Miller endowment gift honors Dean Johnson

Henry J. Miller, an attorney with Alscon & Bird, has donated $750,000 to the Georgia State University College of Law in honor of his longtime friend and the law school’s founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr. The gift is the largest private donation since the law school was founded in 1982.

“This generous gift will resonate in legal and academic circles as showing trust and confidence in the College of Law,” said Dean Janice C. Griffin. “It makes a statement that our law school, which takes great pride in its community outreach, has firmly established itself as a contender that leaves its mark on legal education.”

Miller made the substantial donation to create an endowed chair in law with the hope that it would be matched with $250,000 from the Georgia Eminent Scholars Endowment Trust Fund, a fund supported by the State of Georgia and held in trust by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. While the trust fund has been successful in attracting to Georgia a number of the country’s top experts in the fields of science and technology, Georgia State University College of Law has never before had a named endowed chair.

“Dean Johnson is the one who is responsible for this college and so I named it (the endowment gift) for him.”

— Henry Miller

From left: Bob Edie, Euclidama Foundation President; Dean Emeritus Ben F. Johnson Jr.; Dean Janice C. Griffin; and Henry J. Miller. Alscon and Bird
DEAN'S MESSAGE

Henry J. Miller's generous gift to the College of Law endow an eminent scholar chair in law in honor of our founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., touches each of us in different ways. It certainly has caused me to reflect upon the humanity and special nature of a person willing to make such a sizable gift in the name of another person. Given Mr. Miller's outstanding record of civic accomplishments and his commitment to our profession, I am not surprised, however, by his decision to honor a person who was an indispensable catalyst in setting the college on a course that has resulted in excellence and achievement. Mr. Miller exemplifies the "lawyer-statesman" Dean Anthony Noone popularized in his book, The Lost Lawyer. He cares about his city, his state, his country, and, fortunately for us, the Georgia State University College of Law.

Mr. Miller's gift will memorialize the legacy of our first dean, who envisioned that the college would strongly connect to its urban neighbors and provide leadersh

ship to address some of the state's most pressing issues. Clearly essential to his vision was a law school that opened its doors to both part-time and full-time students. From the outset, he stressed the pursuit of excellence from both faculty and students. Each of the original six professors possessed unique strengths in certain areas. Members of the first class still talk today of how Dean Johnson exhorted them to do their best.

Mr. Miller's brilliant legal mind and his strong acumen for wise decisions and sound investments are widely acknowledged. Receiving a gift from a man of his stature demonstrates great confidence in the law school. The college is indeed proud of this mark of trust in its ability to provide cutting-edge, quality legal education.

I am sure this gift will inspire others to see the difference that charitable giving can make to an educational institution. It will make possible the first eminent scholar in law in the state of Georgia. At present only a few eminent scholars in the science and technology areas reside at Georgia State.

An eminent scholar in residence will play a significant role in expanding our legal knowledge. In sharing expertise in the classroom, and in collaborating with other professors in their research. The scholar's activities and presence here will enrich Georgia and the greater Atlanta community. Many of the promising students will be attracted to attend our law school in which an eminent scholar resides.

Henry J. Miller has caused each of us to look at the College of Law in a brighter, broader light.

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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
would be the first public law school to attract an eminent scholar in the field of law.

Miller is a magna cum laude graduate of Emory University and a 1929 graduate of the Harvard University Law School. He became associated with the law firm that was the predecessor to Alston & Bird, an association that has lasted more than 50 years. He has been called "the most brilliant legal mind in the Southeast." This brilliance was demonstrated when he left open the legal discipline of the endowed chair, saying he hoped to enable the College of Law to respond to the evolving challenges in legal education.

Miller told the Atlanta Business Chronicle that he made the donation in thank of his firm's charitable foundation for funding the Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series at the College of Law. He wanted to pay high tribute to his friend, Ben F. Johnson Jr.

Johnson, former dean of the Emory University School of Law, is credited as a major player in the push to create a public law school in downtown Atlanta with a strong part-time program. Dean Johnson was a deputy assistant attorney general from 1955 to 1961, and served as a state senator from DeKalb County from 1963 to 1969.

Johnson saw the College of Law through various phases of construction and is recognized for recruiting an outstanding faculty and outstanding first class of students. Under his leadership, the college attained provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association after its first year of operation. The graduates of the first class have reported that Johnson's insistence upon excellence resulted in an extremely high pass rate for them on the Georgia Bar examination. It is widely agreed that the success now enjoyed by the College of Law is directly attributable to the excellent foundation created by Dean Johnson. The creation of the Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law is a fitting tribute to the legacy left by our founding dean.

"This endowment gift is a blessing for Georgia State and those of us whose primary intent was to bring the College of Law into existence."

- Dean Emeritus Ben F. Johnson Jr.

Johnson, at a luncheon celebrating Miller's endowment gift, said:

"I am so pleased the Maleski Scholarship Fund has grown to this high level, allowing it to strengthen our recruitment efforts."

