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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

We were honored by visits from both Solicitor General Kenneth Starr and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to the College of Law last week. I know that the fact that both visits ended in the late afternoon was disappointing to our part-time students whose schedules were not flexible enough to permit attendance at their lectures. The Law Library does have a videotape of Justice O'Connor's Miller Lecture, and we hope to be able to host General Starr for a more extended visit at a later date.

Alan Rosenburg and I have discussed the fact that the College had no options concerning Justice O'Connor's travel schedule. Initially, we were informed that she would arrive between 10 - 11 A.M. on Friday, October 2 and leave not later than 4 P.M. that same afternoon in order to prepare further for the beginning of the Court's term on Monday, October 5. Subsequently, we learned that she could arrive the preceding evening after a full day of work at the Court. The primary purposes of extending her stay were to give her a chance for a restful overnight in Atlanta and to allow her to be more accessible to our students on Friday morning. At no time was a later afternoon lecture a possibility, either on Thursday or on Friday.

Long after Justice O'Connor's visit was scheduled, we learned that General Starr planned to visit Atlanta on September 30 under the sponsorship of the Federalist Society. Both visits involved complex security arrangements, and the pre-existing O'Connor schedule already required the College's staff to function in an over-extended fashion. Under those extraordinary circumstances, General Starr's

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SBA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Congratulations is in order to all of the First Year students who have made it to the second round of the SBA/Honor Court elections. The run-off elections for these First Year positions will be held Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday, October 15. The election time will be from 8 A.M. -- 12 P.M. and 4 P.M. -- 8 P.M. on each of the three days. It's important for each and every one of you First Year students to make your voices heard and VOTE during this run-off election, because the students elected will be representing YOUR interests for the rest of this school year.

This topic leads me to my second point. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION** on Tuesday, November 3, 1992. It does not matter who you individually chose to vote for...just vote for someone. And now I will get down off my soapbox.

I would also like to take the time to specifically thank Professor Mary Radford and the rest of the Tenth Year Anniversary committee for helping to bring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to campus on October 2, 1992. It was just an incredible experience to have the opportunity to meet and listen to Justice O'Connor.

The students of GSU law will again have the opportunity to meet and attend a lecture by another prominent member of the legal profession on November 5, 1992. Thanks to Professor Mark Kadish and coordinator Chris Hamilton, criminal defense attorney Bobby Lee Cook will be on campus that date to discuss

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visit to the College needed to be limited to participation in Professor Wermeil's class.

Ordinarily, we have more flexibility in scheduling opportunities, but on occasions such as these our options may in fact be very limited or nonexistent. Assistant Dean St. Germain is attempting to establish a Master Calendar of College activities in order to minimize scheduling conflicts. Please give us as much lead time as you can when you are planning future programs.

Fortunately, our next distinguished visitor will be with us for almost a week. Dean Tsvetana Kamenova of the new law school at Plovdiv, Bulgaria, will visit from October 16 - 22. Professor Charles Marvin will be coordinating the activities during her stay. We know from Justice O'Connor, who met Dean Kamenova earlier last week in Washington, and from her current hosts at Franklin Pierce Law School in New Hampshire that Dean Kamenova is very interested in attending classes and observing skills training and clinic operations. I hope that you will be able to take advantage of the variety of opportunities that we will create for visiting with her.

In the broader context of part-time legal education, I plan to attend an ABA - Cleveland State University conference on that subject, beginning October 15. National conferences co-sponsored by the ABA are usually excellent. If there are particular questions that you wish me to ask or subjects that you wish me to pursue, please leave a written description of those issues with Fonda Newbold, our fourth-floor receptionist.

Meanwhile, may the Braves win....and may each of you enjoy the changing seasons.

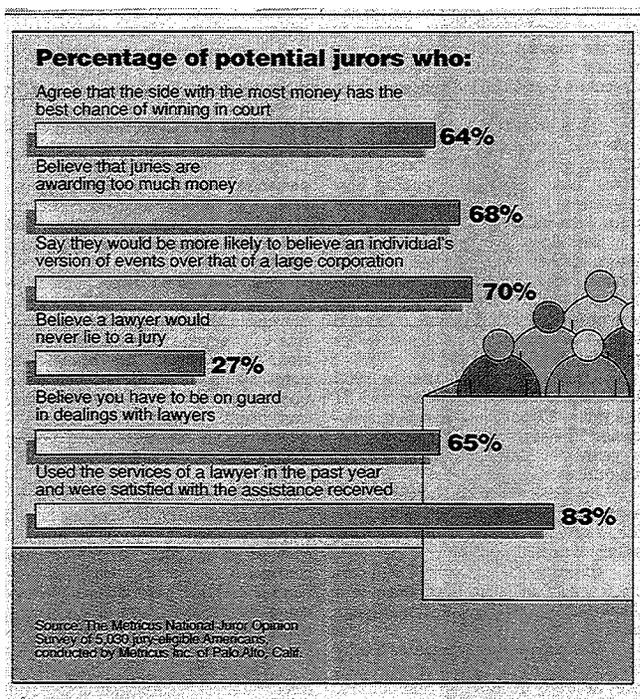
Marjorie L. Girth, Dean

various legal issues with students, faculty and staff. Everyone make sure and mark that date on your calendar, as this will be another once in a lifetime opportunity. Additional information regarding the time of the lecture will be forthcoming.

