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ABA Grants Accreditation -

The House of Delegates of the American Bar Association on February 14, at its mid-year meeting, voted provisional accreditation for the College of Law. This kind of recognition is assurance to prospective law students, law faculty and the public that the quality of the educational program and facilities here at Georgia State are comparable to the level of quality prevailing nationally. It serves our students in several ways: It qualifies them to take the bar examination in every state that requires ABA standards; it permits student participation in national moot court competitions; and opens up sources of financial assistance not otherwise available. Our students are now eligible for membership in the Law Students Division of the American Bar Association and other national law student fraternities and organizations. National accreditation, such as this, strengthens both student and faculty recruitment and, importantly, allows our faculty to participate in a host of national organizations interested in the law and more effective administration of justice. As a matter of institutional development being ABA-accredited makes possible our being listed in such national directories of law schools as the AALS Pre-Law Handbook and Barron's Guide to Law Schools. On the local scene it makes possible for the first time since the 1960's a nationally accredited program of law study for students who for one reason or another, find it necessary to

attend evening classes because of full-time employment. There are now 174 ABA-accredited law schools in the country, and it is our reason for being to be numbered among them.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR -
FRIDAY, MAY 11

THE HEART OF ATLANTA OBSERVANCE
OF
LAW DAY USA
NOON - HURT PARK

SPEAKER: JUDGE JOHN C. GODBOLD, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

MORE ABOUT THIS LATER

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Professor Crandell - Named 1984 Alumni Distinguished Professor of Law -

Professor Norman A. Crandell was recently designated by the GSU Alumni Association as 1984 Alumni Distinguished Professor from the College of Law. Six other University faculty were similarly recognized for excellence in teaching. Each college or academic division of the University nominates an individual for this award based on contributions to teaching, research, service and institutional innovation.

Dr. Crandell is one of the initial faculty of the College of Law. He came here in the fall of 1982 from a tenured position on the faculty of the law school at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He is a 15-year veteran in law teaching and law school administration, with an additional 11 years of experience in the specialized area of continuing legal education. He has been chairperson of our Curriculum Committee and has figured prominently in both curricular and faculty development. He teaches our basic first-year course in Contracts and courses in Remedies and Legislation. He has consistently been ranked as an outstanding teacher by his students. From 1959 to 1965 he was associated with the University of Georgia School of Law as a teacher and as Director of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia. He received his B.C.L. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary and his LL.M. from the University of Illinois.

Professor Hogue Named to National Legal History Office -

Professor L. Lynn Hogue, who teaches Legal History at the College of Law along with Constitutional History, Administrative Law and Conflicts of Law, has been named Secretary of the American Society for Legal History. He was one of the original seven Founding Faculty of the College of Law, coming here from a tenured position on the faculty of the Law School of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. At that time he was next in line to become the chairperson of the Section on Legal History of the Association of American Law Schools. However, because the College of Law is not yet a member of AALS he was forced to relinquish his participation. Prof. Hogue has lectured on Constitutional Law for the Executive M.B.A. program in the College of Business Administration. He has served two years in the University Senate and was recently elected to another term. He is chairperson of the Academic Standards and Standings Committee of the College of Law. He is also a participant in the Interfaith Volunteer Lawyers program and the activities of the Georgia Center for Citizenship and Law-Related Education. Since coming here he has taken the Georgia Bar Examination and been admitted to the practice of law in Georgia; he is also admitted in North Carolina and Arkansas.

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CoLaw Task Force Membership Growing -

CoLaw Task Force 100, our "alumni" association, is growing. To date over 200 members of the bar have enrolled - not as alumni, of course, but simply as supportive of an ABA-accredited law school in Atlanta offering both full- and part-time programs of legal education. Officers of Task Force 100 are:

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| President | Ed Mangiafico |
| President-Elect | David Doverspike |
| Secretary- | Jean J. Young |
| Treasurer | |
| Executive | Anne E. Meroney |
| Committee | Perry Phillips |
| | Tom Venker |

College of Law Team Ranks in Regional Moot Court Competition -

Appearing for the first time as an ABA-accredited law school, the College of Law fielded a team at the Southeastern Jessup International Moot Court Competition hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans during the weekend of February 17-19. Twelve law schools in the southeast participated in the contests of brief-writing and oral advocacy at the appellate level.

