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Our Beloved Friend and Founding Dean
Ben F. Johnson Jr.
1914 - 2006

Kaminshine Named New Law Dean
High-Tech Sixth Floor Renovations Complete
Sharing Successes From Our Centers
Message from the Dean

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

We dedicate this first new and redesigned edition of The Law Letter to the life and legacy of our founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., who died earlier this summer at the age of 92. Dean Johnson led an extraordinary life, and we here at the College of Law are blessed by the decision he made late in his career, over 25 years ago, to set his sights on Georgia State University and build from scratch a leading public law school in the City of Atlanta. I am pleased that many of us got the chance to be with Ben this past March as we celebrated Ben’s life of public service by bestowing on GSU law alum Linda DiSantis (’88) the annual public service award that bears Ben’s name. As we speak, the law school is creating a memorial display in honor of Ben that will be viewable in the lobby entrance to our building. We hope this display serves to celebrate a life that made such a difference in the lives of others, and serves as a reminder to us all to cherish and nurture the legacy he has left: Georgia State University College of Law.

This first new issue of The Law Letter speaks to this legacy by showcasing a College of Law that has sprinted into its second generation, and is just one year away from celebrating its 25th anniversary. In the pages ahead, I invite you to read about our many events, successes and news stories of the past year. You will learn of early plans for a new free-standing building – a law and business professional center – in which we will partner with the Robinson College of Business. Read further to learn of the significant honors and accomplishments of our students and your fellow alums, and of the great work being done by members of our faculty. The Law Letter also shares with you the latest news about a new study abroad program in Rio de Janeiro, and the distinguished scholars and speakers who visited our campus over the last academic year and enriched our intellectual environment.

Those of us who had the good fortune to know Ben Johnson knew a modest man who was slight in build but who in stature, energy and passion for justice was larger than life. Sir Isaac Newton once remarked, “If I have seen a little further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” Fortunately, for us, Ben was a giant whose shoulders were wide, and we will stand on these shoulders in the months and years ahead as we continue to build a law school out of his vision.

Susan Neugent
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Welcome a New Face to the College of Law

The College of Law is pleased to welcome our new Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Barbara Waters, who joined us this past spring.

Waters, a 1973 alumna of Agnes Scott College, has extensive fund-raising experience including annual giving, capital campaigns, endowment funds, corporate and foundation giving, planned giving and special events.

Most recently, she led development efforts in Boston for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, an organization with 22,000 members nationwide. Waters also served as Development Director for the Bostonian Society, Boston’s historical society, and the Island Alliance, a public/private partnership supporting a new national park in Boston. Her development career began in New Jersey with The Nature Conservancy.

Waters, who joined the College just a few months ago, is already making her presence known among students, alums and supporters.

And Take A Look At The New Face Lift For The Law Letter!

Welcome to the all-new version of The Law Letter. We hope you’ll think it’s been worth the wait!

The new format for The Law Letter is a transition from the two-color newsletter the College of Law has produced in the past.

“We are optimistic that our audience will enjoy the new full-color version of The Law Letter,” said COL Director of Communications Peri Parks. “The new publication captures the energy and momentum of the College, and will be an effective vehicle for communicating our success stories here at the law school.”

The Law Letter is now a biannual publication with a Fall/Winter edition to be published late fall to early winter each year, and a Spring/Summer issue to publish late each summer. To supplement the publication, every other month the COL will introduce a brand new product that will be distributed via e-mail and on the College’s Web site called Dean’s Law E-News.

As always, we welcome your feedback! And if you would like to share your ideas for stories or have alumni information to announce in The Law Letter, send your items of interest to Parks at peri@gsu.edu or call 404.651.1973.

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In a legal world heavily populated with bigger-than-life figures with huge egos, it would be easy to overlook a real giant with a quiet demeanor whose contributions lay in the things he achieved and the lives he touched. Ben Johnson was such a giant.

A striking aspect of Ben’s life in the law was the extent to which he fused the academic side of law—as a teacher and dean of two Georgia law schools—with the practical, applied side of the profession, and did both with such passionate dedication.

Ben began his career as a lawyer after graduating from Emory University and practiced with Sutherland, Tuttle & Brennan (now Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan) until World War II brought him three years of duty as a Naval intelligence officer stationed in the South Pacific.

After the war, Ben earned a master’s degree in law at Duke University, and then joined Emory University’s law faculty in 1946. Ben taught state tax, a field that even now is considered specialized. His teaching was enriched by six years of service as a deputy attorney general specializing in state tax litigation.

He is listed as counsel in more than 50 cases before the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. While teaching, he made a significant mark as a lawyer firmly grounded in both the academic and practical aspects of the profession.

From 1961 to 1973, he served as the fourth dean of Emory’s law school.

In 1962, in the case of Emory University v. Nash, Ben joined with Henry Bowden to successfully challenge Georgia’s racist law that denied state tax exemptions to integrated private schools. This opened the way for Emory and other schools to admit minority students without imperiling their tax-exempt status.

Even as dean, he drew on his state tax background and managed to couple it with a zeal for racial fairness and justice. In time, Ben’s efforts to bring racial and gender diversity to Emory’s law school saw the graduation of Fulton County Superior Court Judge Marvin Arrington Sr., U.S. District Court Judge Clarence Cooper and U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans. In 1966, while dean at Emory, he sought foundation support for a program that helped black students enter the legal profession.

In 1962, Ben was elected to a state senate seat representing DeKalb County. He served in the Legislature until 1969, and is best known for his work as the principal author of the legislation creating the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. As Atlanta ponders how to expand public transportation, it builds on a legacy that Ben helped create.

Ben was especially concerned about educational opportunities for those who were not privileged by wealth or family circumstances. As someone who had worked his way through college during the Depression era, briefly attending Georgia State when it was Georgia Institute of Technology’s Evening School of Commerce, he earned an early appreciation for flexible, student-centered, part-time education.

As dean of Emory’s law school in the early 1970s, Ben presided over the elimination of its part-time evening program, a step believed to be a necessary predicate for Emory’s rise to national prominence among law schools.

At the same time, he knew that students would suffer. So when at the age of 67, an age when many would be looking to retire, he was invited by then-President Noah Langdale and Vice President William Suttles to become the founding dean of a new law school at Georgia State University, he took up the challenge because he knew it would make possible the return of ABA-accredited, part-time legal education to Atlanta and enable part-time students to obtain a first-class legal education.

