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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During 1995–96, the College of Law:

• Successfully recruited a new dean

• Began its participation in The West Educational Network, which seeks to develop "leading edge" educational technology

• Welcomed two new faculty members, one of whom will develop our environmental law program, with the other strengthening our Research, Writing and Advocacy program

• Accomplished the move of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution to the College of Law from Georgia Tech

• Completed work on the first phase of an updated strategic plan

• Enjoyed continued very high levels of service in our Law Library

• Obtained ten additional full-tuition Atlanta Law School Fellowships

• Obtained significant additional private financial support for the operations of the Tax Clinic

• Completed the first phase of expansion on the Urban Life Building's sixth floor

• Sponsored its first academic symposium on Plessy v. Ferguson After One Hundred Years

• Hosted its first Bulgarian student visitors as part of the Central and Eastern European Legal Initiative

• Obtained badly-needed computer equipment for the Law Library and the computer training lab

• Employed very talented directors of our Development and Career Planning offices

• Processed more than 2400 applications for the approximately 200 places in our entering class
A. overview of the College

As the following segments report in more detail, the 1995–96 academic year has again been a productive one at the College of Law. We now look forward to new leadership from Janice C. Griffith, who will become our dean on July 1, 1996. Dean Griffith will find a motivated and enthusiastic student body, a talented and committed staff, and energetic faculty members who value excellence in teaching and bring to their students the intellectual fruits of their scholarship.

One of the College of Law's great strengths is the competence and commitment of its faculty members who provide excellent teaching, engage in valuable scholarship and render service to the university and to local, state and national organizations. Although women are well-represented, continued efforts need to be undertaken to increase the representation of ethnic minorities on the faculty. We anticipate that our faculty members will attain increased visibility among their academic peers in the years ahead as they mature as scholars. Also ahead for the faculty is the identification and cultivation of areas of excellence within the curriculum. The first segment of a new strategic plan was adopted this spring after extensive work involving the entire faculty. The remaining challenge will be for the faculty to complete its strategic plan by establishing the priorities that will guide its programming between now and 2006.

Presently the College of Law's student body is an excellent mix of full and part-time students. Some of these individuals are young and just finishing an undergraduate degree while others are more mature with valuable work and life experiences. Half of the students are women and 20 percent represent ethnic minorities. The 1995–96 recruitment year for the fall entering class of 1996 witnessed the first decline in law applications for Georgia State, a phenomenon that has been impacting law admissions nationwide since 1991. Although applications are down 17%, we still received more than 2400 requests for admission for an entering class of approximately 200 students. Moreover, the profile of the admitted class seems to be essentially the same as last year with a GPA of 3.29 and a median LSAT of 157.

Both bar passage rates and employment statistics indicate that Georgia State graduates are successful in acquiring bar admissions and securing employment in the present market. The bar passage rate for Georgia State students and graduates for the February sitting of the Georgia Bar was 93.8% for first time takers and 92.5% for all takers.

Placement figures for College of Law graduates six months
after graduation indicate that 89% of those responding are employed, down from 94.2% last year at the same time. Of this year's reporting group, 96% are employed full-time. Most of the reporting students who are employed work in private practice settings of varying sizes. The percentage employed in Georgia is 91% with 74% employed in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Only 38% of the employed group included their salaries, but in that group the median salary was $44,000 and the mean salary was $45,480.

The College of Law's most pressing needs are for operational funds which support photocopying, printing, office supplies, postage, telephones and computers and equipment funds which purchase inventoried furniture and machinery. At present the College must rely on staff vacancies or faculty leaves to generate adequate funds to cover these needs. Also desperately needed is continuing funding for an additional non-tenure track writing instructor to strengthen our important first year required writing program. Although further progress was made in the FY 97 budget, continuing funding for the Law Library's acquisitions budget also remains inadequate to meet the needs of our faculty and students.

During 1995-96, construction was successfully completed for the first half of the expansion on the sixth floor of the Urban Life building. We now need to proceed to plan the remaining space on that floor pursuant to President Patton's commitment to our accrediting agencies that we would make steady progress on providing the necessary mid-sized classrooms that our curriculum requires. In addition, we need to plan the renovation and/or expansion of the Law Library at the end of this decade in order to maintain compliance with accreditation standards of the American Bar Association.

The College of Law's development program is increasingly effective with several important manifestations to report of the extensive cultivation that has taken place under Dean Marjorie Girth's leadership since 1992. The substantially increased gifts received this year from the trustees of the Atlanta Law School, Loridans, and Trammell foundations exemplify the many seeds of good will that have been planted by the College of Law's leaders. The reputation of the College of Law among the legal community and the general public is an excellent one. Another indicator is the significant increase in gifts from graduates in the amount of $500 or more to the Annual Fund. continuing cultivation of benefactors and potential benefactors is a necessary strategy for the long-term economic well-being of the College.

