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Happy Law Week! Good luck on Exams! Congrats 2008 Grads!

We are in the midst of celebrating our 25th year. As such, the theme for Law Week is "Reflecting on our Past, Focusing on the Future." As I sit here writing my last editor's notes, I am reflecting on the past. I remember the day the SBA made the announcement that they were interested in bringing back the Docket. The newspaper had been on hiatus for over three years and there were currently no staff members. When I heard they were seeking staff members, I thought this may be the best way to put my advertising experience to work. I eagerly took on the task of bringing back the Docket. I won't say it was easy, but I will say that the students, faculty and administration paved the way for an easy transition. We were given a modest budget, I found a reasonably priced printer, put out a call for articles and the rest is history! The Docket was back in full force, supported by the entire COL community. The first issue of my tenure, was full of advice, informative articles and interviews with faculty and staff members.

It has been my honor to help bring this tradition back to life. But, it could not have not be done without a lot of support, so, I wanted to use my last column to thank those who made this possible. First, the SBA for deciding to take on this task. It was a risky decision, not knowing whether the student body would be receptive to the idea, but the SBA had the vision and made it happen. I would also like to thank the administration for trusting the SBA's decision and allowing them to run with it—not knowing what the future would hold.

Next, the many talented students who contributed ideas, wrote articles, gathered pictures and garnered support, for without you, The Docket would be nothing but blank pages.

In the fast-paced world of law school, there is never enough time for all the reading that should get done, the briefs that should be written, or the classes that call for preparation. In addition, we must some how make time for family, friends, and occasionally ourselves. Needless to say, rarely do we stop to appreciate the moments that we were given to cherish. We are too busy just getting by from day to day. Before we realize it, the days have turned into three years and it's time to move on with our lives. This is why I believe we ever kept out a timely submitted article, because our readers worked so hard on them. I remember in one issue we had so many articles, that the masthead was relegated to the two inch bottom portion of a page. This speaks directly to the excitement the student body felt about the paper. Which brings me to you, constant reader. I don't know if there are words to describe how happy I feel, when after the February 2007 edition was published, I walked around the school and saw dozens of students reading or filling out the crossword puzzles. Therefore, I thank you, the COL student body, for embracing The Docket and helping the SBA's vision become a reality.

Now, to focus on the future. The person chosen to carry on this tradition is 2L, Lauren Parker. Lauren brings with her a wealth of experience and an abundance of enthusiasm. You can read all about your new Editor in Chief, on Page 4.

Well, I'm running out of room, but not out of words. Good luck on exams and enjoy the summer. To the Spring 2008 grads, Congratulations and I will dearly miss sharing these halls with you.

Suzanne Jackson
Editor-in-Chief
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Ogletorpe Charity Golf Tournament
The Tournament is April 12th at 1pm. It will be held at Bradshaw Farms in Canton. The cost is $75 a player which includes your round and food afterwards. It is a Scramble Tournament with teams of four. The charity this year is Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

BLSA Annual Bench & Bar Reception
April 11, 2008 - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
West Exhibit Area - 2nd Floor Urban Life Building
Join BLSA in honoring three distinguished members of our legal community for outstanding service and professionalism. Professor Angela J. Davis of the American University Washington Law School will deliver the keynote address and sign copies of her book, "The Power of the American Prosecutor," which addresses the disparate impact of prosecutorial discretion on the African-American community.

PILA Auction:
The 16th Annual PILA Auction raises thousands of dollars for Foundation.

Editorial: Drug Houses:
Students' Opinions

Sandra Day O'Connor Visits the COL: Offers Insights to Students
Former Supreme Court Justice answers questions from COL students...
O'Connor covers much ground in Student Q&A

By Brian Basinger

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor touched on an expansive field of topics March 12 when she sat down for nearly an hour to answer questions from Georgia State law students during her visit to campus for the College of Law's 25th anniversary.

O'Connor covered a broad array of questions, ranging from abortion, affirmative action, and judicial philosophy to chewing gum in court.

One student submitted a question about attempts by state legislatures to pass bans on abortion, which could have some effect if the Supreme Court one day overrules Roe v. Wade. O'Connor, herself a former Arizona state lawmaker, responded by saying she believed it "strange" that a state would try to pass a law it is not yet able to enforce.

O'Connor also commented on her opinion in Gruetter v. Bollinger, which in 2003 held that it is permissible to use race as a "plus factor" in law school admissions when such use was "despairing" that diversity in schools was not improving as quickly as she had hoped, and that there had instead been a "backlash" of state laws introduced to limit race-conscious admissions.

O'Connor went on to tell law students that current Chief Justice John G. Roberts was the best oral advocate she witnessed in her 25 years on the bench, saying law professors should have their students watch videos of the appellate arguments Roberts made before becoming a justice. O'Connor applauded Roberts for his "conversational" style.

As for her own history on the court, O'Connor said it "drove me crazy" when she was called a "swing-voter."

O'Connor, the first woman to ever serve on the nation's highest court, said the United States is still "behind the times" when it comes to having women on the Supreme Court, noting that the current court's 8-1 split between men and women is very different from other nations.

As for the current term of the court, O'Connor said she was not closely following many cases, but was "curious" to see how the court would rule on the Second Amendment and the Washington, D.C. hand-gun ban.

O'Connor spent some time recalling her own confirmation hearings before the U.S. Senate, calling the experience "terrible" and remembering how eight rows of photog­raphers and cameramen sat in front of her as she answered questions.

When asked about whether it was better for justices to seek consensus in their opinions or to express their dissent liber­ally, O'Connor gave a long­ ranging answer about the propri­ety of authoring dissents in current times. She said writ­ing a dissent permits Congress with a diversity of viewpoints and a "blueprint" of alternative routes it can take in writing new law.