Ben will be remembered by the former law students who now are lawyers, judges, legislators and civic leaders. The law schools he gave great gifts to the profession of law, but all Georgians are richer for his vision, civic passion and devotion to justice.
of two universities owe him a great debt. He served as dean at Emory (1961-1973) until he had secured it a new home, Gambrell Hall, in 1972, and laid the foundation for its rise to national prominence. He served as dean at Georgia State (1981-1985) until he had recruited a founding faculty, admitted its first students and secured its provisional accreditation by the ABA.

His death took from us a gentle giant. He gave great gifts to the profession of law, but all Georgians are richer for his vision, civic passion and devotion to justice. He will be missed.
Following a national search, Georgia State University Provost Ron Henry has named Steven J. Kaminshine dean of the College of Law. The appointment of Kaminshine, who has been a professor at the College of Law for two decades and has served as interim dean since July of 2004, was effective this past fall.

According to Henry, Kaminshine is an “innovative and thoughtful legal educator who is the right choice to lead the College of Law to further growth and prominence.”

“The search committee was meticulous and deliberate in their process to select a dean for the College of Law, and I am delighted with their recommendation,” the provost said. “The college has made tremendous advances under Steve’s leadership as interim dean, and I am confident he will be a dean of vision to take the college into the future.”

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- Dean Steven Kaminshine
Prior to being named interim dean in 2004, Kaminshine served as the College of Law’s associate dean for academic affairs. He has been a member of the law faculty since 1985 and teaches courses in civil procedure, labor law and employment discrimination law. Kaminshine’s scholarship focuses on labor and employment issues, and he frequently speaks on labor and employment law topics. He has been an active member of the Labor and Employment Sections of the Georgia and Atlanta Bar Associations, and has twice chaired the Atlanta Bar’s section.

Before joining the faculty, Kaminshine, was a partner in a labor and employment law practice in New York City, and spent three years at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington D.C. He received his undergraduate degree in history summa cum laude from New York University at Albany, and he received his J.D. degree with honors from the DePaul University School of Law.

“I am incredibly excited by this opportunity to lead the College of Law,” Kaminshine said. “The College has made tremendous advances in its 24-year history, and is poised to move to the next level as it enters its second generation. We will continue to make our mark with quality programs that bridge theory and practice, an engaged faculty, and a commitment to the bar and the greater community.”

College of Law Professor Douglas H. Yarn, who co-chaired the search committee for the new dean, said the committee is pleased with Kaminshine’s appointment.

“It was our unanimous decision that Steve Kaminshine was the most qualified candidate for the role,” he added. “His vision for the College of Law is filled with energy and focus at a tremendously opportune time.”

Dean Kaminshine said his optimism for the College is justified by its outstanding faculty and staff, and committed alumni.

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- Georgia State University Provost Ron Henry
For the first time in the 13-year history of the College of Law’s Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award, the recipient is one of our own… COL alumna Linda K. DiSantis (’88), City Attorney for the City of Atlanta.

DiSantis was honored with this year’s award during ceremonies March 30 at the Commerce Club. Dean Steven Kaminshine welcomed a large crowd on hand including the man who inspired the award, Ben F. Johnson Jr.

The award is presented each year to a Georgia lawyer whose life and career reflect the high tradition of public service that our founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., exemplified during his career.

“We are delighted that this year the recipient is a College of Law graduate,” Dean Kaminshine remarked during the ceremony. “We believe Linda DiSantis is most deserving of this honor. She gives of herself tirelessly to our community, and she is a shining example of what it means to be a public servant.”

Guest speakers during the award ceremony included Georgia State University President Carl Patton, DiSantis’ colleague from the City of Atlanta, Mayor Shirley Franklin, as well as Ben F. Johnson III and Deputy City Attorney Jerry L. DeLoach. Dean Kaminshine and Associate Dean Anne Emanuel presented an award plaque to DiSantis with assistance from two former COL deans, Professor Janice Griffith and Professor Marjorie Girth.

Prior to being appointed city attorney by Mayor Franklin in 2002, DiSantis served as a vice president and managing attorney in the United Parcel Service Corporate Legal Department, and she previously practiced with the law firm of Alston & Bird in Atlanta.

DiSantis serves on the Legislative Advisory Committee of the International Municipal Lawyers Association. She has served on numerous boards including the Georgia Advisory Board of the Trust for Public Land, the Board of the Georgia Wildlife Federation and the Environmental Advisory Committee of the National Chamber Litigation Center. She has been a member of the Ethics Officer Association and has published articles on environmental law.
Alums Scott Frank and Cliff Stanford Receive 2006 Service to the College of Law Award

Scott M. Frank (’94) and Clifford S. Stanford (’95) were named recipients of the 2006 “Service to the College Award” during the State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting Alumni Breakfast Jan. 6. This honor is bestowed annually by the College of Law’s Graduate Leadership Council.

Frank is the president of the BellSouth Intellectual Property Management and Marketing Corporations. Stanford is assistant general counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Both are founding members of the Georgia State College of Law Intellectual Property Advisory Board (IPAB), a group that has raised a significant amount of awareness and funding for IP at the College. The board has secured more than $125,000 to further IP efforts at the COL, with the goal to advance Georgia State as one of the top intellectual property law programs in the U.S.

Past recipients of the Service to the College of Law Award include Peggy Brockington (’86), Cathy Henson (’89), Marlo Orlin Leach (’94), Pat Tate (’85) and Peggy Walker (’86).

COL Graduate and Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson Visits GSU Legislator Event

Georgia State University hosted its annual Leadership Appreciation Night for state legislators at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot at Underground in January.

With the theme “Serving All of Georgia,” the event celebrated the many ways the University benefits the state.

A large, distinguished number of College of Law graduates now serve the citizens of Georgia through their work in public service. Whether they are serving as leaders in the Georgia legislature, the judiciary or public agencies, or as elected officials, our alums and the College of Law serve the state in a variety of ways.

Just one such notable alumnus is Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the Georgia House, who graduated in the first College of Law class in 1984. The speaker took time out during the event to visit the College of Law exhibit, which featured posters listing all graduates now serving the state.