B. Highlights of 1995-96

1. Special accomplishments of the College and its subdivisions

1a. Initiation of our participation in The West Educational
Network. The College of Law entered into an agreement with West Publishing Company, the parent company of WestLaw database services, to research and develop new technological approaches to legal instruction. Georgia State University was included in a select group of 15 law schools around the country that were selected to participate in this project because of the faculty's reputation for innovation and the college's strong support of computer technology for faculty research and instruction. Expected activities include developing electronic courses on CD-ROM that involve syllabi, textbooks, supplemental materials, and relevant articles and cases in hypertext form so that a click of the mouse will allow movement between all materials. Also expected is the use of on-line bulletin boards and e-mail discussion groups for courses and different sections of the same course. In support of this innovative initiative in legal instruction, the University has supported the College of Law's participation with an appropriation of $69,600 for the upgrading of faculty computers, enhancing machines in the Library Computer Lab, and equipping a classroom with a CD-ROM computer and high-tech projection monitor.

1b. New faculty hired  Associate Professor Victor Flatt, who was successfully recruited during the 1994–95 recruitment season, began teaching at Georgia State with the fall semester of 1995. Associate Professor Flatt is a published scholar in environmental law and has the responsibility of developing the College of Law's program in environmental law. His initial efforts to do so during his first year with us yielded many promising opportunities. Another very talented addition to the teaching faculty was Teresa Wright, who holds a temporary lecturer position with the Research, Writing, and Advocacy program, a required first year writing course. Ms. Wright comes to Georgia State with valuable legal experience and five years as a professional journalist.

Lisa Smith-Butler joined the Law Library as a Librarian I, equivalent to the rank of Instructor, in August of 1995. Ms. Smith-Butler holds J.D. and M.L.A. degrees and serves as the College's public service librarian. She came to Georgia State from the Atlanta law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy.

1c. Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution moves to Georgia State. This program is an interdisciplinary, interinstitutional enterprise that studies the causes, dynamics and resolution of complex conflicts. Fifteen faculty from six Georgia institutions are involved with the consortium and its mission of bridging practice and theory in conflict resolution through knowledge acquisition (research), cross-pollination (interdisciplinary collaboration), and knowledge delivery (teaching, training, and publication). Previously housed at the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Consortium has moved to the College of Law at Georgia State and is assuming a more visible and active profile. Associate Law Professor Doug Yarn, who heads the College of Law's alternative dispute resolution program and is an
acknowledged expert in this rapidly developing field, has been named director. The College of Law successfully sought a University contribution to funding for the consortium for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

1d. Atlanta Law School fellowships established. The trustees of the Atlanta Law School Foundation, which was formed with the closing of the longtime part-time provider of legal education, Atlanta Law School, have established a fellowship program at our College of Law to support both part-time and full-time students. These full tuition grants began in the 1995-96 year with the awarding of four fellowships. This valuable support for our law students will increase to 10 fellowships for members of the 1996 entering class, increasing to fourteen the number of students who will receive full tuition grants from the Atlanta Law School Foundation during 1996-97. These fourteen fellowships have a potential value of approximately $125,000, without any consideration of possible tuition increases in the covered periods.

1e. First phase of sixth-floor physical expansion completed. This project, which received initial funding in the 1995 fiscal year, was completed to the great satisfaction of faculty, staff, and students. Much needed office space for faculty was created on the fourth floor of Urban Life with the shift of administrative staff to the west side of the sixth floor. Besides space for administrative services and development and graduate relations staff, the first phase of the sixth floor contains space for the research, writing, and advocacy program (a required first year course), the Consortium for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, a conference room suitable for seminar offerings in the curriculum, and a computer training lab for students.

1f. SBLI Visiting Professor program. The College's relationship with the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Board of Trustees continues to be a fruitful one. The endowment held by the Georgia State University Foundation to fund a nationally known visitor in the bankruptcy field allowed the College to bring two distinguished individuals to the campus during the 1995-96 year. Prof. Karen Gross of New York Law School returned for a third visit during the fall, having visited twice during the spring of 1995. During the spring semester of 1996, Barry Zaretsky of Brooklyn Law School was the SBLI visitor. Both visitors spent time teaching classes, sharing with faculty some of their latest research interests, speaking with bankruptcy lawyers and judges, and meeting with the leadership of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute.

1g. Plessy v. Ferguson After One Hundred Years Symposium. The College hosted a very successful academic symposium on the one hundredth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that recognized the principle of "separate but equal" in race relations. This first symposium for the College of Law included on the program a federal appeals court judge, five law professors, two historians,
and a journalist. The highlight of the two day program was the 18th Henry Miller Distinguished Lecture, delivered by Judge Nathaniel Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. The college’s Law Review will publish the proceedings of the symposium in a forthcoming issue. Support for the symposium came from a number of sources in addition to the College of Law, including the Loridans Foundation, the Georgia Council for the Humanities, Atlanta Bar Association, Individual Rights Section of the State Bar of Georgia, Federalist Society, and a discretionary distribution by Judge Albert Pickett from Alexander et. al. v. Fleet Finance et. al. fund.

