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# The Docket



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## O'CONNOR TO SPEAK AT GSU

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will deliver the Henry J. Miller lecture at the Georgia State Sports Arena on October 2, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. in honor of the Law School's 10th Anniversary.

(For brief biography, see Page 5)

## LETTER FROM THE DEAN

We anticipate welcoming a series of very distinguished visitors in the weeks ahead. I know that it may seem an extra challenge to add "special events" to the responsibilities that you are already juggling, but hope that you will be able to participate in the programming that we schedule for them.

Two of our visitors will provide unusually valuable additional perspectives to our international programming. For some time, we have looked forward to a visit from the United States' Justice on the International Court of Justice, Stephen M. Schwebel. He suddenly became available for Thursday, September 24 when a case before the Court at The Hague unexpectedly settled. You will have an opportunity to meet Justice Schwebel at his lecture and at the reception that the International and Comparative Law Society will sponsor.

From October 16 - 22, Dean Tsvetana Kamenova of the new law school at Plovdiv, Bulgaria, will spend a week with us as part of a Central and Eastern European law deans' exchange program that the American Bar Association is sponsoring. It should be a new experience for all of us to be the "veterans" as we offer assistance to her planning process.

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## SBA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Got a problem?" Something really tick you off?" "Don't know where to turn to get an answer to question?" Why don't you try the Court Clerk Academic Advisory Committee. This year the SBA is proud to offer to all the students here at the law school the opportunity to really take control of their destinies. We have established the Court Clerk Academic Advisory Committee as a means of resolving any and all of those nagging problems you may have around here at GSU law school.

This is what you need to do. If you got problem, question, issue or concern that want to see addressed here at the law school, simply write it down on any old piece of paper, and drop it off in the box marked Court Clerk located outside the SBA office. That's it! You need do nothing else; we will do the rest. Committee chairman Jill Folino--also Second Year Day SBA Senator--will then get together with her committee at the end of every week and find out the answers to your questions. The answers will then be published in the next issue of *The Docket* so that everyone here at the law school can get the benefit of hearing the answer to your question.

Sounds easy enough doesn't it? We also are now taking applications for any students interested with this committee. Simply jot down your name, telephone number and year of school on a piece of paper and address it to Jill Folino. She will then get back in touch with you about your schedule. In addition, if there are any of you who would be interested in joining one of the various committees we have on the SBA, just drop by the SBA office and leave your name and phone number.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that *The Docket* is now accepting letters to the editor. If you have something you want to get off your chest, simply drop off a copy of your grievance on an IBM hard disk in Word Perfect format, and it will appear in the next issue of *The Docket* (space permitting). We will not be editing the content of these letters (other than for good taste). Also, unfortunately we cannot accept anonymous items, but you may request anonymous publication. So let's get busy and start dropping off those letters ASAP!!!

I hope everything is going well with school thus far, and much luck and success to all.

Sincerely,  
Alan Rosenberg

### **PICNIC KICKS OFF COLLEGE OF LAW TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the College of Law began with a picnic on August 30. Over 300 students, faculty and alumni gathered in Stone Mountain Park at the Indian Creek Lodge, a recreational facility owned by Georgia State University. Activities included a students v. faculty volleyball game, swimming, and tennis. Guests enjoyed a fried chicken dinner catered by Po' Folks.

Thanks to all the students who volunteered (or graciously consented to becoming volunteers) Thanks also to Atlanta Beverage and Mr. And Mrs. Jerry Rosenberg for supplying the beverages.

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"Justice is but the interest of  
the stronger."

Plato, Republic Book One

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In the meantime, we are eagerly anticipating U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's visit to the College. In addition to her formal presentation as the Henry Miller Distinguished Lecturer at 2:30 P.M. on October 2nd in the G.S.U. Sports Arena, we hope she will lead a more informal discussion for students at 10:00 A.M. on that day. Widespread publicity will give you up-to-date information on her whereabouts.

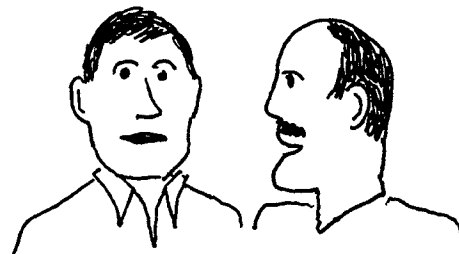
Obviously, these kinds of opportunities have the potential to expand our horizons and refining our perspectives. I hope that they will also be fun for you.

Marjorie L. Girth, Dean

### **LAWYER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS ON THE MOVE**

Professor Kadish, Director of the Lawyer Skills Development Program reports that his program is moving briskly ahead. This spring should see the inception of a course that will cover *Domestic Trial Skills, Start to Finish*. In addition, a new course, *Personal Injury Trial Practice, Start to Finish*, is being proposed for next summer's program.