Newly Minted Lawyers Reception Includes First Swearing-In Ceremony

A crowd of more than 200 witnessed Georgia State College of Law alum, the Honorable Cynthia J. Becker (’87), swear in 2005 graduates during the 7th Annual Newly Minted Lawyers Reception Nov. 16 at The Commerce Club. For the first time, the event featured a swearing-in ceremony for law graduates, making the reception memorable for the new attorneys, their guests, alumni, faculty and staff present.
The College of Law's Center for Law, Health & Society has enjoyed tremendous success during its second year in operation with a popular speakers series, the award of a major grant and plans for a new civil legal services clinic to benefit the health and welfare of children.

The Center presented a three-part Distinguished Speaker Series on Biotechnology Law, Policy and Ethics during the fall entitled *What does it mean to be human?* According to Professor Charity Scott, J.D., the director of Georgia State Law’s Center for Law, Health & Society, the series delved into controversial issues and featured noted authorities in the arenas of biotechnology law, policy and ethics. The series was moderated by Roberta M. Berry, J.D., Ph.D., visiting professor in Biotechnology Law, Policy & Ethics at the COL and associate professor of Public Policy and Director of the Law, Science & Technology Program at Georgia Tech.

The Center’s community service project received a $750,000 grant from the Lettie Pate Evans Foundation (an affiliate of the Woodruff Foundation) to support both the legal services and educational components of the Center’s innovative community service partnership with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society called the Health Law Partnership (HeLP). HeLP provides legal services clinics at Children’s two hospitals. Low-income children and their families are eligible for these services aimed at eliminating socioeconomic barriers to optimum health.

Part of the grant will support start-up funding for a civil legal services clinic at the College of Law for students to work on cases related to children’s health and welfare. Professor Scott will serve as the director of the clinic, and Sylvia Caley (COL ’89) and Lisa Bliss have been hired as clinical assistant professors and will serve as co-associate directors of the new clinic. HeLP plans to open the clinic in January of 2007 with an initial enrollment of law students. There are plans to incorporate other graduate students in medicine, social work, nursing and public health to work in collaborative teams in the future.

College of Law Tax Clinic

The Tax Clinic at Georgia State’s College of Law has made advances over the past academic year with the addition of a new endowed professorship, continued outstanding support from COL graduates, a grant from the IRS and a new supervising attorney.

According to Clinic Director Professor Ronald Blasi, the Trammell Foundation is being joined by Timothy Trankina, a 1989 COL graduate, to create the Mark and Evelyn Trammell Chaired Professorship in Tax Law. The Foundation and Trankina have been exceptionally generous supporters of the Tax Clinic over the years.

“The Chaired Professorship in Tax Law will ensure the longevity of the Clinic for generations,” Trankina said. “It will also serve as a legacy to those who have steadfastly supported the mission of the Tax Clinic over the years, especially its founder, Professor Blasi. As a result, many, many more low-income taxpayers will be served by our students.”

The Tax Clinic also received a grant for $85,000 from the Internal Revenue Service for this academic year, and ongoing support from Ginny and Kelly Smith, COL graduates who generously fund summer fellowships totaling $5,000 annually.

Long-time Clinic Supervising Attorney Dean Morley retired last fall with a gala celebration and fond farewells from the College. Morley, who had been with the Clinic since 1997, was the former Atlanta district counsel for the IRS and served with that organization for 31 years before coming out of retirement to join the Clinic for nine years. Matthew Williamson, who has assumed duties as assistant director and supervising attorney for the Clinic, replaced Morley upon his retirement. Williamson was formerly with The Bowden Law Firm, Deloitte & Touche and Arthur Andersen in tax law before joining the Clinic. He is a graduate of Georgia State University, receiving his B.B.A. in Accounting and a Master of Taxation degree. Williamson is also an alumnus of the College of Law (’04), where he worked in the Tax Clinic as a student.
**Programs**

**Intellectual Property Initiative**

The College of Law continues to grow its Intellectual Property program under the guidance of Professor Michael Landau, and the support and leadership of the Intellectual Property Advisory Board. Professor Landau’s continuing international work in IP has served to link him and the College of Law with academic centers in leading European universities.

The Intellectual Property Advisory Board, comprised of COL alumni now working in the IP field, has raised a significant amount of awareness and funding for IP at the College. The board has raised more than $125,000 to further IP efforts at the COL, and has assisted the College in helping to sponsor a series of IP-related programs and activities. The group organized the first Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair last fall with impressive participation from both leading IP law firms and students. The second job fair took place Aug. 1.

The board held its second annual Intellectual Property Celebration in February, attracting nearly 200 supporters and raising $20,000 during the event. The board also fostered a successful mentoring program and raised funds to help create scholarships for students interested in IP law.

The College of Law and the Robinson College of Business joined forces this past April to form Atlanta’s first-ever Corporate Intellectual Property Roundtable. The roundtable will serve as a premier forum for exchange of ideas, best practices, information and networking exclusively for in-house executives in the IP law community. Nearly 50 business and legal professionals participated in the first roundtable event. Professor Landau is also planning a course centered around the inaugural Comparative Intellectual Property Seminar for this fall, featuring invited visitors and scholars in IP law from the international community.

**Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth**

The College of Law’s Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth has had a banner second year. The Center cosponsored a very successful Law Review Symposium, a Foreign Enrichment Program that brought international professors to the COL, Urban Fellows Breakfast speakers on a wide array of topics and an international summer study program in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

With a focus on metro redevelopment, the Center and the Georgia State University Law Review presented a thought-provoking symposium Feb. 2-3 entitled *What Kind of Metropolitan Areas Do We Want? Challenges, Promises and Pitfalls in Redevelopment.* The symposium delved into redevelopment methodology best suited to meet future needs in metro areas, with its largest attendance to date of more than 200 participants.

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One of the highlights of the two-day event was a luncheon featuring two former governors with strong opinions on redevelopment efforts in their respective states — Gov. Roy Barnes of Georgia, who now practices law in Marietta, and Gov. Parris Glendening of Maryland, who is currently the president of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute.

International visitors participating in the Center’s Foreign Enrichment Program this academic year included professors from Pontifical Catholic University School of Law in Brazil, the Universite de Limoges in France and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The Metro Growth Center’s Urban Fellows Breakfasts continued to give select law and other graduate students from across the University the opportunity to enjoy small, focused breakfast sessions with some of the region’s top business, political, community and government leaders. This year’s theme was transportation in the Atlanta region. In connection with these breakfasts, students write papers related to the theme, aimed at publication in professional journals. In the coming academic year, the Urban Fellows Breakfast theme will focus on “Urban Neighborhood Development.”