1h. Major conferences and lectures. In addition to the "Plessy Symposium," the College of Law sponsored or otherwise supported a number of conferences and events during the year. The 17th lecturer in the college’s Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture series, which is also supported by the Loridans Foundation, was Story Professor of Law, Emeritus, Arthur T. von Mehren of Harvard Law School.

An important annual conference was the Southern Banking Law Conference, co-sponsored by Georgia State University College of Law and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and directed by Professor Ronald Blasi. Held in the fall of 1995, the conference once again had an impressive array of speakers on the program and a large attendance by leaders in the banking industry.

The Ben F. Johnson, Jr. Public Service Award was created as part of the tenth anniversary celebration for the College of Law in 1992. Named in honor of Georgia State’s founding dean, nominations are generated by public announcements of the award in State Bar publications and elsewhere. Nineteen ninety-six was the third year of this recognition, and the Honorable Harold G. Clarke, Former Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court, was the recipient. The ceremony was well-attended by friends and colleagues of Justice Clarke and other supporters of the College of Law.

Another conference that occurred since the last annual report was the Community Forum on Children and Families, which brought together a panel of community experts to discuss the status of children in the legal system. Associate Professor Bernadette Hartfield of the College of Law served as a presenter, providing an overview that traced the legal status of children from property to personhood.

1i. Bulgarian exchange students through ABA CEELI. The College of Law established special ties to Bulgaria in 1992 through the American Bar Association’s Central and Eastern European Law Initiative. Since that time the law school has engaged in administrative and faculty exchanges. The fall semester of 1995 saw the school’s first student exchange with the enrollment of Dessislava Bijiva and Svilens Todorov. As well as taking some
courses at the College, they engaged in special internship activities that gave them experience with the local bench and bar. This exchange was a wonderful opportunity for our own students and was an opportunity to build relationships with other internationally interested entities in Atlanta, most notably the Georgia Power Foundation which supported this exchange with a $10,000 grant.

1j. Adoption of new strategic plan for College of Law
Under the leadership of Professors Ronald Blasi and Steven Kaminshtein, as chair and vice-chair, respectively, and with the sustained attention of a hard-working committee, the faculty successfully adopted the first segment of a new strategic plan to carry it forward for the next decade. Succeeding a plan whose goals had now become realities, this first segment no longer deals with challenges presented by the creation of a new law school. The newly adopted framework reflects the level of maturity that the College of Law has reached in its fourteen years of existence. A further effort to complete the plan by establishing priorities within its programming will be taken in the years ahead.

1k. Additional Trammell Foundation support for the Tax Clinic. The trustees of the Trammell Foundation granted the College of Law $200,000 in additional operations support for the Tax Clinic in four annual installments of $50,000. The college has already received the first installment for use in the 1996-97 fiscal year. The Trammell Foundation trustees were instrumental in enabling the College of Law to establish the Tax Clinic in 1992, providing important operating funds in three installments, beginning at that time. Subsequent funding from the Legal Services Corporation and the U.S. Department of Education, have now expired. For FY 97 the University committed $75,000 of continuing state funding for the clinic's staffing, and the College of Law committed its continuing support of the clinic's operations. Encouraged by the University's investment in the program, the Trammell Foundation trustees resumed their support as indicated above.

11. Increased funding achieved. Despite a budget "redirection" of $42,000, a net increase in financial resources was allocated to the College for the 1995-96 budget year as a result of the effective presentation of the College's operating needs by Dean Girth and law faculty members who serve on the University Senate. In addition, the Law Library's acquisitions budget received an increase in its permanent funding and the funds necessary for the completion of first phase of the sixth floor expansion of the Law College were secured.

The budget cycle for fiscal year 1996-97 was completed in the spring of 1996, and again the College of Law's leadership was effective in securing additional funds for support of the law school and its activities. The FY97 budget will see increased
funding for (1) Law Library acquisitions; (2) a staff position, GRA funds, and supplies for the Tax Clinic; (3) a staff position, GRA funds, and supplies for the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution; and (4) salary for the new dean of the College upon the return of Marjorie Girth to full-time teaching.

opportunities during 1995–96 to secure contingency funds or special purpose funding resulted in the purchase of needed equipment for the College of Law. Supplemental one-time funding received during 1995–96 included (1) $69,600 of computer equipment to support The West Educational Network project; (2) $37,000 for an interactive CD-ROM system for the Library, new audio-visual equipment for the courtroom, and an interactive MOO to be shared by English, Nursing, and Law; and (3) $11,700 for library staff computers and a network printer for the sixth floor.

This past year also saw the successful approval of a Law Student Fee which will generate approximately $69,000 a year in support of Law Review, Moot Court, Student Trial Lawyers, and the Student Bar Association. The primary responsibility for negotiating successfully for this funding was borne by Associate Dean for Administrative Services, C. Robert Shuford.