O'Connor's final tip for law students who aspire to argue before the Supreme Court: "Don't chew gum. It's very dis­tracting. It's bad news."

COL moves up in the US News Rankings

The College of Law has once again advanced in the rankings published by U.S. News and World Report's 2009 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools. These rankings show the COL advancing to number 77 out of 200 law schools (up from the mid-80s last year and 97 the year before) and con­tinuing to be the youngest law school with a top 100 ranking.

CSO Offers "Attorneys in Residence Program"

CSO Director Vickie Brown has created the Attorneys in Residence (AIRP). Under this program practicing attorneys, Bonnie Rich and Tremelle Fishburne, will provide personalized, hands on career advice to COL students. They have each committed to about 20 hours per week, at least half of them on campus, from now until the middle of March. When they're not on campus, they'll advise you via phone, email or any other method you settle on. They will provide personalized guidance on their work, both during and after school, to create rewarding careers for themselves and their families. Congratulations to Vickie Brown for creating such a great and practical program.

Tax Clinic Recipient of President's Award

The University has selected the Tax Clinic as the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Recipient for the 2008 President's Award for Community Service and Social Action. A ceremo­ny in honor of the Tax Clinic and the other 2008 recipients will be held on April 9 at 2 PM in the Speakers Auditorium. The award includes a $500 gift to be paid to a University pro­gram of the recipient's choosing.

Congratulations Professor Blasi, Bill Timm, Sarah Ortiz, and our talented Tax Clinic students on a job very well done. Professor Emanuel nominated the Tax Clinic for this award.

COL Alana Nichols Awarded Prestigious McGuireWoods Scholarship

The Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys in Law and Business held its annual conference on March 12-14 at the Biltmore Carlton in downtown Atlanta. McGuireWoods LLP contributed $15,000, sponsoring five law student scholar­ships through the Leadership Institute. Second year GSU law student Alana Nichols was awarded the prestigious schol­arship. Curtis Mack, a partner in McGuireWoods’ Atlanta office stated, "McGuireWoods is very happy to help support these exceptional women as they pursue their legal careers, as we continue to encourage both minority women and men to pursue careers in law."

Professor Curcio Voted “Professor of the Year”

Congratulations to Professor Curcio for being voted Professor of the Year. Prof. Curcio has been with the College of Law for 14 years and teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence and co-directs the Extremism program. Good job!

College of Law loses promising student

Garth Mahoney, one of our first-year students, passed away on February 16, 2008. Despite suffering from a serious illness, Garth vowed to attend law school. We were fortunate to have him here at Georgia State before the illness forced him to leave school and ultimately took his life. In his time at GSU, Garth displayed incredible determination and strength of character, along with a terrific sense of humor.

The Black Law Students Association hosted a candlelight memorial service for 1L Garth Mahoney on February 28, 2008 in Room 230 of the law school. Deans, faculty, staff and students gathered to pay their respects to the first year student who appeared to embody phenomenal courage and strength. Indeed, every one of us could learn a great deal from the life of Garth Mahoney.

Not only Law Week, but... Time to celebrate Law Day!

The first day of May of each year is designated as Law Day, U.S.A. It is set aside as a special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America; of their redemption to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other as well as with other nations; and for the cultivation of that respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life. (36 U.S.C.A. § 113)

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# Law Week: Reflecting on Our Past, Focusing on Our Future

## 25th Anniversary Law Week Events and Schedule

### Saturday, April 5
- **8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** Barristers Ball - An Evening at the Park
  - Park Tavern (Terra Cotta Level), 10th Street & Monroe
  - 7:30 p.m. - Midnight

### Monday, April 7
- **8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** Hispanic Legal Help: The Impact of Hispanics on Georgia Law Sessions presented by the Hispanic Student Bar Association
  - First Floor

- **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Law Week Kick-off with Alumna & Former Atlanta City Attorney Linda DiSantis
  - “Changes in Ethics Over Time: Have We Really Learned All We Need to Know in Law School?”
  - Sponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Society & the Oglethorpe Legal Society
  - Room 170

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** Intellectual Property (The Movie)
  - Low Flicks & Discussion presented by the Intellectual Property Law Society
  - Room 170

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** The Making of a Martyr: A Documentary on Child Suicide Bombers
  - Low Flicks & Discussion presented by the Jewish Law Students Association
  - Moderated by Professor Jonathan Solove
  - Room 230

### Tuesday, April 8
- **8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** Phi Alpha Delta Supports Your Right to Vote
  - Low Bites presented by Phi Alpha Delta
  - First Floor

- **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Preventing Fraud or Disenfranchising Voters?: Requiring Photo Identification to Vote in 2008
  - Presented by the American Constitution Society & the Federalist Society
  - Room 100

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** Lesben & Gay Law Student Association Legal Trivia Bingo
  - Prizes provided by Stonewall Bar Association
  - Room 170

- **5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** The Education of Shelby Knox: The Fight for Sex Ed
  - Low Flicks & Discussion presented by the Student Law Students for Reproductive Justice & the Child Advocacy Society
  - Moderated by Professor Sylvia Coby
  - Room 100

- **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Law Bites presented by LexisNexis
  - First Floor

### Wednesday, April 9
- **8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** Preparing Yourself for a Career in Criminal Law
  - Low Bites presented by the Criminal Law Association
  - First Floor

- **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Phoenix Day Lunchtime - Men & Senate Soter
  - Georgia State University, Student Center

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** Two Weeks Notice: How Much to Sacrifice for the Job You Love
  - Low Bites & Discussion presented by the Association of Women Law Students
  - Moderated by Alumna Renee Williams
  - Room 100

- **5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** General Wilson 8th Amendment Debate
  - Presented by the Black Law Students Association & State Court
  - Room 675

- **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Low Bites presented by Westlaw
  - First Floor