The Center’s innovative 2006 Summer Legal and Policy Study in Rio de Janeiro grew in popularity in its second year, attracting 78 students. The College of Law presented the program in consortium with the Florida International University College of Law and the Seattle University School of Law. The interdisciplinary summer study program in Rio offers courses in international and comparative environmental and environment health law and policy, in international trade and in cross-cultural conflict resolution.
A new luncheon format and two high-profile speakers this past fall and spring for the Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series at the College of Law saw standing-room-only crowds of some 200 in attendance for both events in the GSU Student Center Ballroom.

The 37th Miller Lecture for fall was held last Oct. 20, when a former Harvard Law dean delivered an address on changes in corporate governance in a post-Enron world.

The lecture was presented by Robert C. Clark, Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor and former Harvard Law dean, whose topic was extremely relevant and timely. A leading scholar and commentator on ethics and corporate governance, the issue has moved to the forefront of our nation’s consciousness with Enron and other corporate scandals. Professor Clark’s lecture was titled, Corporate Governance Changes in the Wake of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act: A Morality Tale for Policy Makers Too.


Professor Bassiouni, who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999, is widely known as the “Father of the International Criminal Court” for his role as chair of the drafting committee for the 1998 Diplomatic Conference, which established that court.

Bassiouni, a professor at the DePaul University College of Law, is the president of the International Human Rights Law Institute. From 1992-94 he chaired the United Nations Security Council’s commission to investigate war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. In 2004, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights appointed him as the Independent Expert on Human Rights in Afghanistan. As reported in the New York Times, his work in Afghanistan uncovered the secret use of 14 fire bases for military detention, and in April 2005 he issued a report finding that Americans running prisons in Afghanistan were, “engaging in arbitrary arrests and detentions and committing abusive practices, including torture.”

The Georgia State University College of Law Henry J. Miller Lecture Series is supported by the Charles Loridans Foundation Inc.
student spotlights

COL Honors Day 2006 Recognizes Superlatives

Georgia State University’s College of Law recognized outstanding students for the past academic year during the second annual Honors Day breakfast and ceremonies Apr. 12. Nearly 60 awards were given to deserving students in variety of areas of excellence. The event was sponsored by Westlaw.

New Orleans Law Students Spend Semester at COL

Following Hurricane Katrina last fall, 18 second and third-year law students from Tulane and Loyola universities attended the COL as visiting guests. The students were only charged a $100 fee to enroll for fall semester, and the COL assisted them during the transition.

International Connection Students Visit from the Republic of Georgia to Participate in COL Program

Two law students from the Republic of Georgia were visiting guests at the College of Law this past fall semester as part of the International Connection Program.

Giorgi Liluashvili, a student at Tbilisi State University, and Tamar Charbadze from Kutaisi State University in the Republic of Georgia, were the latest participants in the program.

According to Professor Charles Marvin, International Connection director, the program is made possible through combined efforts of public, private and legal institutions in Atlanta. Donations from various companies and organizations enable the European students to come to Atlanta for classes at the College of Law. For the students from the Republic of Georgia, Delta Air Lines provided flights from Europe, and the Georgia Association for Women’s Lawyers arranged host families for the visiting students.

The International Connection Program began when Professor Marvin and Atlanta Judge (and COL Advisory Board member) Dorothy Beasley worked with the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI) of the American Bar Association to establish an exchange program with law schools from emerging democracies. Professor Marvin plans to welcome more Eastern European students to the College of Law in 2007. Both Liluashvili and Charbadze have finished their respective law programs at their home universities and are ready to practice law in the Republic of Georgia.

Congratulations to 2005 - 2006 COL Moot Court and Mock Trial Competition Teams!

2005-2006 Moot Court Competition Teams:
- Georgia State Competition
  - First Place
- John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Competition
  - First Place
- National Health Law Competition
  - Semifinalists
- Prince Evidence Competition
  - Quarterfinalists and Third Place
- Intrastate Moot Court Competition
  - Second Place

Student Trial Lawyers Association
- Mock Trial Teams 2005 -2006:
  - Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Invitational
    - Semifinalists
  - Michigan State Competition
    - Third Place
  - ABA Mock Trial Competition
    - Second Place
  - ATLA Competition
    - 2nd Place, Team A
    - 3rd Place, Teams B/C
This past fall the College of Law celebrated the opening of its newly renovated sixth floor expansion in the Urban Life Building, a $1 million project that has added more than 8,000 square feet to the College.

During ceremonies held Nov. 16, Georgia State Provost Dr. Ron Henry performed the ribbon-cutting honors to mark this substantial facilities upgrade.

“The additions will enhance our program and improve the teaching environment for our faculty and students,” Dean Steven Kaminshine told an assembled crowd at the ribbon cutting. “The expansion is the result of the hard work and support of many people at the College of Law and Georgia State University including past deans Marjorie Girth and Janice Griffith, Bill Prigge, our Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance, and Provost Ron Henry.”

The sixth floor expansion features classrooms that are equipped with “smart” podiums and power and data connectivity for students, including wireless. The courtroom offers the latest technology upgrades such as computer controlled video cameras, high-end audio components and an automated multimedia projection/recording system with touch screen controls. The courtroom also boasts electronic litigation tools such as the TrialDirector Suite™ evidence presentation software from InData Corporation, CaseMap™ case analysis software from CaseSoft and Binder discovery management software from RealLegal, LLC.

Georgia State University’s Capital Budget and Space Allocation Committee (CBSAC) provided funding for the sixth floor addition. Alumni are encouraged to pay us a visit and arrange a tour of this exciting new expansion at the College of Law.

As a celebratory event during its Centennial Year, a panel from the Georgia Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in three cases Mar. 27 on campus at Georgia State’s College of Law.

A standing-room-only crowd of law students and observers listened to two hours of arguments in the Student Center Ballroom. Court of Appeals Chief Judge John H. Ruffin Jr., Presiding Judge J.D. Smith and Judge Herbert E. Phipps heard two criminal cases and one civil case during the arguments on campus.

“We’re very pleased the panel from the Court of Appeals was able to join us as part of their Centennial Year of celebration,” said Dean Steven Kaminshine. “And we are glad to have the opportunity to host the Court in a special setting for oral arguments.”
The College of Law at Georgia State University held its 2006 Spring Hooding Ceremony on the evening of May 12 with more than 180 graduates donning academic regalia for the occasion. The hooding ceremony was open to all students who graduated in the summer of 2005, fall of 2005 and this spring.