The required second-year litigation program will undergo some significant modification with new class and trial simulations problems.



LAST WEEKEND I RENTED  
"HOME ALONE II" - IT'S  
ABOUT A LAW STUDENT'S  
SPOUSE!

## CAREER PLACEMENT NEWS

Fall program information packets are now available in the Career Planning Office, and are going fast! Stop by and get your copy today. If you have not yet registered with the Career Planning Office for this academic year, please do so!

### NEW ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS AND REQUESTS FOR RESUMES

Throughout the fall, new on-campus interviews will be added to the schedule. Also, new requests for resumes from students (either submitted through the Career Planning Office or mailed directly to employers) will be received. Check the yellow poster in the Career Planning Office for postings of new OCI (on-campus interview), RF (resume forwarding) and DC (direct contact) employers. Additionally, information on new RF and DC employers will be listed in the Job Listing Notebooks.

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF LAW STUDENT COMMITTEE

The Federal Communications Bar Association, an organization of attorneys involved in the development, interpretation and practice of communications law and policy, has introduced a new addition to their organization: the Law Student Committee. Students interested in information and applications are also available at the 3rd floor reception area. joining the FCBA can pick up information in the Career Planning Office.

### FELLOWSHIPS DIRECTORY

The Career Planning Office has compiled a directory of fellowship opportunities. Information sent to us by organizations offering fellowships will be placed in the directory. If you are interested in obtaining a summer or post-graduate fellowship (teaching, LL.M., or public interest), please check the directory for application procedures.

### UPCOMING PUBLIC INTEREST JOB FAIRS

Southeastern Public Interest Job Fair  
November 7, 1992  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Deadline: 9/21/92

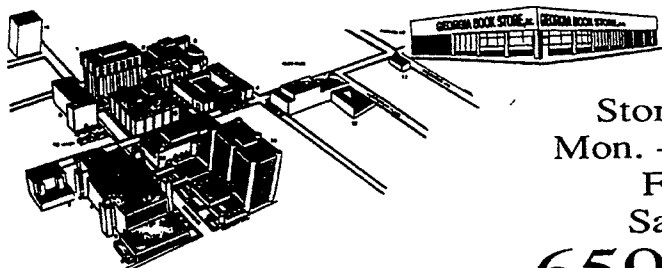
NALP/NAPIL Public Interest Career Fair  
October 16, 1992  
Washington, D.C.  
Deadline: 9/25/92

(In conjunction with the NAPIL Law Student Public Interest Career Fair; you may attend one, the other, or both)

Information on these two job fairs is now available in the Career Planning Office.

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## NOTES FROM COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### AACE

AACE Meetings: Wednesday, September 30th at 5:15 p.m. in room 230 and Thursday, October 1st, at noon in room 230.

Join us for discussion on language and its effect on inequality. Does language perpetuate inequality? And, if so how?

### FEDERALIST SOCIETY

**Solicitor General to speak at the Hyatt.** Kenneth Starr, the U.S. Solicitor General, will be speaking at the Hyatt Regency on September 30th at noon. The cost of the program is \$12 and the money will cover the price of lunch. One need not be sympathetic to the goals of the Federalist Society to attend. Starr will more than likely discuss case which will be before the U.S. Supreme Court in the next term, and he is reported to be an excellent speaker.

If you are interested in attending the program, or if you have any questions concerning the program, please leave a note under room 228 (the Federalists Society's office) or call David White at 961-1708. Money must be delivered to the Atlanta Chapter of the Federalist Society by Monday, September 28 to reserve a space at the luncheon. If you deliver payment to the Federalist office by Friday, September 25, a space will be reserved for you. Please feel free to contact David if you have any questions, but remember there is a strict deadline for reservations.

### LAW REVIEW

The Georgia State University Law Review will be distributing free copies of its latest edition from September 21st to September 23rd. The edition will be distributed from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day. To pick-up your copy please stop by the distribution table next to Room 170.

### PHI DELTA PHI

G.S.U.'s Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity will be co-hosting an informal reception for our National Executive Director, Mr. Sam Crutchfield of Washington, D.C. The reception is being held at the Lawyer's Club on Wednesday, September 30, 1992 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The reception is a joint event with Phi Delta Phi's from Emory, Georgia and Mercer law schools and Atlanta are Phi Delta Phi alumni.

Any student wishing to learn more about Phi Delta Phi is invited to attend. This will be a great way for first and second year students to network with attorneys (potential employers) in the Atlanta area. If you would like more information, please come by our office on the second floor or contact Carolyn Jordan at 633-0173.

### ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAW STUDENTS

The Association of Women Law Students will be having its first meeting on Thursday, September 24, in Room 230. Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed. Membership in AWLS is open to all members of the law school community. If you cannot attend the first meeting, membership applications are on the door of the AWLS office, Room 227. Dues are \$5.00 for the year. Just return the application with a check attached to Meg Gibson, Box 76.