### Thursday, April 10
- **8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** Healthy Breakfasts Make for Healthy Lawyers
  - Low Bites presented by the Student Health Law Association
  - First Floor

- **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Law School Tour, Dean & Professors Forum, Mini-Mock Trial
  - Room 650

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** South Atlantic High School Students Speak Out on Urban Development
  - Presented by the Child Advocacy Society
  - Room 659

- **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** The Lawyer’s Role in the Management of Corporate Integrity
  - Presented by Keynote Speaker, Judge Jocke Olson
  - Room 100

- **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** The Japanese Legal System with Japanese Judge Taka Ito
  - Presented by the Asian American Law Students Association
  - Room 170

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.** Famous Trial Lawyer Bingo
  - Presented by the Student Trial Lawyers Association
  - Room 100

- **5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.** International Low & Mission Work
  - Low Bites presented by the Christian Legal Society
  - First Floor

### Friday, April 11
- **8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** Preparing Yourself for a Career in Criminal Law
  - Low Bites presented by the Criminal Law Association
  - First Floor

### Saturday, April 12
- **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Atlanta Humane Society Pet Parade
  - Supported by the Public Interest Law Association - Candler Park

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**Due to publishing deadlines, this calendar may be incomplete. Please check the GSU-COL website (http://law.gsu.edu) and your email for the latest information.**
I was born in the only blizzard I believe Greenville, SC has ever faced, and I grew up in Augusta. I went to UGA in Athens and got a BA in English (one of my papers was on the poem ‘Casablanca’ and was quoted by a Professor in one of her books) and an ABD in Telecommunication Arts from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications (if you need a movie, edited or critiqued, I’m your girl) and minored in Philosophy. I was a Pi Beta Phi, worked with Habitat for Humanity, Prince Street Elementary After School Program, and Relay for Life.

I worked as the Editorial Intern at the Augusta Magazine during the summer between my sophomore and junior year. The next summer I joined the Campaign Staff for Bob Ellis’ run for Congress in GA’s 9th District. We had 23 counties, including the 2 that make up Augusta, and I traveled to each one of them at some point during that summer and fall. Bob Ellis is a Democrat and so we were promptly defeated, but the lessons learned about managing large groups of volunteers and how the political process works were invaluable. The summer before I graduated I interned for a bit with Hollie Mannheimer, a First Amendment attorney in Decatur. After graduation, I moved to Atlanta to go to GSU COL.

At GSU I became involved in the Oglethorpe Legal Society at the prompting of Prof. Lanier, my Civil Procedure professor, and though civil procedure wasn’t so much my thing, I enjoyed OLS and am now running for their VP of Membership, so we’ll see how that goes! I made the 2007-2008 STL team and was a witness for the National Trial Competition in February. STL has been extremely rewarding to me in many ways, for not only did it solidify my desire and conviction to become a litigator (more specifically, a prosecutor) but I have also had the wonderful fortune to meet many interesting and talented people. These connections have also opened other opportunities. First, I was nominated as the Editor-in-Chief of the illustrious Docket by its equally illustrious present Editor-in-Chief, Suzanne Jackson (yes, that was a shameless plug!). Second, the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia was so impressed by the fact that Tom Jones was my STL coach (or perhaps they were impressed that I survived him...), that they offered me a Summer Internship at the McDuffie County District Attorney’s Office this summer.

I am also involved in volunteering in Atlanta with Hands On Atlanta and also with the Nicholas House in Decatur. With Hands on Atlanta and GSU I volunteered for Bright Futures Atlanta, landscaping and building a mural for the children who attend after-school services and summer camp services there. Also, with GSU and HOA, I helped prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Nicholas House and later, with HOA, I volunteered to help watch and entertain the children at the Nicholas House while their parents attended Career Services classes given by Alston & Bird attorneys. The facts and figures we were told about were heartbreaking: the average age of a homeless person is nine years old; most people who are homeless have and maintain a job but it is simply not enough to support the family; because most shelters are not coed, many families, if they can get a bed at the shelter at all, will be separated. 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The leaders of today speak to those of tomorrow

Cylinda Parga, Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review

Cylinda graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in English. She worked for a popular news magazine for eight years before coming to GSU, doing a variety of pre-press jobs, including editing, training, and graphic design. After graduation I'll be doing transactional work here in Atlanta at Smith, Gambrell, and Russell, LLP.

I encourage all eligible students to pursue law review membership for two reasons. First is the substantial benefit law review membership provides to all of its members. One such benefit is that law review membership is one of the most powerful "door opener" credentials that a student can add to his or her resume. Employers tend to seek out Law Review members because of the other benefits students receive from participating in Law Review.

Through the various membership requirements, we not only become better writers, we are also challenged to an exacting degree. The second reason I believe students should pursue becoming a member of the Law Review is that it provides a way for students to give back to both our College of Law and the larger legal community. The GSU Law Review is a quarterly publication distributed to subscribers across the country, and as such it is a highly visible product of our school. Because it is produced through the collaborative effort of all of its members, each member is given an opportunity to influence our school's reputation within the national legal community. Further, each member is given two opportunities to contribute a piece of original writing to the realm of legal scholarship. First is the most important, every Law Review member writes a "Peach Sheet", which is the legis­lative history of a specific bill introduced in the Georgia General Assembly. These student-written pieces are the unofficial legislative history of the state of Georgia, and they are frequently consulted by practitioners, law makers, academics, and judges throughout the state. Second, each member is given two opportunities to student-note analyze a current legal issue. Each year the best student notes are selected for publication by the Law Review, thus allowing selected members to make lasting contributions to the national legal discourse.

There is an oft-expressed belief that law school is what you make of it. Being a member of the Law Review is an excellent way to maximize the personal benefits you receive from law school while simultaneously contributing to the legal community.