A large crowd gathered at Georgia State’s Sports Arena for the event, which featured opening remarks by Provost Ron Henry and a welcome from COL Dean Steven Kaminshine. The hooding ceremony guest speaker was Stephen B. Bright, president and senior counsel of the Southern Center for Human Rights. A COL student committee selected Patrick Connell as the student speaker at this year’s ceremony. The graduating class selected Professors Mary Radford, Kelly Timmons and Patrick Wiseman, and Associate Dean Roy Sobelson as the faculty hooding team.

Dean Kaminshine closed the ceremony with a special thanks to the graduating class, who honored the College at the ceremony by presenting the 2006 Class Gift in the amount of $6,000. This gift will go toward the Patricia T. Morgan Scholarship Fund.
College of Law Professors Mary Radford and Charity Scott have been honored as new members of the prestigious American Law Institute (ALI). Professors Radford and Scott join four other COL faculty members who have been elected to the ALI on the basis of professional achievement and demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law.

“This is a tremendous honor for these faculty members and is one in which the law school takes great pride,” said Dean Steven Kaminshine. “We congratulate Mary and Charity for being selected to join this elite group.”

Along with Professors Radford and Scott, other ALI members from the COL include Professors Marjorie Girth, Ellen Podgor, Marjorie Knowles and Mark Budnitz.

The ALI promotes the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs. The organization also promotes better administration of justice and encourages scholarly and scientific legal work. The ALI is composed of judges, practicing lawyers and legal scholars from across the U.S. and internationally.

News of the report was picked up by major newspaper and television outlets across the state, including the Atlanta Journal Constitution and the Fulton County Daily Report. The complete report from the ABA assessment team on Georgia’s death penalty can be found at www.abanet.org.

Basil Mattingly was selected by the student body of Georgia State University’s College of Law as the 2005-2006 Professor of the Year.

Professor Mattingly received the honor during the Apr. 8 Barristers Ball at the TWELVE Hotel in Atlantic Station, and was recognized again during COL Honors Day ceremonies Apr. 12.

This is the second time Professor Mattingly has been honored by students in this manner – he was named Professor of the Year at the College of Law once before for the 1999-2000 academic year.

“It is truly an honor to be selected by the students in this manner,” said Professor Mattingly. “Receiving this honor from the students means a lot to me. It is very gratifying for a professor to feel that he or she makes a difference in the classroom as we help prepare the next generation of outstanding graduates from the College of Law. I thank the students for their vote of confidence.”

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Professors Budnitz and Yarn Receive Award for COL Faculty Scholarship

Professors Mark E. Budnitz and Douglas H. Yarn were named recipients of the College of Law’s first annual Patricia T. Morgan Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship.

The award, established to recognize faculty excellence in scholarly research, was named in memory of one of the faculty’s most prolific scholars, the late Patricia Morgan.

Professor Morgan joined the College of Law’s faculty in 1988, and was honored as Professor of the Year 1993 and 2002. Her textbooks, *Tax Procedure & Tax Fraud in a Nutshell* and *Cases and Materials on Tax Procedure and Tax Fraud*, are used at law schools throughout the country.

The award consists of a $12,500 summer research grant and a course release during the next academic year for faculty members selected.

Professors Landau and Crawford Selected As Fulbright Scholars

Two COL professors were selected as Fulbright Scholars for the past academic year. Professor Michael Landau’s Fulbright allowed him to spend a semester last fall at the Intellectual Property Rights University Center at the University of Helsinki in Finland. While in Finland, Professor Landau conducted research on international intellectual property issues, and led seminars for and supervised postgraduate law students.

Professor Colin Crawford’s Fulbright grant took him to two universities in the Dominican Republic this spring. He lectured and researched in the environmental studies department at the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC) and in the law department at the Universidad Inter-Americana (UNIBE). Professor Crawford’s main area of focus during his Fulbright was environmental law and regulation in regard to the challenges of providing potable water to the people of the Dominican Republic.

Charity Scott Receives National Health Law Teaching Honor

Professor Charity Scott was named the recipient of the prestigious 2006 Jay Healey Distinguished Health Law Teacher Award at the National Health Law Teachers Conference held at the University of Maryland School of Law June 1-3. The award, bestowed by the Health Law Teachers section of the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, salutes individuals who display a lifelong commitment to the development and teaching of health law within the legal academy.

“This is a significant honor in recognition of Charity’s work and to the growing success and reputation of the Center for Law, Health & Society,” said Dean Steven Kaminshine. “Professor Scott is passionate in her belief that health law is a vehicle that brings together a host of disciplines and allows for interdisciplinary collaboration.”

The award is named in honor of Joseph (Jay) M. Healey, who was Professor and Head Professor of the Division of Humanistic Studies at the University of Connecticut Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine. The award is intended to honor a teacher whose work and career has emulated much of what Jay Healey sought to do in his lifetime.
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1986
Judge Peggy Walker was elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) during the group’s annual meeting held last July in Pittsburgh, PA. Judge Walker has served as full-time Judge of the Juvenile Court of Douglas County, Georgia, since 1998 after serving as Judge Pro Tempe and Associate Judge for Douglas County from 1990 to 1998. Judge Walker earned her Juris Doctorate Degree Cum Laude from the Georgia State College of Law, where she was managing editor of Law Review. She has begun a Harris Mid Career Fellowship with Zero to Three and serves as Georgia liaison to the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She studies and teaches about best practices and procedures for promoting resilience in children. Founded in 1937, the Reno, Nevada-based National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the nation’s oldest judicial membership organization, has focused on improving the effectiveness of our nation’s juvenile and family courts.

1987
Cheryl V. Shaw has joined Georgia State University’s Planned Giving Advisory Council. Shaw specializes in business, transactional and estate planning matters at Perrie & Cole.

1989
Michael Manely is the recipient of the Mary Beth Tinker Award from American University Washington College of Law for his work on the Cobb County evolution case. This award is presented annually to a person who has courageously championed the rights of American’s high school students. Manely received the award last spring in Washington, D.C.

1991
Christopher Brasher was appointed by Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue to the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit this past February. The vacancy was created by the resignation of Judge M. Gino Brogdon. Brasher, 40, spent the past 10 years with the Georgia Department of Law, serving most recently as senior assistant attorney general. Previously, he served as assistant district attorney for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. A resident of Alpharetta, Brasher received his bachelor’s degree in political science from Furman University. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia. Brasher and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.