1m. New dean successfully recruited

Provost Ronald Henry initiated a search for a new law dean in 1995, upon the announced intention of Dean Marjorie L. Girth to complete her service as dean at the end of the academic year. The search, interview, and selection process was successful with the acceptance and appointment of Janice C. Griffith as the fourth dean of the College of Law, effective July 1, 1996. The new dean is currently a professor of law at Quinnipiac College School of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree from Colby College and her Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School. Dean-designate Griffith is a specialist in state and local government law and brings valuable and varied experience to Georgia State. The College of Law and the University eagerly look forward to her arrival.

1n. Other personnel actions

Important staff positions have been filled this past academic year in the offices of Development and Career Planning and Placement. Sandra B. Mayfield, who replaced Development Director Derek Coelho, brings extensive knowledge of Georgia State University and of the Atlanta metropolitan region's resources in addition to her fund-raising expertise. Her previous position was Development Director for the College of Education at Georgia State. Vickie Brown, the experienced staffer for the College's litigation and externship programs, accepted appointment as Acting Director of Career Planning and Placement. The College is benefiting from her leadership in this vital function.

Other personnel actions include the appointment of Kelly
Littrell as a member of the Development Office staff where she will focus her attention on graduate relations, special events, and the publication of the Law Letter, the College's twice a year publication. Staff promotions were Sarita James to Program Coordinator for the externship program, Charles Gilbreath to Associate Registrar for Law, and Corena Young to administrative coordinator in our Admissions Office, replacing Stanley Hollis, who resigned to pursue other professional interests after dedicated service as a longtime member of the College of Law's staff.

10. Law Library accomplishments  As reported to the ABA in Fall 1995, the Library recorded a net gain of 1,358 hardcopy titles (added 1,164 titles and withdrew 205 titles), 55 microform titles, and 28 audio/visual titles. These figures represent a slight drop in the totals from last year. The total volume count (including volume equivalents) is 249,220 volumes of which 133,791 volumes are hard copies, 27,710 volumes are microfilm and 87,719 volumes are microfiche.

The attendance record in our Library remained constant. For the preceding twelve months, we recorded 226,579 visits. This figure translates into 19,714 visits per month. Beyond serving the students and faculty, the Library is open to attorneys and members of the legal community. According to our attorney database, attorneys used the Library on more than 7,417 occasions during the year. During March 1996, the Law Library conducted another donation solicitation from its users.

Students continue to access WESTLAW and LEXIS both at home and in our computer lab. Their usage of computer assisted legal research totaled 15,202 hours or an increase of 17% over 12,476 hours in 1994-95. The librarians and staff use the wealth of information available on the Internet. Galileo equipment and policies have been integrated into Public Services, the computer lab has changed to a Windows environment, and security cables now protect hardware.

For equipment funds, the Law Library continues to rely on the law school's ability to obtain one-time funding. The continuing acquisitions budget continues to be inadequate for our community of users. While the total budget for each year is more substantial than the continuing funding, it is extremely difficult to plan purchases wisely when such a significant proportion of each year's library acquisitions budget is subject to contingency or year-end allocation.

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It is also imperative that we begin to plan for the renovation and/or expansion of the library. Currently, the library's hard
copy collection includes 133,791 volumes. In 1999 the collection will be 149,000 volumes or 86% capacity. Law libraries which have 85% of their shelf space occupied are considered by the library profession to be "full". To exceed 85% capacity is to be out of compliance with the accreditation norms of the American Bar Association and membership standards of the Association of American Law Schools. Besides shelf space, the law library requires additional study space, specialized training labs, and storage.

lp. Development and graduate relations. Considerable time continued to be devoted during 1995-96 to graduate and community cultivation. Meetings with groups of graduates were held at Atlanta law firms. In addition, as a way of strengthening and cultivating relationships in the community, the college invited targeted individuals to attend selected College of Law events, such as the Distinguished Miller Lecture and Dinner, the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Lecture and Luncheon, and the Ben F. Johnson, Jr. Public Service Award Reception.

The College of Law Leadership Campaign reported significantly increased success. With Pat Tate ('85) serving as Chair, six graduate volunteers were recruited to solicit graduates for gifts in the "$500 and up" range. The FY96 campaign committee raised over $16,000 in gifts from 20 leadership donors. These campaign results show substantial growth in the number of leadership donors and the amount of leadership donations. In FY 95, the College of Law received just over $7,000 from 13 leadership donors.

As indicated elsewhere, Dean Girth's and Development Director Mayfield's efforts yielded fourteen full tuition scholarships from the Atlanta Law School Foundation, and an additional $10,000 gift from the Loridans Foundation for the Plessy symposium beyond the College's annual $12,000 from the Loridans Foundation for the Henry Miller Lecture. In support of Tax Clinic Director and Professor Ron Blasi's leadership, a $200,000 gift from the Trammell Foundation in four $50,000 installments was also obtained.