Cylinda has secured official notice for students with regard to tuition increases, obtained a $14,000 increase in the law school student organizations budget for next year, and has advocated extensively for the upcoming grade conversion whereby the curve will be retroactively raised and numerical grades will be converted to letters.

As Student Bar Association president, Joshua has discovered the law student organizations budget for next year, and has advocated extensively for the upcoming grade conversion whereby the curve will be retroactively raised and numerical grades will be converted to letters.

I think that GSU law students are so starved for good grades that they overwork themselves and lack the time and energy to get involved in trying to solve those issues that make law school less than ideal. As future lawyers, we want folks to come to us in the sense that we are competent problem-solvers who get things done. There's no better way to start practicing creative problem-solving and follow through than when you're in law school.

Besides keeping up with the research required by his multiple "paper" classes this semester, he has been anxiously following the developments of same-sex marriage laws in California and is lobbying his state representatives for same-sex marriage rights after the bar exam this summer. Joshua attributes his (beloved) law school success to the support of his partner, fellow law student, Brian Basinger and the encouragement of several wonderful faculty members.

Matthew Midgett, President of Moot Court

Matt graduated from the University of Georgia with a major in Finance. Upon graduation, I will work for Goodman, McGuffey, Lindsey & Johnson, LLP, but if that doesn't work out I am also sitting on a lucrative offer from Linkenbach, Loeb, Patel, & Schenk, LLC.

I think that to excel in law school is one part hard work, one part Cool Ranch Doritos, and one part perseverance. Doing the math, that is only three parts. And seriously, what is Cool Ranch Doritos? How dumb is that? But, I still managed to be a successful appellate advocate. The moral of the story is this: as long as an individual is willing to work to his or her fullest potential, anything is possible.

Also, a lesson learned through Moot Court is perseverance. Even when an oral argument is not going your way, it is important to keep trying to keep your head in the game. Perseverance. Self-awareness. Also, a lesson learned through Moot Court is perseverance. Even when an oral argument is not going your way, it is important to keep trying to keep your head in the game. Perseverance. Self-awareness.

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JENIFER KAMPSEN

Jen is an avid believer in the importance of quality of life while in law school. She has always been busy, she has always found time for a full social life and friendships at school for, church and extracurricular activities. She loves law school, and will miss the tremendous community of intellectual and social experiences it provides. Above all she will miss the ability to make lifelong friends with my legal and world.

Tiffany Barholomew

When Tiffany found out that the Army was moving her family from Hawaii to North Georgia, she was less than thrilled but it turned out to be the best decision she’s ever made. "I was a bit of a bleacher in high school, but I’m one of the biggest Atlanta fans now," she says. After applying to over 25 law schools, Tiffany knew GSU law school was the right choice for her. During her first year she served as a Research and Teaching Assistant, and as the President of the Bar Association of Georgia.

ZACHARY NORTH

Zachary is an Atlanta native who, despite having grown out to Massachusetts for college, chose to return home to attend law school at GSU. He came to law school undecided as to what area of the law he would pursue a career in, but soon latched onto the public interest work that runs the law school’s mock trial program. He currently works as an office building on Peachtree St., a short walk from his home. Through his management of the PILA Fellowship Program, Zachary has explored his aspirations for research and educational advocacy to succeed in the courtroom one day.

ERNESSA BRAWLEY

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STUDENT LIFE

Faces of 2008...Students on the move

By Suzanne Jackson

April 2008

Jen is an avid believer in the importance of quality of life while in law school. She has always been busy, she has always found time for a full social life and friendships at school for, church and extracurricular activities. She loves law school, and will miss the tremendous community of intellectual and social experiences it provides. Above all she will miss the ability to make lifelong friends with my legal and world.

Tiffany Barholomew

When Tiffany found out that the Army was moving her family from Hawaii to North Georgia, she was less than thrilled but it turned out to be the best decision she’s ever made. "I was a bit of a bleacher in high school, but I’m one of the biggest Atlanta fans now," she says. After applying to over 25 law schools, Tiffany knew GSU law school was the right choice for her. During her first year she served as a Research and Teaching Assistant, and as the President of the Bar Association of Georgia.

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Kendra Wallace grew up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business administration. Before law school Kendra worked for a major defense firm as an associate or a small Internet services company. Before law school Kendra currently serves as the Treasurer of Black Students Association and Vice-President of Phi Alpha Delta. Kendra is a member of both the GSU Law Review and NAACP. Additionally, she is the GSU chapter of Professor Emmanuel. Next year, Kendra will have the pleasure of being an editorial Managing Editor of the GSU Law Review.

People think I do a lot of activities, and I do, but I feel as though you can do as many things as you put your mind to.

I am not one of the people who always knew I wanted to be an attorney. But now I’m half way there (I can’t believe I ever thought of doing anything else). After graduation, Kendra plans to work in the area of business litigation.

LAURICE RUTLEDGE

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Laurice was raised in Nil and graduated from The College of William & Mary in 2004. Laurice is the current Social Chair for Phi Alpha Delta. Laurice was a member of the Student Trial Association and the Public Interest Law Association. These memberships provided Laurice with opportunities to work in the area of business litigation.

“Being a ‘Jersey-girl’ at heart it is hard to believe the journey that brought me back to Georgia. I was born in New Jersey, but when I attended The College of William & Mary, I realized it was time to follow the voice in the back of my head that had always been telling me to go to law school. GSU College of Law’s Health Policy Program was the first tune in encouraging my return to the South. My ultimate goal, the Moot Court Practice Specialization at GSU law, to help families of children with disabilities, as well as disabled individuals themselves, get the education and support they need and deserve. The diversity of GSU, the wonderful and supportive faculty, and the caliber of my fellow law school students make me realize everyday how lucky I am to be able to pursue this new path, and new world. Not that the first year of law school is all roses, but having the love and support of my partner, the care and concern of my professors who just want to see us succeed and the invaluable network of my 1L classmates and incredible support of 2L and 3L classmates has made this year possible.

