. The presentation addressed the free speech cases of the Supreme Court's 1996-97 term.

Mark J. Kadish published "The Drug Courier Profile: In Trains, Planes, and Automobiles; and Now in the Jury Box." He provided commentary on WSB-TV about *State v. Sandlin* and on WXIA-TV and WGST radio on the Timothy McVeigh verdict. Kadish also provided commentary on the O.J. Simpson verdict on WSB-TV, WXIA-TV, WAGA-TV and WGST Radio.

Marjorie Knowles spoke on a panel on Ethics and Investing at the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics. She also spoke on Women in the Law to the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers. Knowles spoke on Board Composition at Stanford Law School's Directors College and was a participant in a colloquium on Choice of Law: How It Ought to Be, which was published in *Mercer Law Review*.

Paul Milich presented a program on evidence at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia summer conference on Jekyll Island.

Ellen Podgor moderated a panel on ethics at the Annual Federal Defenders' Conference sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center. Podgor's essay "Globalization and the Federal Prosecution of White-Collar Crime" was published in the *American Criminal Law Review*. She also authors a column titled "Reviews in Review" for the *Champion Magazine* and was recently named co-chair of that magazine's advisory board committee. Podgor was elected to serve as a member of

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the Georgia State University Senate Executive Committee for the 1997-98 academic year. Podgor recently returned from Tel Aviv, where she taught as part of the Temple-Tel Aviv Summer Program for law students.

Charity Scott co-wrote a chapter on the health care industry that was published in *Antitrust Law Developments*, a two-volume treatise of the American Bar Association. She spoke on the topic of physician-assisted suicide at the annual meeting of the Georgia Academy of Hospital Attorneys and at the national convention of the United Methodist Association. Scott gave a presentation entitled Resolving Differences: Legal, Ethical and Practical Approaches at the annual conference on Advanced Practice in Neonatal Care. She spoke at a workshop on evaluating the health-care ethics committee at the annual meeting of Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia. She gave a presentation on the relationship between law and medical ethics at a conference on health-care ethics for medical professionals sponsored by Emory's medical school and ethics center. Scott also organized a CLE luncheon for the health-law section of the State Bar of Georgia at which she moderated a panel discussion of the final report of the HCECG Task Force on Futility.

Eric Segall's review essay, "The Skeptic's Constitution," was published by the *UCLA Law Review*. Segall spoke at the Annual Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys Seminar in Burlington, Vt. on "Gay Rights after *Romer v. Evans*."

Lisa Smith-Butler participated in the Cost-Effective Legal Research Program held in April entitled "What's the Scoop? Locating Business Information."
Roy Sobelson attended the College of Law's Transnational Comparative Dispute Resolution Program in Linz, Austria. At the invitation of the faculty of Johannes Kepler University, he will return to Linz in the spring to teach American Civil Procedure to Austrian law students. After returning from Austria, Sobelson served as co-director of the Georgia Institute of Trial Advocacy, a five-day litigation skills program. College of Law graduates Christine Koehler, Randy Rich and Peggy Brockington served as program instructors.

Ellen Taylor's article, "New and Unjustified Restrictions on Delaware Directors' Authority," was published as the lead article in the *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* and was included in *The National Law Journal's* list of articles worth reading. Taylor and Prof. Patricia Morgan taught the business enterprise class again at Southern Methodist University in Dallas this summer.

Steve Wermiel began a leave of absence in August to take a fellowship in Washington, D.C. at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he is completing work on his authorized biography of late Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Before leaving for Washington, he reviewed a collection of essays about Brennan in the June *ABA Journal*. Upon Brennan's death, he wrote a tribute to him in *Newsweek* magazine and appeared live on C-SPAN in a Brennan commentary. He also spoke on Brennan at the American Political Science Association convention in Washington, D.C. in August. Wermiel wrote an end-of-the-Supreme-Court-term review of the free speech decisions for the *Legal Times Supreme Court Review Supplement* that was also published in the *Fulton County Daily Report*.

Jack Williams' third edition of his two-volume *Bankruptcy Taxation* treatise was published. He also prepared a report and testified several times before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission on Bankruptcy Taxation. Williams chaired the Informal Tax Advisory Committee to the NBRC.

Patrick Wiseman addressed a session of the CALI Conference on Law School Computing on the subject of using Internet technology in teaching law. He was selected to be a referee for a special issue of the *World Bulletin* on "Information Technology and the Law." For two years, Wiseman served on the Governing Board of the HTML Writers Guild, an association of Web-site developers, and was their secretary for several months before stepping down in May to devote more time to developing collaborative Internet tools. He is collaborating with Professor Ethan Katsh of the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, on using virtual tools in dispute resolution. (See related article on Page 3 about his course, *Law on the Internet*.)