1q. Admissions activities The pre-admissions recruitment plan for the 1995-96 year focused on increasing minority representation among the FY 96 entering class as well as informing the local, regional, and national communities about the opportunities available at Georgia State University College of Law. There were mailings and campus visits to other colleges and universities to inform students, academic advisors, and pre-law clubs about Georgia State. This past year the College of Law participated in the Atlanta and Chicago Law recruitment forums for interested students.

More than 2,400 applications have been processed as of June 17, 1996. Approximately thirty of this number are transfer and guest applicants for fall 1996. This year the College of Law experienced a 17% decrease in the number of applications received.
Nationally law school applications have been on the decline since 1991. Approximately 22% of the applicant pool has been admitted to make the first year class of 200 students. The median GPA is 3.29 and the median LSAT is 157. Fifty-one percent of those admitted were women, up from 46% for the fall semester of 1995. The number of minorities admitted for the fall semester of 1996, compared to last year has fallen 10%, representing only 17% of all admits.

lr. Law Registrar During the past year the Law Registrar's area made several important enhancements to the methods used to deliver its services. In an effort to achieve some of the goals set forth by the Regents, especially the goal of using technology to improve the delivery of services to students, the staff used its computer expertise to develop a hypertext based 'suite' of services available to law students, the college community, and anyone interested in legal education. The student services site has been added to the College of Law's World Wide Web page, and provides students with a means of accessing a variety of advisement and registrar services.

With major documents available through Student Services linked together, students can easily move between the Curriculum Planning Handbook and the College of Law Bulletin (catalog), can then register for courses, and thereafter request a report to see how they are progressing in their program. This expertise by law staff has caught the attention of others in the University who are seeking our assistance and guidance for other on-line documents about Georgia State.

1s. Career Planning and Placement The Career Planning Office assists and supports students, graduates, and reciprocity users in making career decisions and in securing legal employment. During 1995–96 the Career Planning Office listed 811 jobs for students and graduates, which represents a 35.5% increase over the previous year's listings. In addition to these open listings, the office provided access to jobs by sponsoring 40 on-campus interviews, 26 resume forwarding opportunities, 15 direct contact opportunities, and 211 target mailings. During the past year the College of Law participated in seven job fairs or collective interviewing opportunities.

The employment information within six months of graduation for the class of 1995 was favorable.

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1t. Administrative Services and computer support Besides the everyday activities of supporting law school faculty, staff, and students with a variety of services involving facilities,
equipment, supplies, and office services, the Administrative Services unit accomplished a number of notable achievements. This unit coordinated the renovation of the fourth and the first half of the sixth floors as well as the logistics of relocating employees after its completion, upgraded all the photocopy machines, ordered and coordinated the installation of all of the personnel computers, audio-visual equipment, and other items of instructional technology that the College secured this year, upgraded several of the College's file servers, and installed the new computer training laboratory on the sixth floor.

2a. special accomplishments of faculty

Among the many accomplishments of the faculty of the College of Law are the following:

Professor Ronald Blasi continued his very successful direction of the College of Law Tax Clinic and coordinated during the spring the first major Tax Court trial conducted by the Clinic. He co-chaired with the general counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta the Sixth Annual Southern Banking Law and Policy Conference and chaired the College's Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning. Effective July 1995, Rhea Ballard-Thrower became the Associate Law Librarian. Rhea's coauthored article "Profiling Minority Law Librarians" appeared in the Law Review Journal. Through staff development programs, both in-house and on campus, she has fostered the Library staff in providing high quality service.

Professor James Bross published a 1996 supplement to the Servitudes segment of Thompson on Real Property and served on several college and university committees, including the Law Dean's Search Committee. Librarian Ladd Brown remains active in the North American Serials Interest Group, AALL, and ALLA and he has written several newsletter articles for the various associations. Professor Mark Budnitz published the second 1995 Supplement and the first 1996 Supplement to The Law of Lender Liability. He trained a group of officials from Belarus and taught them about consumer protection in the United States and chaired the Planning and Priorities Committee of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

Professor George Carey's teaching and research interests are tax law. He served the College on the Library, Cumulative pre-Tenure Review, and Student Affairs Committees. Professor Norman Crandell continues to generate a loyal following among students because of his devotion to the Moot Court Society. He teaches in the areas of contract law, remedies, legislation, legislative drafting and interpretation, and appellate advocacy. Assistant Professor Andi Curcio's article, "Painful Publicity—An Alternative Punitive Damage Sanction," was published in the winter volume of the DePaul Law Review. Last summer she taught trial advocacy skills to lawyers from all over the country in the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's Southeastern Trial Advocacy program.
Nancy Deel is serving as the Vice-President/President Elect of the Atlanta Law Libraries Association. She served as moderator and coordinator of an AALL program "Expanding Reference Service Using the Internet," a very popular program offered during the July 1995 conference. Associate Professor William Edmundson ably served the College by chairing the Admissions Committee this past year. His book review of The Idea of Private Law by Ernest Weinrib has been scheduled for publication in the July 1996 issue of Ethics.