1994
J. Scott Anderson has accepted an appointment by the The Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, NH, to serve as one of two graduate fellows in its new Intellectual Property Amicus Clinic. Anderson will work with law students in the clinic while pursuing his LL.M. in Intellectual Property, Commerce and Technology. Before his appointment, Anderson worked as an associate at Alston & Bird LLP, where he specialized in the solicitation of patents in the U.S. and abroad for mechanical devices, logistics systems, financial instruments and structures, avionics equipment, robotics and medical devices.

1995
Vanessa Morris has been named a partner at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP Atlanta. Morris is in the firm’s finance and commercial lending group, representing lenders in multifamily and commercial loan transactions.

1997
Patricia J. Rogers, an associate at McKenna Long & Aldridge, was named to the Fulton County Daily Report’s 2005 On the Rise list for top lawyers under the age of 40.

2000
Kara Lynn Dobberstein has joined the Atlanta office of the law firm of Carlton Fields as an Associate in the Corporate, Securities, Taxation and Asset-Based Financing Practice Group. Prior to joining Carlton Fields, Dobberstein practiced as in-house attorney with Glenayre Electronics, Inc. in Atlanta from 2002 to 2005 and was a Legal and Commercial Professional with Accenture LLP in Atlanta from 2000 to 2002. From 1998 to 2000, while in law school, Dobberstein also worked at Accenture LLP in the Communications and High-Tech Market Unit.

Jennifer B. Dempsey co-authored an article in the Georgia Bar Journal last August entitled A Re-Evaluation of Arbitration In Light of Class Actions and Appeals Rights-Is It Still Worth It? The article’s other author was Christopher P. Galanek.

2001
Kim Civins, an associate at Powell Goldstein, has been named as one of the “Rising Stars” in Trusts & Estates Law by Atlanta magazine.

2003
Alison Reich Spiers has become associated with Raley & Sandifer, P.C., of Atlanta. Spiers’ current practice focuses primarily on business litigation. Her experience involves representing corporations, small businesses and individuals in the areas of business torts, contracts, intellectual property, professional negligence, premises liability, probate and land use. While at GSU Law, Spiers was president of the Intellectual Property Law Society, a vice president of the Student Trial
Lawyers Association and a finalist in the Research, Writing and Advocacy Moot Court Competition. In addition, she practiced law for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Northern District of Georgia during her third year of law school, as allowed under the Georgia Third Year Practice Act. Spiers is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia and the Defense Research Institute. Prior to joining the Raley & Sandifer, she was a litigation associate at Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, P.C.

2004

Suzannah Lipscomb, an attorney with Clinton A. Harkins, P.C., gave a presentation on the recent legal challenges to not-for-profit hospitals’ tax-exempt status and their policies regarding charity care to the Georgia Chapter of the Hospital Financial Management Association. Clinton A. Harkins, P.C. is a law firm specializing in healthcare.

Stacey Flynn was recently granted an acquittal in Fayette County, Georgia, in a double homicide case. Flynn, who had only been practicing law for less than a year at the time, got the acquittal in under two hours of jury deliberation. There had not been a murder acquittal in Fayette County in over 30 years prior to Flynn’s case.

Jesse Keenan has been appointed adjunct professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law. He is teaching a class in Housing Policy and Real Estate Finance. He currently is a senior finance and development associate at Baker Cronig Gassenheimer LLP in their Miami, Florida office.

IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Carl Berkowitz ('95)

Marvin Carl Berkowitz, who graduated from the College of Law in 1995, died after a brief illness in September of 2004. He was a resident of Laytonsville, MD.
Ron Blasi made presentations on tax law at American Bar Association conferences and was the featured speaker at both the FDIC’s conference on the taxation of financial institutions and the annual meeting of the Bank Tax Institute. He continued his work as author of the CCH *Master Tax Guide* and produced a 2006 edition that substantially revised this annual tax reference book.


Clark Cunningham was admitted to membership in The Society of Writers to Her Majesty’s Signet in May in recognition of his work with the Glasgow Graduate School of Law and the College of Law of England and Wales, which is leading to fundamental changes in the way client interviewing is being taught in Great Britain. He is only the second American to become a member of the Society, which is believed to be the oldest professional association of lawyers in the world. His recent work in Britain is reported in “Legal Education After Law School: Lessons from Scotland & England,” *33 Fordham Urban Law Journal* 193, and in an upcoming piece in the *Clinical Law Review*. He was a keynote speaker at the Annual ABA Roundtable on Specialization in March. He is the director of the new National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (NIFTEP), a consortium of five university centers on ethics. Georgia State hosted the inaugural NIFTEP workshop last September attended by 30 law professors and leading practitioners in the field of legal ethics from across the country. His essay on “The Professionalism Crisis: How Bar Examiners Can Make a Difference,” *74 Bar Examiner* 6 (Nov. 2005), was the lead article in a special issue on “Other Lawyer Licensing Processes and Alternatives to the Bar Examination.”

Andrea Curcio is the recipient of a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach Chinese law students at South China Normal University in Guangzhou, China, for spring semester of 2007. Professor Curcio completed an article on potential claims against the U.S. government for its treatment of American Indian children attending government boarding schools. That article is scheduled for publication in the *Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal* in the fall 2006 edition. She continues to comment in the news media about tort reform issues, and serves as chair of the Society of American Law Teachers’ Bar Exam (SALT) Committee. Professor Curcio also joined the SALT Academic Freedom Committee and has been actively involved in planning the Academic Freedom panels for the SALT Teaching Conference in September.

William Edmundson is the recent recipient of the College of Law’s second annual Patricia Morgan Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship. He also was an H.L.A. Hart Visiting Fellow at University College, Oxford, for Trinity term, 2006. A leading scholar on the philosophy of law, Professor Edmundson made several presentations this year at conferences at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Anne Emanuel served as chairperson of the ABA’s Death Penalty Moratorium Assessment Project for Georgia. She provided extensive media commentary, including an interview on Georgia Public Television, with respect to the release of the ABA Georgia Death Penalty Assessment Report and the related issue of death penalty moratorium legislation. Dean Emanuel’s article on Constance Baker Motley appeared in the SCLC national magazine.