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"A citizen's constitutional right can hardly be infringed simply because a majority of the people choose that it be."

Chief Justice Earl Warren

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## THE HONORABLE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

Justice O'Connor was born in 1930 in El Paso, Texas. She went to school in El Paso and spent her summers on her grandfather's ranch in Arizona.

After graduating from high school, Justice O'Connor attended Stanford University where she earned a degree in economics, and a law degree. She was editor of the *Stanford Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif, a legal honor society. At law school, she met John J. O'Connor, III, whom she married in December 1952.

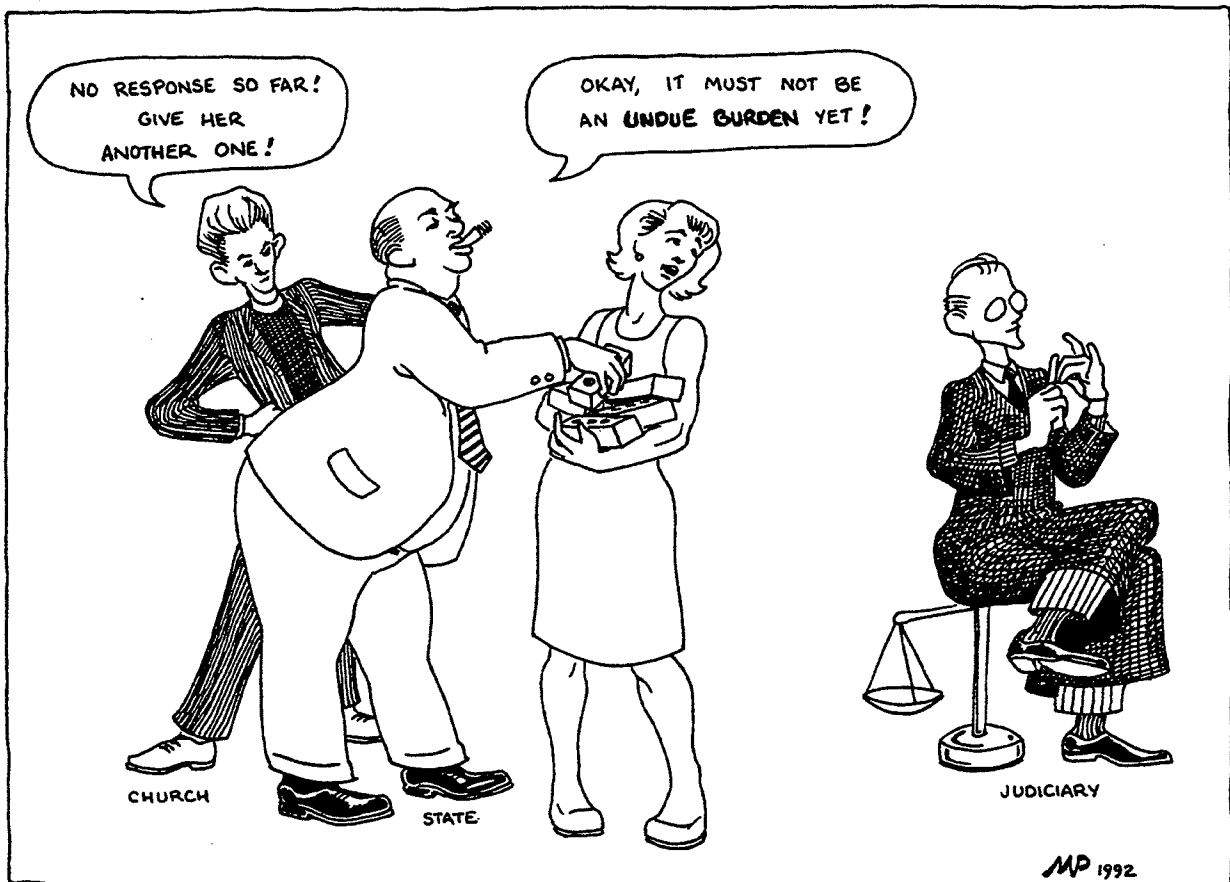
Justice O'Connor accepted a position as deputy attorney for San Mateo County, California. She later moved to Germany with her husband where she worked as a civilian attorney for the U.S. Army. In 1957, the O'Connors settled in Phoenix, Arizona where they raised a family.

In 1965, Justice O'Connor became an assistant attorney general of Arizona, the first woman to hold the position. Four years later, she was appointed to the state Senate, and the following year she won election to that body.

In 1974, Justice O'Connor was elected as Superior Court Judge of Maricopa County. Five years later, she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals. It was from this position that President Ronald Reagan nominated her to the Supreme Court.