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From Laurice Rutledge

JOCELYN WHITFIELD

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Prior to coming to GSU I was involved in careers that dealt with corporate work. I have realized that I have not only followed my lifelong dream of getting a law degree, I have also achieved high school U.S. History, Government and Civic Education. Before becoming a lobbyist for public education and public educators. I was the chief lobbyist and director of government relations for the 40,000 member Georgia Association of Educators and had the responsibility of writing legislation, promoting good bills and defeating really bad legislation. At law school I am finally sinking my teeth into the other side of the law and I finally feel like I am doing work that I would be happier (well, maybe my grades would be better).

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From Joceelyn Whitfield

JONATHAN PAGE

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Jonathan is a first-year law student who prefers plunging headlong into new adventures. Getting married, becoming a stepdaddy and raising a son have all happened within just a few days of each other. “Life is too short to slow down. Every day is a new and exciting adventure. Maybe someday I will look back and think I should have done this or that when I was younger. But until that day comes, I am keeping moving forward. Be grateful for your mistakes and your successes. Be generous with your love and open yourself to new possibilities. Attitude is everything. In my line of work, I am just Igraying Appalachia bed. I want to look back on my life so that I did the very best that I could with what God gave me. I loved. And I made a difference.”

Currently, Jonathan is a member of The Street Law Program and HISBA. This summer he will be interning at the Cobb County District Attorney’s Office, Appellate Division. His favorite teachers are Professor Scott for Torts and Professor Kinkopf for Civil Procedure. He aspires to be a great litigation attorney and a statesman. He wants to specialize with his lovely wife, Mariana, and his stepson Ryan for their support and love.

PAUL BARNES

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Paul Barness graduated from the University of Georgia in 1993 with degrees in economics and political science. At UGA, Paul was a member of the National Debate Team and finished second in the 1998 National Debate Tournament. Paul also received his law degree from the University of Georgia and was a member of the Street Low Program and finished second in the 1998 National Debate Tournament. Paul also received his law degree from the University of Georgia and was a member of the Street Low Program and finished second in the 1998 National Debate Tournament.

After graduation, Paul began working in politics at the Democratic Party of Georgia where he served as both Research Director and House Caucus Director. In 2004, Mr. Barness was retained to work as Research Director for U.S. Senate candidate Blaise Hill in Illinois. Paul had been deeply involved in student organizations and academic programs. Paul is the current President of the College of William & Mary, Paul returned to Atlanta and married his fiancée Allison Aske. Allison is currently the Chief Operating Officer of N.W. Hospitality, a restaurant and hospitality foundation. Paul and Allison have four children, Avery, Ethan, and two expecting their second child - a son - in July.

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Kevin counts his experience in STLA one of the most rewarding and practical experiences law school has provided. I have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to practice litigation in a competitive situation. I think it is important to take on as many different types of cases as those that will prepare you for the Bar Exam or ones in the area you choose to practice."

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REBECCA DEMBOWSKI

This year I served as a faculty Co-Chair for the annual PLA Auction, which raises money to fund those working in the area of public interest over the summer months. This year, I took my role seriously, as our faculty is extremely generous; they together are our highest contributors annually.

I also helped coordinate and volunteered with the Street Law Program. It is a program that travels to underprivileged schools to teach high school students on various law related topics. Currently, I have an externship with the Georgia Innocence Project, which uses DNA evidence to exonerate those wrongly convicted.

This summer I am studying abroad in Rio de Janeiro for four weeks, partially funded by the Georgia Innocence Project, which uses DNA evidence to exonerate those wrongly convicted.

While in law school, it is a pretty common occurrence to wish that your family members would realize the commitment and sacrifice you make just to stay ahead of the game. We often wish our families could understand the demands of law school so they would know first hand what law school is like. The Lacis family knows all too well what law school takes of the father of the family. Ivars and Nick Lacis are two students at the GSU College of Law. Ivars is also Nick’s father.

While each may understand the rigors of law school, both are embarking upon a unique experience that is different than the experience of the other. Nick, a 2007 graduate of the University of Georgia, has an interest in transactional law and would prefer a larger firm in the area of public interest over the summer months. For the rest of the summer I will be working at the Gwinnett County Solicitor’s Office on various criminal law cases and along with research, writing, and trying cases.

MARIAN ADEMY

Marian Ademiy is from Norcross, GA. She graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia in Political Science and Public Relations. Marian worked at the Georgia State Capitol for two legislative sessions for GeorgiaLink Public Affairs. Marian worked at the Majority Whip before coming to Georgia State. Marian is Vice President of the Student Bar Association and is currently planning Barrettes Ball. Marian will be working as a Summer Associate with Anderson, Tate & Carr, the largest real estate and civil litigation firm in Gwinnett. She hopes to continue on in Real Estate and land use law. Marian enjoys playing tennis and jogging outside and being involved at Buckhead Church. Marian appreciates law school and the fact that it gives her the chance to frequent breaks with her friends. In her time off, Marian volunteers as a Big Sister and as a Sunday School teacher at Buckhead Church.

In 1979. He then completed Air Force pilot training the following year.

As of now, I'm still figuring out what will come after graduation. I have my priorities in order. I still feel guilty when I am not studying, and I am most interested in Labor/Employment Law, Elder Law, and Real Estate Law. But for now, I plan on staying actively involved in the law school community because despite the hard work, I don’t just want the three years to pass by!

Law School...A Family Affair

By Kevin Mitchel

Who amongst us, in lieu of a three-hour written final exam, would prefer to sit down with someone like Professor Kinkopf or Professor Milich for a three-hour dinner as a family?