Also, there are only a "few" positions remaining on various SBA committees, so if you're still interested in getting involved simply stop by the SBA office and drop off your name and telephone number on a piece of paper addressed to me.

Keep those letters to the editor coming so that *The Docket* can continue to provide stimulating and thought provoking arguments in our future issues. As always, if you have any problems or concerns that you would like to discuss with me please feel free to stop by the SBA office and I'll be happy to listen to you.

Sincerely,
Alan Rosenburg



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CAREER PLACEMENT NEWS

CAREER PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Organizational Meeting: 10/15/92 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 144

Your input is needed to help the Career Planning Office to plan its programs and policies. Students of all types (first-, second-, third-year, full-time, part-time, joint degree, etc.) are urged to participate in the Career Planning Advisory Committee. The Committee will hold its first meeting for this academic year on Thursday, October 15, 1992 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 144. If you have any questions, please see Beth Brown (Rm. 145, phone 651-2062) or Marie Evans. Thank you!

"THE INSIDE SCOOP"

A Seminar Presented by the Career Planning Office

Monday, October 19, 1992 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 100

Talk to the real experts - students who have worked with various legal employers! Students will discuss such important topics as what they liked (or disliked) about their summer jobs, how they got those jobs, and advice for those seeking employment. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THOSE SEEKING ALTERNATIVE AND NON-LEGAL CAREERS

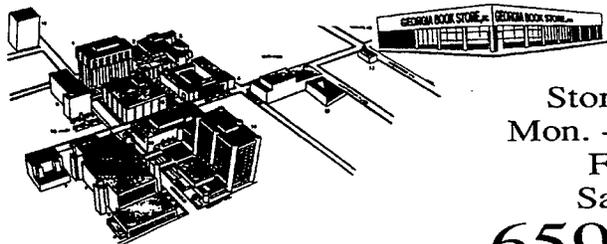
Job Hotlines USA: The National Directory of Employer Joblines is now available in Beth Brown's office in the Career Planning Office. This booklet contains job listing numbers for corporations and government employers across the nation seeking employees of all types. Please note: these job hotlines are not specifically listing attorney positions, although some may be listed occasionally. Job Hotlines should prove to be a helpful resource for those of you who have expressed an interest in exploring options outside of the practice of law.

POPULAR MYTH DISPELLED! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Contrary to rumor, Beth and Colleen do not close up shop after on-campus interviews! The Career Planning Office is open year-round to help you with your career and job search needs. If you are feeling discouraged, left out or frustrated about your job search, on-campus interviews (or lack thereof), or anything relating to your legal career, feel free to stop in and see Beth Brown or Colleen Mattingly in the Career Planning Office today!

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NOTES FROM COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

FEDERALIST SOCIETY

PRESIDENT OF GTLA TO SPEAK AT FEDERALIST MEETING

William Stone, current President of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, will speak at the October 22 meeting of the Federalist Society. The room location and specific topic of the program will be announced at a later date; however, Mr. Stone will probably speak in opposition to some of the legal reforms being proposed by Vice-President Dan Quayle's Council on Competitiveness. The meeting will be at noon and everyone is welcome to attend. Please feel free to bring a lunch and eat during the program.

In addition to periodic brown-bag luncheons like the above-mentioned program, the Federalist Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month in order to discuss club-business. If you are interested in joining or in finding out more about the organization, please attend. Should you be unable to attend, feel free to slip a note under the door of room 228 and someone will contact you. Yearly dues are \$15. \$5 of that amount goes to the National Organization and \$10 stays with the local chapter primarily to help pay for the cost of brown-bag luncheons. Go Braves and take care!!

GSU Student' Article to be Published

Sandra Cuttler's article on "The Food & Drug Administration's Regulation of Biotechnology Human Drugs" will be published in the December, 1992 issue of *The Journal of Pharmacy and Drugs*. This journal is published by the Pharmacy-Law Institute at Ohio Northern University.

GSUPIL

The Public Interest Law Association held its' first meeting on September 10. Elena Mushkin described her summer in Alaska, courtesy of a GSUPIL summer fellowship, working with Alaska Legal Services. 1000 Lawyers for Justice Program Coordinator Tracy Katz discussed volunteer opportunities available with her organization. The sign-up sheet and additional information about 1000 Lawyers for Justice is available in the Placement Office. Volunteer training slots are open through October and the time commitment is as minimal or "maximal" as you wish to make it.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 22, at noon in Room 100. A representative from Georgia Legal Services will be speaking about the legal aid/legal services field and the opportunities it holds both as a public interest profession and as a pro bono option for the private practitioner. Materials and information brought back from the October 16-18 National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) conference by GSU College of Law attendees will also be made available. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting. There are no membership dues required to join GSUPIL.