Marjorie Girth taught an intensive course in Comparative Legal Ethics consisting of Lithuanian, European Union and U.S. law, at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. Her article, “Facing Ethical Issues with Law Students in an Adversary Context,” was published in Georgia State’s *Law Review*.

William Gregory completed the second edition of *Cases and Materials on Corporations*, which was published by LexisNexis this past fall. The third edition of his West casebook, *Unincorporated Business Associations*, is forthcoming in the fall of 2006.

Janice Griffith authored an article entitled, “Regional Governance Reconsidered,” which was published in the *University of Virginia’s Journal of Law & Politics* (Fall 2005). She is also one of the authors of the new 6th edition of Mandelker et al. *State and Local Government in a Federal System*. Professor Griffith was elected chair of the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on State and Local Government Law in January 2006. She is coordinating
the planning of a workshop at the 2007 AALS annual meeting on “The Katrina Workshop: Redeveloping a Region after a Mega Disaster.” Professor Griffith was invited to make a presentation on regional governance at a University of Virginia School of Law symposium titled “Democracy in Action? The Law and Politics of Local Governance.” She also made a presentation titled “Recent Developments in Open Space and Greenway Preservation” at a meeting of the American Bar Association’s Section of State and Local Government Law. She was invited by the Center for International Legal Studies to present a paper titled “State and Local Government Law Outsourcing” in Kitzbühel, Austria. Professor Griffith was recently invited to become a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.


Lynn Hogue published several law review articles this past year on choice-of-law and constitutional issues regarding family law and same-sex marriage, including pieces in the Creighton Law Review, the Whittier Journal of Child & Family Advocacy, the Ave Maria Law Review and the Florida Coastal Law Review. His Florida Coastal piece questions the constitutionality of Georgia’s marriage amendment, arguing that the amendment’s limit of marriage to “only the union of man and woman” is unconstitutional under Romer v. Evans. Professor Hogue also published a book chapter, “Lieber’s Military Code and Its Legacy” in Francis Lieber and the Culture of the Mind, edited by Charles R. Mack and Henry H. Lesesne (Univ. of South Carolina Press, 2005). The Lieber chapter draws upon Professor Hogue’s teaching interests in national security law and legal history.

Nancy Johnson recently had her print publication, Sources of Compiled Legislative History, converted to online format. The publication is now available in print in the Law Library’s reference collection and through the Hein Online service. Along with Nan Adams and Beth Adelman, she published “Researching Georgia Law – 2006 Edition” in Georgia State University Law Review (2006). In addition, Professor Johnson planned and moderated a full-day workshop on disaster planning for Law Libraries at the Southeastern Chapter of the American Law Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Raleigh, NC, in early April. In June, Professor Johnson was a speaker on a panel titled “Interactive Legal Writing Lessons: Alternatives to Reading about Writing at the Legal Writing Institute.”

Steven Kaminshine was appointed dean of the College of Law in the fall of 2005. His recent publication, “Disparate Treatment as a Theory of Discrimination: The Need for a Restatement Not a Revolution,” was the lead article in the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties at 2 Stan. J. C.R. & C.L. 1 (2005). Dean Kaminshine made various media appearances on behalf of the College during the year including commentary on the labor conflict between Delta Air Lines and its pilots in the context of the Delta bankruptcy. He continues to serve on the Executive Board of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) and moderated a panel on “Distance Learning Practices in Legal Education” at SEALS’ 2006 annual meeting.

Julian Juergensmeyer continues to serve as Georgia State University’s representative on the Georgia Tech Consortium for Quality Growth and Development. He co-authored a report submitted to the State of Florida Legislative Impact Fee Study Commission entitled “Impact Fees in Florida: Their Evolution, Methodology, Current Issues and Comparisons with Other States.” During the 2006 session of the Georgia legislature, he testified on educational impact fees before the House Study Committee on impact fees and worked with members of the Georgia legislature in drafting impact fee legislation. He co-authored for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the soon-to-be-published, Impact Fees and Housing Affordability: A Guidebook. In April of this year, Professor Juergensmeyer was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars.

Neil Kinkopf’s recent article “The Statutory Commander in Chief,” was published in the Indiana Law Journal at 81 Ind. L.J. 1169 (2006). He also published a white paper entitled “Signing Statements and the President’s Authority to Refuse to Enforce the Law,” available on the Web site of the American Constitution Society. Professor Kinkopf gave several presentations throughout the year about the scope of executive power (Article II). At Emory Law School he debated Robert Turner (Director of the Center on National Security Law at the University of Virginia Law School) on the legality of the Bush administration’s domestic surveillance program. At the Northeastern University School of Law he spoke on “The Scope of Executive Power in the 21st Century,” and made related presentations at law schools at the University of Mississippi, the University of Indiana and Duke University. Professor Kinkopf also appeared on C-Span to discuss the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Marjorie Knowles was an invited participant at the inauguration of the Yale Center on Corporate Governance this
spring. She participated in a program on fund governance at the Stanford Law School Fiduciary College, and spoke at a conference on “Shareholder Democracy: Its Promise and Perils” at Columbia Law School this past fall.

Michael Landau was a Fulbright Scholar and lecturer at the Intellectual Property Rights Center of the University of Helsinki and at the Hanken Swedish School of Economics during the fall 2005 semester. In March of 2006, Professor Landau delivered a paper at the Helsinki Academy of Science and Technology Conference in Berlin on “Harmonization of U.S. Intellectual Property Law with EU Law.” He also lectured at several U.S. law schools including Cardozo Law School, Michigan State and Emory. Professor Landau’s new book on entertainment law will be published in August by Thomson/West. He also is the primary author of the multi-volume treatise Lindey on Entertainment, Publishing & the Arts: Agreements and the Law, and its recently released third edition. During this year Professor Landau’s articles on intellectual property law appeared in the N.Y.U. Annual Survey of American Law, The Intellectual Property Law Reporter and the International Review of Law, Computers & Technology.

Charles Marvin continued his active involvement with the American Bar Association, where was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and appointed vice chair of the International and Comparative Law Committee in the Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. In the Section of International Law, Professor Marvin was reappointed vice chair on Eastern Europe and head of the steering committee on Central and Eastern Europe for the European Law Committee. He also continued his work on the task force for the ABA European Administrative Law Project in the fields of adjudication and institutional oversight.