In case you are wondering, there are no family outings these two are the only members of the Lacis family to

come to GSU, Nick’s brother, Daniel, is currently studying

for the LSAT. His sister, Mary, is a sophomore at GSU for the time being, but will be transferring to

Georgia Tech in the fall. When asked if his father was one of the reasons Nick chose law school, he responded it was not. When asked why choose law school, he

said, “I often wonder that myself, especially the month leading up to finals.” But seeing his father graduate

through law school did not discourage his decision, it only solidified his decision to come to GSU.

As far as how the other members of the Lacis family enjoy the conversations of the two future attorneys, Nicholas lists

regular breaks with his friends. In his time off, Marion volunteers as a Big Sister and as a Sunday School teacher at Buckhead Church.

I do have a suggestion for GSU. The COL naturally attracts this demographic of parent students with it's strong part-time program, and would do well to consider adding additional varied courses during the evenings and summers, to promote parent student organizations, and along the way strengthen the availability and accessibility of on-campus child care for irregular hours.

So, I am finally seeing the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Not only is graduation drawing near, but my daughter is almost in elementary school and my son is almost out of diapers. By my third semester, I will be able to look back on these years as a wonderful albeit insane time in our family’s life. Maybe I’ll even have just traded in one crazy day for another...
American Constitution Society
Provide a forum for students of GSU College of Law to explore progressive legal debate and development of new progressive ideas and scholarship.

Asian American Law Students
To foster and improve ties between Asian American law students and alumni of the Asian American Bar and Bench and the legal community as a whole. To foster an environment conducive to the continued advancement of Asian American law students and to ensure their success as future attorneys.

Association of Women Law Students (AWLS)
To show concern about the under representation and lack of parity therein in the legal profession.

Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
To articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of black law students while seeking to influence the legal community to bring about meaningful change to meet the needs of the Black community.

Business & Law Society (B&LS)
To foster a broad understanding of business issues facing attorneys today. To focus on the interest of JD/MBA candidates, providing an introduction of business issues that affect the careers of business and law students.

Child Advocacy Society
To promote the exchange of ideas and the creation and fulfillment of opportunities related to child advocacy in law, policy, health and education.

Christian Legal Society
To maintain a vibrant Christian Fellowship on GSU's College of Law campus which enables our members to love the Lord with our whole being— hearts, souls, and minds—and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Criminal Law Association
The Criminal Law Association seeks to promote both the study and the practice of criminal law and provides information and assistance to students interested in the criminal field, both prosecution and defense, as well as networking with professionals in the field.

Environmental Law Society
Seeks to provide a forum for law students to explore the field of environmental law, a network of students and expand professionals to support professional growth.

Hispanic Student Bar Association
To play an active role in the furthering of Hispanic awareness and interests within the GSU College of Law and the legal community.

Federalist Society
To embrace the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution, and that it is the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is and not what it should be. To promote an awareness of these principles through activities.

Immigration Law Society (ILS)
To further the awareness of immigration issues, volunteer with the Atlanta legal community, and seek to increase interest in the practice of Immigration law.

Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS)
Provide members with opportunities to network with practicing IP attorneys. To learn more about Intellectual Property art and technology issues, and also provide a forum for students to work together to build their legal research skills.

International and Comparative Law Society
To promote the study of international law and legal topics such as international human rights, state-to-state relations, and international business issues. To strengthen ties between its student members and the legal community.

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Law Review
To publish a legal journal four times a year by 2nd and 3rd year GSU law students who have demonstrated outstanding writing and academic skills.

Law Students for Choice
This new COL organization seeks to educate, organize, and support law students to ensure that a new generation of advocates will be prepared to protect and expand reproductive rights as basic civil and human rights.


- The Law Review Board announced that the following notes and comments were selected for publication for the 2008-2009 year:
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  - Adult Guardianship Oversight: Perception Versus Reality -- Caroline Freeman

- Is the Doctrine of Continuous Employment Starting to Equal Absolute Coverage in Georgia? -- Nathan Gaffney

- Opportunity Costs: Nonjudicial Foreclosure and the Subprime Mortgage Crisis in Georgia -- Barry Hester

- FASB, the IRS's New Best Friend: How FIN 48 Affects the Taxpayer-IRS Relationship and Potential Taxpayer Challenges -- Andrew Jones

- Severance Sucker Punch: Employers Risk Financing FMLA Lawsuits Against Themselves in Unenforceable Contracts with Former Employees -- Brett Zudekoff

- The Award for 2006-2007 Best Student Note or Comment: Waiting to Exhale: How "BONG HITS 4 JESUS" Reduces Breathing Space for Student Speakers & Alters the Constitutional Limits on Schools' Disciplinary Actions Against Student Threats in Light of Morse v. Frederick
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Congratulations!
PILA Auction smashes record with $28,000 raised to fund student pro bono work

This year’s Auction was held in conjunction with a five-class alumni reunion, a tradition that began in 2007. Expanding on this alumni partnership, the PILA Board wanted to honor an alumnus from the reunion classes whose work has in some form embodied the dedication to public interest that drives the Auction. This year’s inaugural SOAR Award was presented to Ms. Aimee Maxwell of the Georgia Innocence Project in recognition of her recent work to use DNA evidence to free innocent convicts.

Let’s muse a moment on the numbers: over 500 in attendance, up 25% from 2007, and over $28,000 raised, up over 50% from 2007, smashing the 25th anniversary goal of $25,000.

More important are the great works that this money will help put into action. Every summer, the PILA Auction funds allow public-interested students to work in some of the most rewarding legal internships – those unpaid positions spent serving the indigent or public interest. The ability to enable students to experience the rewards of working in the public interest, which their financial obligations would otherwise not allow, is the driving force of the PILA Auction and is the reason behind the spectacle. This year’s success will fund more pro bono fellowships than ever before and will continue to strengthen the pro bono commitment that has been a rising trend at GSU Law.