Doug Yarn attended the 12th Annual Conference of the Conflict Resolution Education Network in Dallas. He conducted a program on Conflict Management in the Health Care Environment for the fourth annual Emory Institute for Health Promotion and Education.

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FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY

Computer support staff prepare for a techno-savvy future

The College of Law is actively preparing for a techno-savvy future with the implementation of new technologies in its classrooms, computer labs and offices.

The computer support staff, under the direction of Tom Gromme, director of administrative services, assess future technology needs; acquire new technology tools; train faculty, staff and students in new technology use; and maintain the college's current technology tools. Despite the significant constraints of budget, the capabilities of the university computer center and the workload of a three-person team, the computer support staff consistently strive to broaden the college's use of new technologies.

To improve classroom instruction, the college installed LCD projectors in two of its classrooms. The monitor system projects computer screens, videos and overheads onto a large instructional screen, allowing professors easy presentation of various media.

Tom Gromme, left, director of administrative services, reviews the list of new computers with the help of his computer support staff, from left: Ken Walsh, James Jones and Jason Puckett.

State-of-the-art machine upgrades with Internet access were installed in the college's two computer labs: a 12-station instruction lab and a 20-station open lab. The

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Office of Development report

As the College of Law approaches its 15th anniversary, we have a successful track for which to be proud and thankful. It is a record that deserves your support with private contributions.

The College of Law very quickly attained accreditation from the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. Today our graduates are being appointed judges; our graduates are becoming partners with large, medium and small firms; our graduates are developing successful solo practices; and our graduates are serving as leaders in community agencies and political campaigns. We frequently get calls from community employers seeking Georgia State University College of Law graduates because they have strong work ethics and can "hit the ground running." This demonstrates a wide acceptance of the belief that we fully prepare graduates for the practice of law. And our students receive this high-quality legal education without being handicapped by extraordinary debt.

Percentage of graduate donors has increased

Our graduates are saying "thank you" for their outstanding legal education by making donations to the College of Law. In FY '97, 319 of our 1,871 graduates made contributions to the College of Law, compared to 226 of 1,653 graduates in FY '96. We are pleased and honored to see the percentage of graduate giving increase from 13 to 17 percent.

The national average for alumni giving among law schools is 20 percent. Yet, the stronger the law school, the higher the graduate participation rates. The strength and prestige of the Georgia State University College of Law depend on increasing the graduate participation rate. The prestige of the college benefits all of us — graduates, students, faculty and the community alike. Please find a donor envelope enclosed in this issue and make your donation to the College of Law now.

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FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY

Law student redesigns college's Web site

Last January, in her effort to move the College of Law further into the Information Age, Dean Janice Griffith hired then-law student Winchel "Todd" Vincent to redesign the school's Web site. The dean's charge was to create a Web site that was easy to manage with a standard look and feel. To accomplish this task, Vincent, with the help of James Jones and Ken Walsh in Computer Support Services, created a system that allows each department to update content on their Web pages simply by editing WordPerfect™ documents on their network drives. After content changes are made, a script updates the Web pages by merging the WordPerfect documents with a standard HyperText Markup Language template.

On the Web site, you will find general information about the law school organized by departments: admissions, academic services, administrative services, faculty, library and staff. In addition, the site features an online application for prospective law students, directions to the College of Law, e-mail and phone directories, and forms that can be downloaded from the registrar and externship offices. You may also find links to class syllabi, more online forms and job listings.

You can access the site at gsulaw.gsu.edu/gsulaw/ or at gsulaw.gsu.edu/.

"Todd" Vincent, class of 1997, redesigned the college's Web site.

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instruction lab facilitates computer training sessions for faculty, staff and students on Corel Suite™, Windows 95™, Netscape™, Westlaw and Nexis. Law students use the open lab for Westlaw, Lexis, Corel 7 and Internet access. In addition, all Tax Clinic and *Law Review* offices were provided with work stations, and the faculty and staff offices are being upgraded to Pentium machines.

To help accommodate the faculty and staff computer needs, Gromme recently hired the third member of the computer support staff. Jason Puckett, who worked as a computer services assistant in the Law Library, joined the computer support staff to provide workstation support to the College of Law. He will serve as the first line of support for troubleshooting hardware and software problems.

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Today, 40 full-time faculty members teach the college's 600 students in expanded facilities that now include five floors of the Urban Life Center. The admissions process remains competitive, with approximately 1,800 applications received for the 200 first-year seats. Georgia State law students have established a tradition of excellent performance in Moot Court and Mock Trial competitions, having won four national championships as well as numerous intrastate and regional awards. They also consistently score well on the Georgia Bar Exam.