Paul Milich’s new book, Trial Practice: Exercises in Witness Examination and the Rules of Evidence, was published this year by Thomson/West as was the 2005 edition of his book, Courtroom Handbook on Evidence. Throughout the year, Professor Milich delivered numerous papers and presentations at evidence seminars and conferences throughout the state and region. Professor Milich continues to serve as the official reporter for the Georgia State Bar Evidence Study Committee, which is exploring reforms of the Georgia Rules of Evidence.

Mary Radford’s new book, Guardianships & Conservatorships in Georgia, was published in February by the Chattahoochee Legal Press. She was listed among Georgia’s Top 100 SuperLawyers, Top 50 Female SuperLawyers and Estate Planning SuperLawyers in Atlanta magazine’s in March. Her article on the differing definitions of capacity, co-authored with Professor Larry Frolik, will appear in the third volume of the NAELA Journal. Professor Radford appeared as a speaker and the moderator of a panel on “Recognizing and Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity” at the ACTEC Annual Meeting Symposium in March. She has recently given presentations at the Fiduciary Law Institute and various other bar meetings on recent developments in Georgia fiduciary law. She continues as the reporter of the Trust Code Revision Committee of the Fiduciary Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

Natsu Saito returned to the College of Law this spring after a two-year leave as a professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Her recent scholarly works include “Interpreting the Non-Alien Other: The Illusory Protections of Citizenship” in Law and Contemporary Problems; “Where is the Border? National Security, Immigration Policy and the Alienating of the Citizenry,” forthcoming in the Iowa Journal of Race, Gender and Justice; and “Reflections on Homeland Security” forthcoming in the New Centennial Review. Professor Saito also has authored two books to be published in the fall of 2006, one on plenary power for the University Press of Colorado, and the other on American exceptionalism and the rule of law by New York University Press.

Charity Scott has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute, the American Bar Foundation, the ABA’s Special Committee on Bioethics and the Board of Directors of the Public Health Law Association. She was awarded the national Jay Healey Distinguished Health Law Teacher Award, presented by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. She has spoken on a wide variety of health law and policy topics at conferences sponsored by the ABA’s Health Law Section and Dispute Resolution Section, the CDC and the Healthcare Ethics Consortium of Georgia. As director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, Professor Scott is working to establish a new live-client clinic at the law school for the community medical-legal collaboration known as the Health Law Partnership (HeLP). As director, she also has arranged for the Center to host workshops and public seminars on numerous topics, including biotechnology law, public health law and health legislation.
Eric Segall’s recent article “Justice O’Connor and the Rule of Law,” was published in the University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy. His work entitled “Internet Indecency and Minors: The Case for Parental and School Responsibility, Not Congressional Regulation,” appeared in the Penn State Law Review (2006). He provided media commentary on Chief Justice John Roberts’ nomination to the Supreme Court and was the featured speaker on this topic at a luncheon sponsored by Planned Parenthood. He lectured this spring at Mercer University on the future of the Roberts Court.

Roy Sobelson was named associate dean of students in the fall of 2005. During the year he gave presentations on courtroom ethics and continued his work on the State Bar’s Formal Advisory Opinion Board as well as its Professionalism Committee. Professor Sobelson offered media commentary on the effect of Bill Campbell’s tax evasion conviction on his Georgia bar license, and testified as an expert witness on a defense motion to disqualify the Fulton County District Attorney’s office in State v. Brian Nichols.

Ellen Taylor served as the reporter to the Securities Law Committee of the Business Section of the State Bar, which reviewed the Uniform Securities Act and related amendments for possible adoption in Georgia.

Kelly Timmons’ article, “Limiting “Limitations: The Scope of the Duty of Reasonable Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act,” was published in the South Carolina Law Review. Professor Timmons was named to the Executive Committee of the new Disability Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools.


Doug Yarn completed the third edition of his West treatise, Alternative Dispute Resolution: Practice and Procedure in Georgia, co-authored with Gregory Jones. He also co-authored with Gregory Jones an article entitled “In Our bones (or Brains): Biology as a Basis for Understanding” in The Negotiator’s Fieldbook (ABA Press). Professor Yarn was co-recipient of the College of Law’s first annual Patricia Morgan Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship. Throughout the year, Professor Yarn presented papers and lectures at many seminars, conferences and forums in the United States and abroad devoted to a variety of issues related to conflict resolution.

Prigge and Smith Earn Advanced Degrees

Congratulations to Dr. Bill Prigge and Dr. David Smith Jr., who both successfully completed Ph.D. programs during the academic year.

Dr. Prigge, the College’s Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance, earned his doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Higher Education from the University of Nebraska through their distributed education program.

Dr. Smith, the Assistant Director and Public Service Advisor for the COL’s Career Services Office, received his Ph.D. in Higher Education / Educational Policy Studies from Georgia State.

Paul Lombardo Joins College of Law Faculty

The College of Law welcomes Professor Paul A. Lombardo, who is joining the law school faculty this fall to lead an interdisciplinary initiative in law, bioethics and science. Professor Lombardo brings a strong national reputation as a leading scholar at the intersection of these fields, and will develop the law and science initiative in close cooperation with the College’s Center for Law, Health and Society.

Professor Lombardo comes to Georgia State from the University of Virginia where he held faculty appointments in both the Medical School and Law School, and served as the Director of the University’s Center for Biomedical Ethics.

Professor Lombardo’s credentials include 15 years in interdisciplinary academic settings teaching courses related to law, medicine, science and ethics. His publication record reflects not only a wide-ranging facility in these interdisciplinary areas, but drawing upon his background as a historian, an ability to add important historical perspectives to his research. His scholarship on the history of eugenics and the legal and ethical issues surrounding genetic research has received widespread acclaim, as has his collaboration with private industry and policy makers at the state and national level.

Professor Lombardo holds a B.A. from Rockhurst College, an M.A. from Loyola University in Chicago, and both a Ph.D (in history) and a J.D. from the University of Virginia.
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SAVE THE DATE:

This fall’s 39th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series is set for Monday, October 9, 2006. The speaker will be Glenn C. Loury, the Merton P. Stoltz Professor of Social Sciences at Brown University. The luncheon will begin at 12 p.m. at the GSU Student Center Ballroom. Further details coming soon!

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

The Law Letter Fall ’06 / Winter ’07 Edition:

• Report on Successful College of Law Annual Fund
• Conversation With New Faculty Member Paul Lombardo
• LWI Conference Takes Center Stage at COL