Associate Professor Anne Emanuel continues her work on the authorized biography of Judge Elbert P. Tuttle. She filed a brief for the State Bar Advisory Opinion Board in the Georgia Supreme Court regarding Proposed Advisory Opinion 93-R3B, which concerns the ethical responsibilities of appointed counsel who learn their client is not indigent. She served the College on several committees including the Promotion and Tenure Committee, for which she served as co-chair. Associate Professor Victor Flatt published an article in Loyola Los Angeles Law Review entitled 'Environmental Contamination for Americans? (Or How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the EPA)." He continues to develop an environmental law program at Georgia State and has had three new classes approved for the curriculum.

Dean and Professor Marjorie Girth was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Equality, the Association of American Law Schools' Nominating Committee for 1997 officers, the Judicial-Academic Network of the National Association of Women Judges, and as the AALS summarian on the accreditation site team for the law school of Indiana University at Indianapolis. Professor William Gregory chaired the College's committee for application to the Order of the Coif. He served on the University Committee which evaluated President Patton and is currently serving on a similar committee for the evaluation of Vice President for Student Life, Jim Scott. Professor L. Lynn Hogue spent the past academic year as a Visiting Professor of Law, Department of Law, United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Furthermore, he had two major publications appear in print: Military Law in a Nutshell, Second Edition, coauthored with Charles Shanor of Emory University; and Conflict of Laws in Georgia.

Natsu Jenga, Assistant Professor, participated in a colloquy to be published in the spring 1996 issue of the Iowa Law Review. She also appeared on the public television show, 'Layman's Lawyer," and presented a work-in-progress on 'foreign-ness" as a legal construct at the Second Annual National Conference of Asian American Law Professors. Nancy Johnson coauthored the fifth edition of Legal Research Exercises (West, 1996). With coauthors Bob Berring and Tom Woxland, she wrote the third edition of Winning Research Skills (West, 1996). She continues to teach legal research in the College of Law and the Clark/Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies.
Associate Professor Mark Kadish's article, "Behind the Locked Door of an American Grand Jury: Its History, its Secrecy, and Its Process," has been accepted for publication by the Florida State University Law Review. He participated as a speaker at a campus wide symposium on the O.J. Simpson verdict and its impact on the nation and the Atlanta community. This year Associate Professor Steven Kaminshine was the sole advisor to the Moot Court Society with its many activities. He put forth a number of papers and presentations at gatherings of the Atlanta Bar, State Bar of Georgia, and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Professor Marjorie Knowles' article, "The ALI Principles of Corporate Governance Compared with Georgia Law" appeared in part in the most recent issue of the Mercer Law Review with a second part appearing in next year's survey issue. She served on the site team which visited the University of Hawaii School of Law on behalf of the American Bar Association. Professor E. R. Lanier continues to direct the successful Austrian-American Comparative Dispute Resolution Program, this year took 50 College of Law students to Europe for the summer term. He played a major role in developing the Post-Bar Review Program which will be taught at Georgia State University for the first time this fall. This project is a collaboration between Georgia State, the Supreme Court of Georgia, and the Office of Bar Admissions of the State of Georgia. Charles Marvin, Professor of Law, had his essay, "Property and the Rule of Law," appear in September in Liberty and Property. He serves a number of university and College committees, including the Budget Committee of the Senate and the Ivory Coast coordinating Committee, and served as a judge in the Jessup International Moot Court Regional Competition held at Wake Forest University Law School.

Assistant Professor Basil Mattingly teaches property and real estate transactions and made presentations for the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and two sections of the American Bar Association. Professor Paul Milich presented a program on evidence law at the winter meeting of the Georgia Association of Criminal Trial Lawyers. The professional activities for Professor Patricia Morgan included the publication of a supplement to her Tax Procedure casebook, further work on an upcoming revised edition of another of her works, and service on the Admissions, Faculty Recruitment, Curriculum, Faculty Grievance, and Faculty Honor Code committees. Ellen Podgor was promoted to Professor this spring by action of the Board of Regents. Her book, White Collar Crime: Law and Practice, will be published this year by West publishing Company. She also has two articles awaiting publication, one in the South Carolina Law Review and the other in the West Virginia Law Review.

