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# CoLaw NEWSBRIEFS

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## Greetings from the Dean -

The College of Law - CoLaw for short - wants you to know us better; hence CoLaw Newsbriefs to be mailed out from time to time.

We are a brand-new law school offering day and evening classes here at Georgia State in the heart of Atlanta. We have a first-year class and a second-year class - but no alumni. Now everybody knows that a good law school needs to have alumni - a supportive constituency out there in the real world. Next year we will begin having alumni in the natural way; our first graduates will come down in December 1984. But for some years to come it would help us very much to have a group of supporters out there - in legal terms, a quasi-alumni group. We have organized such a group and are calling it the Georgia State CoLaw Task Force 100. Thus it is not an alumni association in competition with natural alumni relationships but an organization of a sort with the object of supporting the College of Law at Georgia State in its development.

Attached to this mailing is a business reply card. If you are willing to support us in developing this law school - offering day and evening classes the year around here at Georgia State in the heart of Atlanta - mail it back to us and help us marshal this kind of support for what we want to do here.

Dean Ben F. Johnson

## MEET WITH US AT THE MID-YEAR GEORGIA BAR MEETING

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO MEET WITH US AT THE MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE GEORGIA BAR. WHILE WE HAVE NO ALUMNI AS YET, WE WILL HOST A COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION AND BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 13 AS FOLLOWS:

7:45-8:15 A.M. RECEPTION  
8:15-9:00 A.M. BREAKFAST

THE RECEPTION IS FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MIGHT WANT TO ATTEND THE BREAKFAST OF YOUR OWN LAW SCHOOL; EVEN SO WE WANT TO MEET YOU. AND, IF YOU WILL, STAY FOR BREAKFAST WITH US AS OUR GUESTS.

(PLEASE USE RETURN RESPONSE CARDS)

## CoLaw Task Force officers -

CoLaw Task Force 100 is our "alumni" association - not really, of course, because we have no alumni as yet. It's a group of members of the bar who have indicated a willingness to support the College of Law as a unique addition to legal education and the legal profession in metropolitan Atlanta. Its officers are:

President  
President-Elect  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Executive Committee

Tom Venker  
Ed Mangiafico  
Jean J. Young  
David Doverspike  
Anne E. Meroney  
Perry Phillips

### About national accreditation -

In accordance with procedures of the Council on Legal Education of the American Bar Association, the College of Law submitted, as of September 1, 1982, the Feasibility Study required before commencing operation of a new law school. After a year of operation, as of September 1, 1983, the required Self-Study of the year of operation was filed, and in October a five-person On-Site Inspection Team conducted a three-day inspection of our complete operation. Its function is fact-finding and will culminate in a report to the Accreditation Committee of the Council at the ABA Mid-Year Meeting in February 1984. The inspection went smoothly, and we believe favorably. If the action of the Accreditation Committee is favorable it will be for provisional accreditation. A favorable recommendation can be acted on by the Council and also by the ABA House of Delegates at the February meeting. After provisional accreditation there will follow annual self-studies and annual on-site inspections for each of the two succeeding years of operation, and this could culminate in full ABA accreditation after three years of operation. Accreditation by the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) is possible after five years of operation. It remains the objective of the College of Law to secure both ABA and AALS accreditation. What great days these will be!

### So far, two classes enrolled!

Time moves fast - this past September we enrolled our second class of 207 students. Seventy-nine (79) students are attending class full-time and 128 students are attending class on a part-time basis. We have one hundred and two (102) women students and one hundred and five (105) men students. Georgia residents comprise 184 of the new student body while 16 come from the states of Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, New York, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington, D.C. There are seven students who are new residents of Georgia who do not yet qualify for in-state tuition. The first year class received baccalaureate degrees from 91 different institutions. Naturally, GSU led the way conferring 30 degrees followed by the University of Georgia with 22 and Emory with 9. Other institutions with more than three alumni in the first-year student body are: Agnes Scott College, Augusta College, Florida State University, Furman University, Georgia Tech, Mercer University, Oglethorpe University, University of Florida, University of South Carolina and West Georgia College.

Our first class which enrolled in September a year ago, originally 203, now numbers 174. Of this number, 64 are full-time students and 110 are part-time students. Over thirteen percent of the total student body are minority students, and we estimate that approximately 45% of our students are employed in middle to upper level management and professional positions in the greater metro area.

### Law review coming up -

Participants for the Honors Writing Seminar have now been selected, and they are in the process of completing their first assignments. The Honors Writing Seminar, being offered during the Winter and Spring Quarters, is the vehicle the College of Law has created for the purpose of training the first Board of Editors for our Law Review. Several members of the faculty (the Law Review Task Force) have been assigned the task of simulating the role of senior law review editors for the purpose of training those students eligible for the Honors Writing Seminar.