On behalf of these students and of the population whose lives will be touched by their work, thank you for helping to make this year’s Auction such a raving success.

Specifically, thank you to Nichole Devries, Caroline Freeman, Elly Abbott, Michelle Russo, Professor Lisa Blatt, Dean Roy Sobelson, Dean Steven Kamishine, Patrick Kunes, Emily Lis, Holly Harrington, Mike Rogers, Patrick Norris, Andrea Neculae, Becky Ombokwabo, Heather Chambers, Jennifer Simmons, Lauren Mack, Meg Robinson, Michelle Bumpers, Stephanie Mason, The Atlanta Lawyers Orchestra, and all alumni, students, and faculty who contributed time, money, items, or all of the above to the accomplishment of the 2008 PILA Auction.

GSU Law Students Mentor Carver High School Students

This year the Student Health Law Association and the Center for Law, Health & Society kicked off a program for Georgia State Law students to mentor high school students from The New Schools at Carver. Members of the Black Law Student Association and the Child Advocacy Society also volunteered with the program. Carver is a model public school in Georgia incorporating a college preparatory curriculum with a smaller, more personalized setting. There are five interest-specific schools at Carver that focus on real-world education.

The mentors are from the School of Health Sciences and Research, referred to as the LAB at Carver. As the LAB’s principal notes on their Web site – “To see is to know” is the fundamental belief and driving force at the LAB at Carver. Our goal is to prepare young minds for the heart work of post-secondary achievement in any of the over 200 health professions. We believe that a critical component in achieving this goal is exposure. Our students receive not only intensive rigorous college preparatory instruction, but are engaged in classrooms without borders; the city and all the resources within our minds’ eyes are the students’ laboratory.”

Over 20 law students contributed to the LAB’s mission – “To see is to know” – by mentoring 20 high school students during the program’s inaugural year. Activities included a meet-and-greet visit to Carver where law students and high school students paired up through games and over lunch; a visit to Georgia State Law where Carver students and their mentors attended Prof. Scott’s Torts class, watched sections of the film ‘Journeys’ and participated in role-play with Prof. Todres, heard from Prof. Caley about the legal issues that affect kids’ health, and then conversed over lunch; and an inaugural visit to Carver where law students and mentors at the national briefing day on the Convention of the Rights of the Child at Georgia State. One of the most poignant and insightful questions was asked by a Carver student at the lecture on the Convention – “If this is about children’s rights, why haven’t they asked kids what we think?”

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COL Students Volunteer at the Purim Parade

By Danielle Brudi

On March 16th, adults and children donned costumes of myriad variety, including giraffes, gypsies, clowns, and cowgirls and walked around La Vista road, hoping for candy, cookies, or other treats. It may have seemed like Hallowen, but it was actually a parade and carnival celebrating the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Purim celebrates the story of Esther whose pleadings to the Persian King prevent the annihilation of the Jewish people.

Street Law Program Continues to Serve

By Nichole DeVries

The Street Law Program at Georgia State University College of Law is one of the largest volunteer community outreach programs that any student group maintains, with over fifty volunteers who inspire high school students to think, analyze, and pursue their passions. This year, the Street Law Program has developed a close relationship with South Atlanta High School.

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This year, the Georgia State Jewish Law Students Association volunteered at the annual festival in Toco Hills, donning judge’s robes (graduation gowns) and wigs (made by Evelyn Range, 2L, with cotton balls and cloth) and tossing inflatable gavels and candy to children delighted to see the Kings Lawyers parading down the street. Later, members of the JLSA helped with rides, crafts, carnival food and puppet shows. Sarah Corvey, an undergraduate member of the JLSA, stated that her day of volunteering was “the best Sunday [she had] experienced in forever.”

The members of Beth Jacob, who sponsored the carnival, were very impressed with the efforts of Georgia State students. One of them commented that the JLSA’s float was the “best in the parade.” And others were excited to see young adults taking time from their schedules to help bring joy to their community.
The Moral Bankruptcy of Prohibition

By Eric Coffelt

San Francisco has recently considered allowing "injection rooms" where addicts of intravenous drugs have access to clean needles, supervised medical care, and freedom from fear of possession and control by dealers. Sellers of the proposal claim that dirty needles shared by these addicts are responsible for many of the new cases of HIV, and that access to immediate medical care will help prevent fatal overdoses. Opponents argue that such a program will encourage more drug use, and send the "wrong message" to children.

Well, I must say I am happy that at least one city has started thinking outside the box! Drug use, along with prostitution and gambling, is what is known by some as a "victimless crime" because (usually) the only people directly harmed by the activity are the consenting participants. For purposes of this editorial, I will instead adopt author Peter McWilliams' term "consensual crimes" to describe drug use/abuse, as this term emphasizes the voluntary nature of the activity in question, and avoids the cries of my opponents that "society" is somehow the real victim. Here, I will advance a considerably unorthodox view. That is to say, it is unorthodox in the U.S., where puritanical moral absolutism is favored in place of rational discourse based on the realities of our current situation. Ladies and gentlemen, brace yourselves. The "War on Drugs" is lost, and it could never have been won. A peace must be declared, prohibition must end, and new ways of dealing with our drug problems must be explored. The reasons are numerous, and the evidence overwhelming, but I will try to condense as much as I possibly can here.

First, drug prohibition imposes unnecessarily intrusive restrictions on personal liberty and individual autonomy. When a consenting adult (not, a child, an adult) chooses to use a drug that happens to be out of fashion with the current authorities, it is an insult to his dignity to treat him as a child while he remains peaceful. It is also absurd to lump all drugs in with the "addicts", or to lump all drugs into the same heap (marijuana and heroin here, but they must both be illegal, but the similarities stop there). While keeping people off drugs is a worthwhile goal, law enforcement does a lousy job of it. This is not surprising, since the proper function of law enforcement is to arrest those who victimize the rest of us by force or fraud, not to round up peaceful drug users in an astronomically expensive and misguided effort to "cure" them.