The GSU team consisted of Sandra Bourbon (captain), Peggy Childs, Bill Mohr, George Powell and Jim Zito. Professor Ray Lanier is Faculty Advisor.

While the finalists in the competition were Tulane and Mercer, in terms of the win/loss record, the GSU team tied or bettered all other competing teams. Sharing the GSU record of 3 wins and 1 loss were Emory, Georgia and South Carolina. Having a record of 1 win and 3 losses were Miami, Alabama, Florida and Cumberland. Nova and LSU lost all four of their rounds.

Professor Lanier reported that the competition was intense and aggressive and that the GSU team earned and received the respect of all schools represented.

Busy Law Faculty -

Law faculty are busy people beyond teaching responsibilities and other effort directly involved in the development of the law school such as recruiting additional faculty members and overseeing admission of new students. For examples: Prof. Kathleen Marcel has already published an article in the Oregon Law Review, Vol. 62, No. 3 (1983), entitled The Role of the Courts in a Legislative and Administrative Legal System - The Use of Hard Look Review in Federal Environmental Litigation; Prof. Richard K. Greenstein, likewise, has already published in the Stanford Law Review, Vol. 35, No. 5 (1983), an article entitled Bridging the Mootness Gap in Federal Court Class Actions; Prof. David Maleski's article "Sociobiology and the California Public Trust Doctrine" has been accepted for publication in Vol. 14, No. 2 of the Golden Gate Law Review (the issue is scheduled for release during the summer of 1984). All of these show the authors' affiliation with GSU College of Law. On the local scene, during the past session of the Georgia General Assembly, Prof. James L. Bross prepared a report for the State Planning and Community Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives entitled State Legislative Options in Zoning Procedures; he also assisted with the drafting of H.B. 1000, The Georgia Zoning Procedures Act and will counsel The Joint House-Senate Study Committee on Zoning Procedure scheduled to report to the 1985 session of the General Assembly.

Student Comment

The student body of the College of Law, like the faculty and administration, is excited about the development of our law school. As the only accredited law school in Georgia with both full-time and part-time programs, the law school has attracted a rich blend of both full-time and working students, many of whom already are employed in middle-to upper-level management and professional positions in the greater metropolitan area.

We are proud of the solid foundation which has been laid for excellence in both scholarship and student activities. The Jessup Moot Court team has enjoyed success in inter-school competition, and a core of top second-year students and faculty are diligently preparing for the inauguration of the Georgia State University Law Review, scheduled to begin publication in the near future.

Meanwhile, our Student Bar Association, The International Law Society, the Association of Women Law Students, the Black Law Student Association, and two legal fraternities - Delta Theta Phi and Phi Alpha Delta - have worked enthusiastically with members of the Atlanta legal community, the Young Lawyer's Section of the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Law Students Division of the American Bar Association to develop extracurricular programs and seminars which will allow GSU law graduates to be more informed and more rounded members of the Bar. The Student Bar Association is also working to

forge a link with the student bar associations of other law schools within the state. In short, the students of the College of Law are excited about the unique opportunity it presents.

Jim Zito, President
Student Bar Association

International Law Curriculum -

The GSU College of Law, recognizing the present importance of international trade and commerce to the economy of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and the southeast region of the United States, has already put in place a wide variety of programs and activities designed to provide its students with training and expertise in international law and commerce, including foreign direct investment, export and import matters.

The College presently offers a total of five courses in the international and comparative law field: a two-course series in the basics of public international law; one course in the fundamentals of comparative legal systems; an advanced seminar in current issues in international law (which, at the present time, is devoted primarily to the consideration of the changing legal nature of international economic relationships); and, finally, as a capstone course, an advanced seminar in legal issues of international business. In addition, the College will provide specialized courses in international taxation, international aspects of antitrust law, restrictive business practices, transfers of technology, and the like as student interest and demand for these courses increases.

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