First Maleski Scholarship Awarded

The David J. Maleski Scholarship fund principal has grown to $440,000, allowing the College to make its first award as an outstanding applicant of the 1998-99 first-year class. Over the past five years, numerous friends and alumni have made contributions to the Maleski Scholarship Fund in memory of our beloved faculty member. Donors continue to make contributions to the memorial fund through the College of Law's annual fund phonathons and written appeals, paying the highest tribute to Maleski. The scholarship endowment campaign began when Maleski passed away in February 1994. A faculty member since 1965, Maleski ranked as a founding member of the law faculty. He taught torts and advanced courses in law and science, environmental law and products liability. Always a popular teacher throughout his career at Georgia State, he received the annual Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award in 1986 and was honored as College of Law Teacher of the Year in 1990-91 by the Student Bar Association.

Maleski strongly believed in merit-based recognition for students. Thus, the David J. Maleski Scholarship Fund is designed to enable the college to recruit outstanding applicants. This helps the college fund one of its highest priorities: developing scholarship endowment funds as a recruitment tool. "By recruiting highly qualified students, the level of endowment and endowed scholarship is raised, thus benefiting the entire College of Law community," said Dean James C. Griffin. "I am so pleased the Maleski Scholarship Fund has grown to this high level, allowing us to strengthen our recruitment efforts."
Thrower awarded for public service

The College of Law presented its 10th Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award to Randolph W. Thrower at a ceremony held in April. The college was honored to present the award to Thrower, whose life and legal career exemplify the high tradition of selfless public service established by the college's founding dean, Ben Johnson.

Several prominent attorneys spoke about Thrower's commitment to public service. Marvin Levenson of Arnall, Golden & Gregory was a student of both Thrower and Johnson while at Emory Law School. "Randolph Thrower sets a high standard for all of us," Levenson said. With common interest in public service, the paths of Johnson and Thrower have been inexorably drawn together. Thrower's graduation from Emory Law School as first in his class in 1935 was strong encouragement for Johnson to follow suit in 1939. Johnson also finished law school during difficult economic times, so while he represented the

Elliott P. Tuttle, after whom Johnson was hired.

Nash Landstine, Georgia State's president from 1967 to 1987, invited Thrower to serve on the advisory committee for creating a law school at Georgia State. Thrower, who served on the committee for several years stated, "I strongly believed Atlanta needed a first-rate ABA-accredited law school in the central city. Ben was chosen to be the first dean, which ensured the success of the law school."

Thrower, a member of the college's Tax Clinic Advisory Committee, was a U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue from 1969 to 1971 and a member of the Commissioner's Advisory Committee in 1983. A member of the college's Board of Visitors, Thrower has served as trustee on the boards of several universities and colleges and is past chair of the Ethics Committee of the City of Atlanta.

A past president of the American Bar Foundation and member of its Executive Committee for ten years, Thrower has served as a long-time member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates, past chair of the Section of Taxation, member of the Commission on Taxpayer Compliance, the Task Force on Minorities in the Law, the Resource Development Committee and as a member of the Council of the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. "Through the positive example of his own career, Thrower has demonstrated that public service is part and parcel of being a lawyer and shaping a personally rewarding career in law," said James Henderson III, managing partner of Sutherland. Asbill & Brennan.

Thrower was a member of the ABF Commission on Women in the Profession from 1982 to 1992 and the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on the Involvement of Women and Minorities in the Profession. Patricia Thrower-Barmeyer, partner at King & Spalding, said about her father's trailblazing support of women in law: "It was not that he gave them any special treatment, but that he treated them like he treated other lawyers: with seriousness, with interest in what they thought and with respect."

Thrower also serves on the Advisory Council of the United States Court of Federal Claims and was past president of the Claims Court Bar Association. He has served as president of the Atlanta Bar Association, the Atlanta Lawyers Club and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

From left: Dean Emeritus Ben F. Johnson Jr., Dean James C. Griffin and Randolph W. Thrower best and brightest of his graduating class, he had difficulty finding a job. Johnson called his mentor, Thrower, an attorney with Sutherland, Tuttle & Brennan (predecessor to Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan). Thrower arranged for Johnson to be interviewed by Judge
Lanier's Austrian Program receives ABA accreditation

Professor E.R. Lanier led a group of students and faculty on the first ABA-accredited Austrian-American Transnational Comparative Dispute Resolution Program this summer. Lanier has led the program since its inception in 1994, but the new ABA accreditation allows any regularly enrolled law student from any accredited law school in the country to participate.

The 1998 program featured Dr. Kurt Keller, Constitutional Court Justice and leading authority on international law, and his Austrian contemporary and host, Professor Hans Dolinar. Students and professors Bill Gregory, Michael Landau and Doug Yarn took advantage of a unique opportunity to experience Europe's civil law environment, compare it to U.S. civil procedure, and learn the intricacies of international commercial arbitration.