Selection of the Honors Writing Seminar participants was made after considerable discussion among members of the faculty. The Law Review Task Force, after reviewing the alternative criteria for eligibility, extended invitations to participate to those students who had completed 45 quarter hours by the end of their Summer Quarter (one-third of the credit hours required for graduation). In future years, when the student-run Law Review is operating and extending invitations to eligible students, it is expected that both 9 quarter and 15 quarter program students will be in the pool of student candidates.

Invitations were based on grade point averages through the Spring Quarter. All 18 students who were extended an invitation to participate in the Seminar have accepted.

Among the tasks to be performed by the Honors Writing Seminar participants during the upcoming Winter and Spring Quarters will be the writing of an extensive student note. Participants are presently engaged in topic evaluations in an effort to identify stimulating and timely topics that might lend themselves to student analysis.

### Prof. Hogue's China experience -

Professor L. Lynn Hogue of the College of Law visited China during the last week of October and the first week of November. While in Beiching he lectured to graduate students and faculty at the School of Public Health at Beiching Medical College on Public Health Law, and to students and faculty at the University of Law and Politics in Beiching on Constitutional Law and Administrative Law. He found Chinese students to have a lively interest in American law and all three lectures were followed by a question and answer period. In particular, law students were interested in the fate of the Equal Rights Amendment and the reasons why it failed to be ratified.

"I found the opportunity to visit the world's most populous communist country to be interesting and exciting and am grateful for the chance to interact in the classroom with Chinese students," said Professor Hogue.

### Law Library growing fast -

Atlanta lawyers are everyday visitors at the Law Library and favorably impressed with our collection and the service of our librarians. The collection count presently stands at approximately 75,000 volumes, increasing at the approximate rate of 1,200 volumes a month. We have up-to-date codes of all fifty states, and the Canal Zone, but not yet Puerto Rico. We maintain 92 loose-leaf services. In microform we have all records and briefs filed in the U.S. Supreme Court since 1832 and all official opinions of the U.S. Attorney General since 1852. We have Shepard's citators for all state reports, all regional reporters and particular citators for Administrative Law, Bankruptcy, Labor, Partnerships, Professional Conduct, Taxation and Uniform Commercial Code. More later about our computer resources.

### Two CLE programs offered -

One: In October, the College of Law presented its first Advanced Professional Study course for Atlanta area attorneys: The Preparation and Trial of Employment Discrimination Cases.

Focus of the eighteen-hour course - held on six successive Wednesday evenings - was the preparation for and trial of public and private employment discrimination cases. Also examined were problems respecting unjust dismissals, abusive discharges, and trends toward erosion of the "employment at will" rule.

Conducted as a seminar, instructors were Sam S. Harben, Jr. and Phillip L. Hartley of Harben & Hartley of Gainesville, both of whom have a broadly diversified background in handling employment discrimination cases.

Two: In October also, legal secretaries and paralegals from metropolitan area law firms were offered a six-week, 18-hour practicum in legal research.

Prof. Crandell, who served as the instructor for this program, said: "We wanted to teach legal secretaries and paralegals how to do legal research and demystify the subject for them. We were gratified by a turnout of more than 65 persons for this short course."

Prof. Norman A. Crandell, a member of the law faculty, is interim director of CLE programming.

### A future CLE program on tap -

A CLE course in Products Liability is planned for Spring, 1984. This will be an 8-week, 24-hour program taught by Professor David J. Maleski of the College of Law faculty.

### Moot court competitions anticipated -

You won't believe it, but all of our first-year students have had the experience of brief-writing and an oral argument in a moot court competition! Ahead is an intra-school competition in which sixteen second-year students will be invited to participate. The semi-finalists and finalists will form the GSU Moot Court Society which will field teams to compete in the intrastate competitions with Emory, Georgia and Mercer, the regional and national competitions and the Jessup Competition in International Law.

### The placement problem is our opportunity to serve in several ways -

Every law school, for its students, has a placement problem. It comes early and stays late. Many of our first-year students would like full-time employment to finance themselves in our evening program of law study; many full-time students seek summer employment after one or two years of law study, and, of course, many seek full-time employment at graduation. So, we keep asking law firms, banks, insurance companies - any law-related business or activity - to use our Placement Office to serve their needs for highly qualified personnel. We will have our first graduates in December 1984, and, in the meantime, anytime, we would like to be in the middle - bringing fine people into association with fine people. If you can use one of our students in your office - full-time or part-time - write us.

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