"In our view, the undue burden standard is the appropriate means of reconciling the State's interest with the woman's constitutionally protected liberty."

J. O'Connor, J. Kennedy, J. Souter,  
Planned Parenthood Of Southeastern  
Pennsylvania v. Casey,  
112 S.Ct. 2791, 2820 (1992)



**GSU STUDENTS HELP ATLANTA'S  
POOR FACE THE IRS**

GSU Law Professor Ronald W. Blasi is the director of the newly formed tax clinic at the College of Law. The tax clinic, located on the ground floor opposite the Career Planning Office, offers free advice for Atlanta's indigent taxpayers. The staff is comprised of GSU law students who have completed basic tax courses and received clinic training from IRS officials.

A licensed attorney will supervise the students as they represent their indigent clients before the IRS and the U.S. Tax Court. The College received clearance from the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Treasury Department for the program, the first of its kind in Georgia.

The advisory clinic for the committee is made up of many of Atlanta's most respected tax attorneys. Firms represented on the board include King & Spalding; Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy; Troutman Sanders; Morris, Manning & Martin; and Frantz, Sanders & Grattan.

The clinic has received a \$90,000 grant from The Trammell Foundation, a legal-aid foundation administered by Alston & Bird. This amount will fund the clinic for three years. An additional \$50,000 has been earmarked by the foundation provided the College raises \$150,000 by 1996.

**STLA SELECTS COMPETITION TEAM**

On Thursday, September 10th, special try-outs were held for positions in the Tournament trial competition team. This competition will take place in Houston, Texas, on October 14-17. The top 16 trial teams in the country will be competing.

Chosen to represent the College of Law were Rhonda Brodsky, Cheryl Champion, Monte Davis, and Doug McManamy. Cheryl and Monty will act as attorneys, and Rhonda and

**STLA TEAM -- continued**

Doug will be their witnesses. Judging from the talent selected, we have an excellent chance of bringing home a national title.

The regular try-outs for the STLA competition teams will be held in October. The teams chosen will compete in the Spring. Second and third year try-outs will be held separately, so that everyone will compete against someone of their own skill level. Second year tryouts are tentatively scheduled for October 21, and third year tryouts for October 22. The problem which will be used is on reserve in the library under STLA.

Start preparing your opening and closing arguments -- this is going to be a great year for STLA.

**SCHOLARSHIP AND WRITING  
COMPETITION INFORMATION**

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.

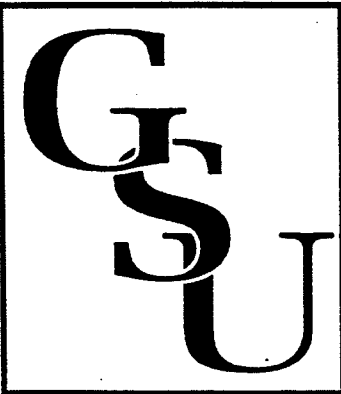
To remind you: the Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest deadline is October 30, 1992.

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"He that has the worst  
cause makes the most noise."

Thomas Fuller, *Proverbs (1732)*

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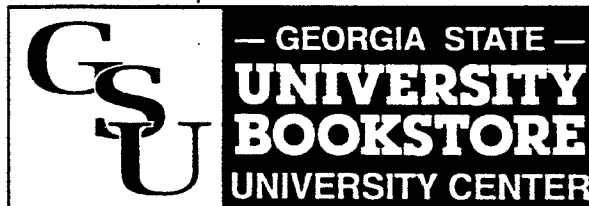
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## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1992

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>21</p> <p>Undergrad classes begin</p> <p>Law review book distribution 11:00-1:00 &amp; 4:30-6:30 Rm 170</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Environmental Law Society Meeting 5:15 Rm 100</p> <p>Law review book distribution</p>	<p>23</p> <p>SBA Meeting 5:15</p> <p>Law review book distribution</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Speaker: Judge Stephen Schwebel 11:45-12:45 Room 100</p> <p>Delta Theta Phi Outline Workshop 2:30</p>	25	26	27
28	<p>29</p> <p>Environmental Law Society Meeting 12:00 Rm 100</p> <p>AWLS Meeting 12:00 Rm 230</p> <p>1st Year SBA Elections</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Federalist Society Kenneth Starr Luncheon at Hyatt 12:00</p> <p>Phi Delta Phi Reception at Lawyer's Club</p> <p>AACE Meeting 5:15 Rm 230</p> <p>1st Year SBA Elections</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1st Year SBA Elections</p> <p>AACE Meeting 12:00 Rm 230</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Henry J. Miller Lecture Series Sandra Day O'Connor 2:30 GSU Sports Arena (across from law school)</p>	3	4

The deadline for the next edition of *The Docket* is October 5. Please submit all materials on disk in WordPerfect format.