The college's location in the Southeast's most vibrant business center and its next-door neighbor, the state capitol, have helped to define it. The connection of the law school's educational programs to its surrounding community has not escaped notice. The Tax Clinic, opened in 1992, provides a live-client experience for its students while benefitting the community's indigent taxpayers. The *Law Review* annually publishes the *Peach Sheets*, which analyze significant legislation passed by the Georgia General Assembly. The externship program takes advantage of the college's proximity to many federal, state, county and city government offices, including courts, legislatures and regulatory agencies.

> ***The College of Law's significant growth in its first 15 years has not obscured its focus — to provide an excellent, affordable and distinctive legal education to a diverse student body.***

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convenience of the participants. Another tool available at the College of Law is HyperNews. HyperNews requires a Web browser such as Netscape to use, and it allows the creation of "bulletin boards" on specific topics to which users may respond. It is also possible to receive and send e-mail to and from HyperNews, so the lack of access to the Web does not preclude participation.

The purpose of these technologies is to allow people to work cooperatively in a virtual environment. In a metropolitan school such as ours, the virtual environment has great potential for allowing students to work in study groups without having to travel across town to meet.

The school is exploring other exciting possibilities for support of such cooperative work. Among these, Basic Support for Cooperative Work allows the creation of shared work spaces, in which users can place documents they're working on together.

For more information about these and other Internet goings-on at the college, use Netscape or another Web browser to visit GSULaw Online at gsulaw.gsu.edu/gsulaw.html.

President's Letter

As president of the College of Law Graduates Association, I would like to acquaint you with the structure and function of our graduate support organization. Membership in the CLGA is open to all graduates of the College of Law. The purposes of the CLGA are threefold: 1) to promote professional fellowship among graduates of Georgia State University; 2) to marshal the support of the graduates for the advancement and development of the College of Law and of Georgia State University; and 3) to join with members of the legal profession who wish to promote, through the College of Law, the improvement of law, and its effective administration.

The Graduate Leadership Council is the governing body of the CLGA. Each graduating class is represented by two class representatives on the GLC. They are joined by the president, president elect/vice-president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. The GLC meets quarterly at a sponsoring law firm's office to discuss graduate activities and issues. The quarterly meetings are open to all graduates and I encourage you to attend and give your input. The occasion provides a wonderful networking, information-gathering and socializing opportunity.

Did you know our law school can claim more than 1,800 graduates? The number and quality of our graduates is remarkable given the relative youth of the school. And, as you can imagine, it is becoming difficult to keep up with our graduates. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire you may have received and return it to the law school. The information will be added to a database to help us better keep up with each other. In addition, each publication of the *Law Letter* contains a section on graduates' news. Don't be shy — send in news about yourself, be it related to our profession or to your family.

Sometime this fall, the GLC will coordinate the Fall Phone-a-Thon. Our goal this year is to have members of each graduating class on hand to make personal phone calls to their classmates. Your class representatives may contact you to help out with the phone-a-thon, and I encourage you to participate. We need to dramatically increase graduate contribution levels to complement our limited state funding. So please consider the law school when making your charitable contributions. Don't fret about the amount of your donation. Every dollar helps.

The GLC will try to develop a graduates' award program this year. If you have any suggestions or are interested in assisting the GLC in this project, please contact me at the number below or the College of Law Development Office at 404/651-2040.

As I close, I want to thank Nan Rigby for her hard work. She set a high standard for me to match. I am anxious to follow her ambitious path and look forward to a busy year.

David White
CLGA President
404/351-2656

CLASSACTIONS

1984
Adam Jett

1985
Bill Cornwell
Pat Tate
Jake Waldrop

Roger G. Martin was appointed by Gov. Zell Miller as a commissioner of the Uniform State Law as a representative of Georgia.

Bob Spencer who is manager of sales for West Coast Tomato, expanded his Florida business to include California.

Mary Anne Spencer received her certification in wills, trusts and estates law from the Florida Bar.

1986
Peggy Brockington
Peggy Walker
Jim Zito

Colleen Quinn Brady is the deputy director of the Capital Defense Unit of the Legal Aid Society.

Roy L Moore was elected as chair-elect of the University of Kentucky Faculty Senate for 1997-98.

Vic Reynolds spoke at the National Drug Court Seminar in Los Angeles in May and at the Western State Domestic Violence Seminar in April.

Stanley Wade Robbins' daughter, **Christine Robbins**, **'96**, joined his firm Robbins & McLeod.