Professor Mary Radford has served since July 1992 as reporter for the Probate Code Revision Committee of the State Bar of Georgia. As a result of the committee's efforts, a bill that
revamps and modernizes Georgia's Probate Code was introduced in the Georgia General Assembly in March 1995 and was enacted this spring. Professor Charity Scott was the keynote speaker at the annual conference of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys and gave a presentation at the Seventh Annual Medical Case Management Convention in New Orleans. She also appeared on the public television program, "The Layman's Lawyer," discussing issues in medical ethics. Associate Professor Eric Segall devoted considerable time to committee work, serving on the Admissions Committee and the Ad-Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning, and with the Bleckley Inn of Court. He was a panelist for a program titled "Constitutional Challenges in a Decade of Change," sponsored by the American Jewish Committee at Emory Law School.

Professor Roy Sobelson is the reporter for the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on the Evaluation of Disciplinary Enforcement, which is studying possible changes in the system for disciplining errant lawyers. He also produced materials for the Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Corneill Stephens, Associate Dean and Associate Professor, continued his administrative duties in a highly effective manner. He served on a number of College committees as well as the Georgia Athlete-Agent Regulatory Commission and served as a part-time judge of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County. Ellen Taylor was promoted to Associate Professor. Her article on the applicability of strict liability warranty theories to service transactions will appear this year in the South Carolina Law Review. She has served this past year on the College's Strategic Planning Committee, the Scholarships Committee, and the Dean's Advisory Committee.

Professor Kathryn Urbonya wrote an article for the ABA Journal on the constitutionality of Virginia Military Institute's policy on excluding women, and she work, "Dangerous Misperceptions: Protecting Police Officers, Society, and the Fourth Amendment Right to Personal Security," was the lead article in the fall issue of the Hastings Law Quarterly. She also chaired her annual program on Section 1983 litigation, in which she discussed the qualified immunity defense. Associate Professor Steve Wermiel was the principal faculty coordinator of the College of Law's symposium on "Plessy v. Ferguson After One Hundred Years." Jack Williams, Associate Professor, produced six published articles this past year as well as finished the first of six volumes of a treatise for Little, Brown & Company. He also redesigned his bankruptcy and tax seminar for use with the new West Project.

Professor Patrick Wiseman served on a number of committees, including the Dean's Advisory Committee. His new law and the Internet course is innovative, and he successfully worked with other University personnel to secure a grant for an interactive MOO to aid in instruction. Associate Professor Douglas Yarn was appointed the incoming director of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, an interdisciplinary and interuniversity
theory building center. He was appointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. His article, 'Commercial Arbitration in Olde England (602-1698),' appeared in the *Dispute Resolution Journal*.

2c. Special accomplishments of students

Student life is active and varied at the College of Law with over 20 recognized, chartered organizations. Programming budgets funded from the student fee were in excess of $80,000 during the last year.

Georgia State University has a long tradition of effective participation in student moot court and mock trial team competitions. Again this past year numerous teams were fielded from various student organizations, including the Moot Court Society, Student Trial Lawyers Association, International and Comparative Law Society, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and Asian American Law Students Association. This latter group, under the leadership of Yeun Soo Jo and the advisement of Professor Natsu Jenga, hosted the first ever Southern Regional Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition in October. The Georgia State University team won first place and was cited as presenting the best brief. In November three AALSA members, Yeun Soo Jo, Shanon Randhawa, and Pamela Poon, attended the National Moot Court Competition in Boston.

Another notable success of student competition teams was the performance of the Georgia State chapter of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the Cathy E. Bennett Invitational Mock Trial Competition, held in Las Vegas, Nevada in November, 1995. Team members Stephanie Duncan-Brent; Tricia Smith, Linda Day, and Brad Reed scored the second most points during the qualifying rounds, and Ms. Duncan-Brent was best oralist of the 'final preliminary.'

The Public Interest Law Association continues its impressive work in encouraging law students to consider careers in the public interest. As part of their activities PILA holds an annual auction to raise money for stipends for those law students who may choose to work during the summer in public interest or non-profit agencies or organizations instead of more lucrative employment. For its success the Georgia State chapter of PILA received the award for being the member school with the greatest increase in fundraising in the "under $25,000" category.

The performance of College of Law students on the bar exam indicates the high caliber of students attracted to Georgia State and the quality of instruction provided by the faculty. From its inception the College of Law has established a remarkably high record of bar passage. The latest test results for February of 1996, show Georgia State students and graduates achieving a 93.8%
passage rate for first time takers and a 92.5% passage rate for all takers.

C. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity

The College of Law has a respectable record of achievement in the area of Affirmative Action. The latest utilization analysis conducted by the Office of Affirmative Action as the basis for setting hiring goals shows that this College met or exceeded the expected utilization of females and African-Americans in professional positions, staff managerial positions, and all other areas of employment. Unfortunately, the percentage of African-Americans on the faculty has declined in recent years with the departure of a Black female and the hiring of several non-Blacks since that time. One of the new faculty hires is an Asian-American.