And open and regulated market is the best way to preserve the public health, help those that need it, and above all, keep kids off drugs. What's that? Doesn't relaxing our ideological absolutism send the message to kids that drugs are ok? Well, no. We allow alcohol, cigarettes, gambling, pornography, and firearms in our society for adults, while strictly prohibiting them from minors. It would be no different with drugs. Yes, kids would still get their hands on drugs, just like they do with cigarettes and beer. But at least it will be harder, since the lawful sellers of well-regulated items like alcohol and beer must have a license, and will lose their business if they ignore the law. Under the black market created by prohibition, the current vendors of drugs have absolutely no incentive to refrain from selling to kids, since they go to jail no matter who they get caught selling to. If you don't believe me, just ask kids at your local high school if it is easier for them to buy beer at the grocery store, or marijuana from the local "guy". Furthermore, research into the results of decriminalization in other countries reveals that there is little to no risk of increased youth drug use. The Netherlands, where marijuana policies are arguably the most lenient in the world, has fewer youth per capita trying marijuana than we do. Gee, how did that happen?

You may argue that the outrageous profits that can be made from selling drugs would keep the criminal element in the business of dealing, but this view ignores the reason high profits exist in the first place. The profits come from the black market, which comes from prohibition. When prohibition ends, and the prices/profits fall, it would not only take away the incentive for risking prison, but also reduce the likelihood that an addict (even a poor one) will rob you for his next fix. Furthermore, because some of the most dangerous drugs (crack/crystal meth) are a result of the black market trying to make cheaper drugs, an end to prohibition may see a decline in the use of the most menacing among the street drugs. After all, where is the incentive to use something so dangerous when the government is no longer keeping the price of safer drugs artificially high? Next, consider what happened during and after the last foray into the business of telling people what they can and cannot do with their own bodies. During alcohol prohibition, the crime (especially murder) rose to unprecedented highs as gangs fought to control the black market. Law enforcement was widely corrupted as they scrambled to enforce the unenforceable, and soon learned to turn a blind eye. Those who formerly enjoyed only beer or wine were forced to drink hard liquor, since the market conditions favored the biggest "bang for the buck" for the bootleggers. Rathbone got blinded, killed, and crippled people, and since asking for help means confessing to being a "criminal-drinker," the problems only got worse. When prohibition ended, the market became regulated again, murder rates fell to their pre-prohibition levels, and the Mob was deprived of a serious source of revenue (and Budweiser rarely murders grocery store employees for stocking a rival's product). There is no reason that to think that ending drug prohibition won't result in a similarly stable and reasonable state of affairs.

As for the initiative regarding safe "injection rooms," I think it is a step in the right direction. I would only argue that it is not enough. The government, through its own hardheaded idealism, has created this problem. We now have a cure that's worse than the disease. It seems to me that no reasonable person can honestly say that HIV and fatal overdoses are preferable to admitting that intravenous drugs are here to stay. At least, not without being as hopelessly naive as the instructor of an abstinence only sex-ed class.

At the end of the day, you cannot rid the world of consensual crimes through outright prohibition. We've tried, and we've failed. Never mind the reasons why, it just doesn't work! Over three decades of failed drug policy, with all those asset forfeitures, no-knock warrants, and outrageous mandatory minimum sentences (some that punish possession harsher than manslaughter), and the DEA itself admits that we are only stopping about 5% of the traffic. This should not be surprising, since we cannot and do not even stop drugs from getting into our prisons, where we (supposedly) have TOTAL control. Doesn't this tell you something? Even if we eroded our Constitution to the point that we are all locked behind bars from sea to shining sea, Big Brother would still be impotent to live up to the promise of a "Drug Free America." On this reality alone, San Francisco is right to consider something besides prohibition in order to reduce the harm caused by drugs. As for you diehard prohibitionists, take a good look at the cost in cold cash for housing the largest per capita inmate population in the world, and ask yourself just how far you are willing to go to keep your neighbor from catching a buzz when he gets off work.
You Gotta Eat!

By Catherine Clary

While the rest of Atlanta plays golf, cheers on the Braves or checks out one of the spring time festivals, those lucky few of us in law school have one thing on our agendas... exams. But, no matter how stressed out you find yourself, you need to take some time to rejuvenate. Cooking is a great way to de-stress and a nutritious meal may be just what your mind and body need to get you through these rough few weeks. So plan a date night- your significant other probably wonders where you've been- or have some friends over to vent about law school. As soon as you're done it's time to hit the books again!

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¾ cup pine nuts
3 cloves garlic
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Shrimp and add to sauce and toss until well mixed.

While cooking basil and shrimp, boil pasta according to package directions. Add proportionate amount of pasta to sauce and toss until well mixed. Sprinkle with freshly grated parmesan.

Ice Cream Waffle Cone Bowl with Berries and Magic Shell
Vanilla Ice Cream
Blueberries
Raspberries

French Bread with Rosemary Infused Olive Oil

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Scoop ice cream into waffle bowl. Generously add berries. Cover ice cream and berries in magic shell. Serve.

Green Jacket Salad (Augusta's Favorite Salad)
2 TBSP Red Wine Vinegar
2 TBSP Olive Oil or Vegetable Oil
1 top seasoned salt
1 top Accent (seasoning found at any grocery store)
2 Scallions
Head of Lettuce

One tomato
Stacy's Pita Chips or Sliced Baked Bagel Chips
Mix the first four ingredients and set aside. Chop lettuce, tomato and scallions—toss together. Toss with dressing and add chips. Toss well.

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Drizzle olive oil on French bread. Bake at 350 until slightly toasted.

You can easily increase amount of ingredients and use the olive oil for dipping bread.

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