Mark W. Wortham was elected to the position of counsel at the firm Arrington & Hollowell, P.C.

1987
Stan Klinger
Carol Walker-Russell

Timothy A. Bumann became a member in the Atlanta office of the Philadelphia-based firm of Cozen and O'Connor. Bumann concentrates in product liability.

Debra A. Lauzon was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce. She formed her partnership of Lauzon & Euler, LLP, in October 1996.

Aasia Mustakeem is a partner at Gambrell & Stoltz. She practices in commercial real estate, general business and entertainment law. Mustakeem is an active member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

Tanya Persaud-White is the department chair of a magnet program. She taught School Law at Clark Atlanta University School of Education and is working on her Ph.D in curriculum at Georgia State.

Carol Walker-Russell was appointed as a member of the Committee for Literacy in Detention Facilities by Linda Klein, president of the State Bar of Georgia.

Phillip F. Woodward was appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice to serve as a Chapter 7 panel trustee in the Northern District of Georgia, Rome Division, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

1988

James J. Dalton II, President of Dalton & Associates Inc., (registered investment advisers), started Clayton National Bank while in law school. Following a merger and an aquisition, the bank became a part of the Tucker Federal Bank family.

Phillip Jackson was appointed adviser to the Committee on Professionalism and became a member of the BASICS Committee of the State Bar of Georgia.

Patrick Lloyd is a musician in the band One Tree Hill. The band plays contemporary/folk music and has three independently released records, the latest in December 1996.

Michael A. Maxwell assumed the duties of principalship at the Fayette County Evening High School for the 1997-98 school year.

Carol E. Russell's became a partner with Aaronson, Rappaport, Feinstein, & Deutsch, LLP, specializing in medical malpractice defense and health law.

Ruby J. Thomas volunteers through her church for Project Open Hand, delivering food to AIDS victims.

1989
Nicole House
Trish Marcucci
Stacey Routh

Morgan G. Adams became a sole practitioner in August, practicing in civil litigation with an emphasis in personal injury, insurance defense, divorce, father's custody and military/veteran's law.

Robert F. Dallas joined College of Law graduates **Howard Evans**, '90, and **Cheryl Shaw**, '87, at Shaw & Evans, LLC. Dallas continues his commercial litigation and bankruptcy law practice.

Bob Dolph was appointed magistrate judge of Clayton County. **Merrilee Aynes Gober** is secretary of the Sandy Springs Bar Association. Gober coordinated the People's Law School, which was held in September and October. Lawyers addressed issues ranging from getting your teenager out of jail to medical malpractice.

Amy S. Haney became a staff attorney at the Supreme Court of Georgia in August.

1990

William J. Allen formed Byrne Allen Corp. in 1995 to raise money for nonprofit organizations. The company has raised more than $17 million for nonprofit organizations in Raleigh, Mobile, Savannah, Atlanta, Austin and Charleston.

Wayne Blank spoke on Medicaid fraud and abuse at the National Medicaid Conference held at Lake Lanier in July.

I. Stewart Duggan is a partner with Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis, LLP.

Rose E. Goff became a partner with Greene, Buckley, Jones & McQueen in January 1996. Goff represents individuals in employment discrimination suits.

Bernadette H. Weih was appointed judge for the Upper Willamette District Justice Court in Oakridge, Ore. She hears misdemeanor criminal cases, fish and game violations and traffic cases from at least three different law enforcement agencies in East Lane County.

1991

Kathleen Aderhold is a state-registered domestic mediator. She was involved in the negotiations and subsequent filming of Clint Eastwood's movie, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.

Stacey Rice Bawtinhimer, who practices special education law and has represented numerous special-needs children throughout eastern North Carolina, spoke at state conferences on the rights of learning-disabled children and their parents, and wrote articles on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and students' federal rights.

Catherine A. Ghiglieri, who has been the banking commissioner of Texas Department of Banking since 1992, was recently recommended by Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez to President Clinton to be chair of the FDIC.

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Russ Keener, who started his own civil litigation practice in 1991 and specializes in personal injury, medical malpractice and workers' compensation, is the Atlanta Country Club Estates Homeowner's Association president.

Kenneth Southall joined Troutman Sanders, LLP as an associate in March and practices patent, trademark and copyright law.

1992

Sheila Chrzan
Robert Hughes

Michael P. Baird was elected as chief judge of the Clayton County Magistrate Court.

Craig Cleland is practicing employment law at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. Cleland's daughter, Lucy, was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 1995 and is doing much better.

Linley Jones's new firm, Jones & Associates, concentrates in personal injury trial practice.