Elected officers for 1992-1993 are: Melissa Pershing, Co-chair/public relations, Susan Brown, Co-chair/finance. Elected to the Fellowship Review committee were: Devon Orland, Pam Corley and Melissa Pershing.

A Lawyer with his briefcase can steal more than a thousand men with guns.

Mario Puzo
The Godfather

**SBA MEETS WITH KINKO'S
BY: PENNY BROWN-ARTIS
VICE PRESIDENT, SBA**

Approximately six weeks ago, I met with Kinko's representatives to express on behalf of the student body, concerns regarding the quality of copies and the quality of Kinko's services. Also present were Nancy Johnson, Law Librarian, Tom Gromme, Asst. Dir. Administrative Services and Bill McChesney, Dir. Auxiliary Services. On the surface, it appears that Kinko's was willing to fully cooperate. It's representative agreed to respond to calls advising them of inoperative copiers within 10 minutes of its receipt of such calls. It also agreed to provide a copier next to the Law Review office to provide quality copiers. This copier is to be equipped to receive copy cards and is to be exclusively for the use of law students. Kinko's agreed to post signs to alert students to the availability of the new copier.

To date, no signs have been posted. Kinko's failure to post these signs is significant because Kinko's agreed to consider providing an additional quality copier if the volume of student use of the quality copier that was installed was sufficient to warrant the installation of an additional quality copiers. The absence of the signs has resulted in students generally not being aware that the quality copier was available for use. Moreover, while the quality copier was installed, it was inoperable for a period of two weeks, further diluting our ability to demonstrate our need for the quality copier.

Another meeting will be scheduled within the coming weeks to address these and other unresolved issues. The SBA will appreciate students' use of the quality copier to further substantiate the need for such copiers. In the meantime, any additional ideas or comments that any student may have are hereby solicited and will be appreciated.

We will keep you posted of developments as they occur.

STLA

Correction - STLA Try-outs

The Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) try-outs for competition teams will be held on Wednesday, October 28th for second years, and Thursday, October 29th for third years. The problem, State of Georgia v. Chris Binder, is on reserve in the library.

You must sign up for this competition by 12:00 noon, October 21. The sign up sheet is posted on the door of the STLA office, Room 155. Try-out times and sides (plaintiff or defendant) for each team will be posted by 6:00 p.m., October 21, 1992, on the STLA door.

First years who are interested in being witnesses for these try-outs are encouraged to sign the witness list on the door of Room 155. If you need witnesses for your trial, check the witness list.

**SCHOLARSHIP AND WRITING
COMPETITION INFORMATION**

A Reminder: The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Scholarship Foundation is making three scholarships available to second and third year female law students, one for \$1,000 and two for \$500. Applications are available at the 3rd floor reception area, and must be postmarked by OCTOBER 19, 1992 to be considered.

And: The Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest deadline is OCTOBER 30, 1992 (this is for papers written during Academic 1991-1992). Information and applications are also available at the 3rd floor reception area.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
OCTOBER 11, 1992

"Come out, come out, wherever you are." was how Glenda, the good witch, called the Munchkins out of hiding to meet Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*. In the movie, a moment almost religious is created by the mixture of Dorothy's confusion and expectation and the Munchkin's at first shy, and then joyous, shedding of their camouflage of flowers to show themselves as quirky, but real, human beings. *The Wizard of Oz* is etched into most American's memories because it communicates very simple truths more vividly than anything short of considered direct experience can. So, it was more than the phrase's catchiness that made it the obvious choice as the invocation of the first National Coming Out Day in 1987.

It is difficult to acknowledge to yourself and to others that you're part of the ten percent of society against whom it is still legal to discriminate under most government and religious law; it affects family and social relationships, and even your employment opportunities. This acknowledgement is really the opening of a door to joyous moments of showing yourself as a complete human being, but if, like Dorothy, you're standing behind the front door of the home where you were born, in your black and white world, it's very frightening to open the door to an unknown technicolor reality. And like Dorothy, anyone who has stepped through that door has travelled a difficult, but nevertheless amazing, road to a new understanding of himself or herself in relation to the world.

National Coming Out Day was created by and for gay men and lesbians, but like *The Wizard of Oz*, it speaks to archetypical human reality. Closeted homosexuals are not alone with the coat hangers in there; all people are hiding some aspect of their humanity because of

the disruption it would cause their scripted roles in society. Honesty about feelings, the truth, will tear down the closet walls that separate humanity; it will protect the family you value and not the one politically endorsed for your use. The difference between "in" and "out" is every bit as incredible as that between black and white and technicolor, and I don't know anyone who'd say Dorothy should never have paused to think, opened the door and taken that first step toward wholeness.

"Come out, come out, wherever you are!" October 11, on National Coming Out Day. Come out as a gay man or lesbian, as supportive of your gay and lesbian friends and their rights, or as one who's been hiding any other aspect of your own personality. Come out to yourself or others, quietly or as an MGM production, but let others see that you're a quirky, but real, human being. It's a day to speak out for yourself and others, to stand up for justice on our nation's foundation of freedom, to come home more content, convinced of and by your experience.

Keith Wiseman





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