The College of Law continues to develop a comprehensive academic support network to help facilitate educationally disadvantaged students' access to the legal profession by increasing their chances of successfully completing law school. The two components of this network are the Summer Skills Program and the Academic Enrichment Program. Both programs are intended to improve the success rate of students who are deemed to be at risk of experiencing academic difficulty in law school. The Summer Skills Program is a pre-start program that takes place prior to the beginning of the academic program for first year students. The Academic Enrichment Program takes place during the regular academic year and consists of tutorials offered by upper level students under the direction of a faculty committee, chaired this year by Professor Charles Marvin. Dr. Cheryl Jester. Jackson is the staff director of the Academic Enrichment Program.

D. Institutional Strategic Planning

1. Planning priorities or goals adopted for 1995-96

The following segment first states each goal and then reports our progress toward achieving it.

2. Goals achieved during 1995-96

The first phase of the long-needed revision of the College's strategic plan was completed after much work by the chair and vice-chair, Professors Ronald Blasi and Steven Kaminshine respectively, the members of his committee, and the faculty, who attended numerous meetings for discussion and debate. As intended, this new document leaves the developmental aspects of the law school's beginning years behind and points to the future and articulates the values that underlie the faculty's vision for the College of Law. A second phase of strategic planning that will set priorities for implementation will be undertaken in the years ahead. Early in the
year, the faculty also compiled a list of capital needs for use by
the University's capital campaign staff in its feasibility study.

**Secure additional funds for Law Library acquisitions.** The
establishment of an adequately funded acquisitions budget for the
Law Library has always been perceived as multi-step process
spanning several years. In recent budget years, incremental
progress has been made towards this goal. The acquisitions budget
of FY96 had a permanent increase of $65,000, and the FY97
acquisitions budget will increase by another $75,000.

**Continue implementation of the College's Development Plan.**
With the hiring of Sandra Mayfield as Development Director, the
College of Law has continued successfully with the development plan
first articulated by the previous director, Derek Coelho. The
Board of Visitors has been in existence for a year and has proven
to be the valuable entity that it had been expected to become. It
is a vehicle for dissemination of information about Georgia State
and will soon be an important catalyst for fundraising activities.
The chair of the Board, Dom Wyatt of Jones, Day, Reavis, and Pogue,
served on the search committee for the College of Law's new dean
and was an important voice for the legal community in that process.
Relationships with three benefactors, the Loridans, Trammell, and
Atlanta Law School Foundations, were strengthened this year with
hopes of further fruitful collaborations in the future.

**Complete the construction of the first phase of the law
school's sixth floor space.** Construction of the first phase of
the College of Law's sixth floor expansion is complete and the
renovated space has been put into use. This project relieves the
faculty office shortage and provides a computer training lab for
students, an additional seminar room to address our classroom
shortage, and space for several new initiatives, including the new
Consortium on Negotiation and conflict Resolution.

**Strengthen research and instruction with latest technology.**
The College was very successful in fulfilling this goal. The
College and Library secured from various resources CD-ROM
interactive software for litigation instruction, upgrades for
student computers, audio-visual equipment for the courtroom for
simulation exercises, a computer projection system for a major
classroom, upgrades for faculty computers, and related hardware.
Still needed are additional courtroom equipment and the permanent
installation of video equipment in other classrooms.

**Continuation of the Tax Clinic.** This entity, which has
proven to be an invaluable instructional laboratory, was threatened
with closure because of the end of the federal funding for legal
clinics and the end of a three year period of support from a
private foundation. Working with both the University and the
Trammell Foundation, permanent state funds were secured to cover
the cost of the supervising attorney, research assistants, and some
supplies. Reacting to the University's increased allocation of public funding, $200,000 in foundation funds have been pledged over the next four years to ensure the continued operation of the Tax Clinic.

Establish the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution on the Georgia State campus. Much work was done by Associate Professor Doug Yarn as well as Dean Girth and others to achieve this goal. The Consortium has existed on a minimum scale at Georgia Tech with funds from a private foundation. Effective July 1, 1996, it will be housed in newly renovated space within the College of Law and will be funded with a combination of college funds, newly acquired funding from the University, and continued funding from the Hewlett Foundation. This important research entity will prove to be very valuable to the University and the greater community.

Reorganize staffing for efficiency and cost savings. This difficult task, finally achieved, permitted the appointment of Vickie Brown as the acting Director of Career Planning and Placement, resulting in a staff reduction in the Lawyer Skills unit and a savings of over $42,000 in personnel costs.

E. Assessment of Institutional Effectiveness

The College of Law only offers professional/graduate levels of instruction and does not participate in the general education and baccalaureate majors assessment report. Nevertheless, the college makes note of indicators that reflect assessment of its instructional program, most notably, the twice yearly Georgia Bar Examination. Georgia State students and graduates from the inception of the College of Law have established a remarkably high record of bar passage.

The College of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, the latter requiring a rigorous standard for membership much akin to accreditation. After seven years of provisional accreditation by the ABA, full accreditation was granted in 1990. In 1993 the customary three year review with a site team visit to the Georgia State campus was undertaken for schools newly obtaining full accreditation.
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