Debbie McCarty is campaigning to be president of the Atlanta City Council. She resigned as Atlanta commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs in August. McCarty also served as a member of the Atlanta City Council for 16 years.

Michael L. Morgan became a partner in the firm Webb & Lindsey, LLC.

Anthony Morris is the election chair of the Torts and Insurance Practice Section of the Georgia Bar. He served as counsel to Speaker Newt Gingrich in ethics hearings before the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lynda Moser is a certified mediator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Stephen D. Ott was named a partner in the firm Webb & Lindsey, LLC.

Taryn Trent is now the division attorney for the Georgia Division of Public Health, a division of the Georgia Department of Human Resources. He previously served as legal counsel to Speaker Thomas B. Murphy of the Georgia House of Representatives.

1993

Clara Bucci
Joe Davenport
C.R. Wright

Joe Davenport was elected 1997-98 chair of the Labor and Employment Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and the 1997-98 chair-elect of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association.

P. Cole Law opened a solo practice in Cartersville, Ga.

H. Alan Rosenberg was promoted to the Acting Vice President of Legal Affairs for the Grady Health System in May.

Terri A. Rushing joined DHR Division Rehabilitation Services as Legal Services Officer in July . She provides legal advice to DRS managers and represents the division in administrative proceedings.

Lawrence C. Schill practices bankruptcy and commercial litigation as an associate with Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith, & Cutler, P.A., a Tampa-based firm with six Florida offices.

1994

Marlo Orlin Leach
Bonnie Miller
James Westbury

Tony DelCampo is a partner in the firm of Meslic, Wilkes & DelCampo.

Raymond J. Ho is an attorney with Watson, Cole, Stevens, Davis, P.L.L.C., in Washington, D.C.

Bonnie Miller became associated with the law firm of Barnhart, O'Quinn & Williams in April. She practices in the areas of employment law and public entity liability, assisting in the representation of city and county governments throughout Georgia.

Melissa A. Pershing is the director of Public Service Activities for the North Carolina Bar Association. She directs a statewide pro bono project, a legal services planning commission and lawyer referral services. Pershing was a workshop leader at the ABA National Pro Bono Conference.

Doug Rogers opened a solo law and accounting practice in Thomasville, Ga. in August 1996 and a CPA practice in Moultrie, Ga., in July.

1995

Greg Smith
Marilyn Walker

Fred Steven Bolding's firm, Goddard, Thames, Hammontree & Bolding, LLC, was formed in August 1996. Bolding practices workers' compensation, personal injury and commercial litigation.

William Thomas Braswell III recently completed training as a line-check airman on the Airbus A320. He volunteers with the Airline Pilots Association for grievance negotiations and FAA certificate action against United pilots.

Scott C. Crowley returned to Georgia following his clerkship in Fairbanks, Alaska, and he practices law in Waycross with the firm Dillard & Bower.

Michael Machell transferred to Lawrence/Topeka, Kan., where his company purchased a cellophane plant. He oversees all the plant support functions and hopes to utilize his law degree in dealing with labor-relations issues.

Mimi McCain is an associate with Koval & Associates, concentrating in family law.

Thomas L. Nunnallee is happily immersed in a small-town general civil practice in Sebring, Fla.

Martin A. Shelton practices environmental litigation for the law offices of Donald D.J. Stack, P.C.

Barry D. Willms opened his own practice in the area of small-business law.

Cyndy Zebrowitz joined the law firm of Morris & Schneider, P.C., specializing exclusively in real-estate transactions. She is the managing attorney of the firm's Dunwoody office.

1996

Irene Munn Jacobsen
Rob Kiser

Bruce Clements passed the Georgia Bar exam in February and took the Florida Bar exam in July.

Laura K. Schilling was admitted to the Florida Bar in April.

Staff feature

The new face in the dean's office is Alex Snell, who provides administrative support to Dean Janice Griffith. His primary responsibilities as administrative specialist include keeping the dean's calendar, maintaining the office's extensive filing system, drafting routine correspondence and taking the minutes at monthly faculty meetings.

Alex Snell

Snell came to the COL in late July, and says, "In the short time I've been here, the staff and faculty of the College of Law have gone out of their way to welcome me aboard, which has been extremely helpful as I adapt to a new environment and new responsibilities. I look forward to working together with the staff to facilitate the work of the dean."

Snell comes with experience in the administrative functions of a law school. He worked for Emory University School of Law prior to joining the Georgia State staff. While at Emory, he coordinated the administrative aspects of the research, writing and appellate advocacy program and assisted two other members of the faculty with their administrative needs.

Snell is a 1995 graduate of Wesleyan University. He replaces Shawn Starr, who returned to being a full-time student this summer.

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