Blasi named Tax Freedom Fighter

United States Senator Paul Coverdell honored Professor Ron Blasi, founder and director of the College of Law’s Tax Clinic, with the first Tax Freedom Fighter Award at a ceremony in April. The award is expected to be presented annually to citizens who demonstrate extraordinary service to American taxpayers.

Blasi testified for the working poor in March during a Coverdell hearing after a Congressional report found that disproportionate numbers of Southern low-income families endured random audits. "Most of the working poor audited by the Internal Revenue Service end up paying more in taxes, in both both conventional litigation and commercial arbitration in a continental civil law (especially Austrian) context. The program consists of two separate semester-hour seminars, European Civil Litigation and European International Commercial Arbitration."

ATTENTION STUDENTS

How can you study these subjects in a quaint Austrian city, visit the national arbitral courts of Vienna, Prague and Budapest, and traverse the Alps en route to the International Human Rights Center? Join the Summer 1999 Austrian-American Transnational Comparative Dispute Resolution Program. Contact Professor E.R. Lanier at 404-385-12085 for more information.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
Economics expert joins faculty

The College of Law welcomes Shubha Ghosh, who joined the faculty this summer. He will teach Torts and electives such as Antitrust and Law and Economics. Ghosh will help to expand the college’s curriculum with his record of expertise in economics. He moved to Atlanta from Oklahoma City University School of Law, where he taught Corporations, Intellectual Property, Law and Economics, and Quantitative Methods.

Ghosh attended Amherst College and was an Amherst Memorial Fellow in Economics. He graduated cum laude in 1984, earning a B.A. degree. In 1986, he received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan and became an assistant professor of economics at the University of Texas at Austin. In 1998, he began his legal studies at Stanford Law School.

Dempsey delivers keynote address

Judge Alford J. Dempsey, chosen by the graduating class as the person they would most like to hear, delivered the keynote address at the Spring Hooding Ceremony in June. A College of Law Externship Program supervisor, Dempsey began his address by recognizing the members of the graduating class who had served as extern students under his supervision. He stated, “These are the finest young minds with whom I’ve ever had the privilege of working. They all reflect credit upon the College of Law.”

Dempsey’s persuasive address to the graduates focused upon the importance of integrity and commitment in upholding ethics in the practice of law. He cleverly used anecdotes and references to blues lyrics to demonstrate his powerful message. He also encouraged the graduates to volunteer their time and skills to the community, stating: “Enlightened lawyers understand that to be a true professional, they must give something back to the community from which they derive their livelihoods.”

Judge Alford J. Dempsey

“Integrity. Don’t practice law without it.”

In 1995, he was appointed by the governor to the Superior Court of Fulton County, where he presides over civil, domestic, equity, and felony criminal cases. In 1996,DEMPSY was elected to a four-year term, receiving 76 percent of the votes cast, the largest margin statewide in any contested judicial race. Approximately 1,500 people attended the Spring Hooding Ceremony, including 120 graduates. Professors Andrea Curcio, Mary Radford and Roy Sobelson were selected by the graduates to serve as the Hooding Team.
Professor Norman Crandell to retire in December

Professor Norman Crandell will retire from the College of Law in December, after more than 16 years of service. Crandell was hired by the college's founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., in 1982 as one of the college's six founding faculty members. Crandell could not refuse the teaching offer by a dean whose career he respected, and the challenge of being one of the college's founding faculty members was alluring. "It just seemed like God-given opportunity. What I found intriguing was to be on the start of a law school."
Former students reminisce about Professor Crandell

"As one of the original six professors, he took a chance on the College of Law, along with many of us. By beginning and taking responsibility for building a first-class Moot Court Program at the college, Professor Crandell has left a tremendous legacy. He will be missed."

Pat Hart, '85

"His confidence in me gave me all the encouragement I needed to complete law school and accomplish all my goals."

Sandra M. Bourne, '85

"I am indebted to him for reaching out to me and to other students, making us feel comfortable and confident, and reminding us to keep our sense of humor and our common sense."

Jake Waldrop, '85

"I still remember the moment in time when my opinion of Professor Crandell changed drastically and I realized that behind that刻asful facade was a teacher with an intense love for the dedication to his students. I traveled with Professor Crandell and my teammates to an out-of-town Moot Court competition. As soon as we got there he opened his trunk and extracted a podium, which he had brought along for our use in practicing for oral arguments. He set the podium up in his hotel room and invited us to come by and practice. The first round of arguments took place that evening, and we did very well. Immediately after oral arguments, Professor Crandell was ready to help us shift gears and get ready to argue the other side. Somewhere around midnight, I decided to rework the entire oral argument. I got out two more manilla folders and stapled them together. Then I reworked my roadmap and reorganized my notes containing relevant case law. I was working at a table in Professor Crandell’s home, and he sat prepped up at the head of the bed listening intently to my oral argument, as I delivered it over and over again. I asked him several times if he was tired and if I should leave, but he insisted that he was not and wanted to help.

"By 3 a.m., I had my argument fine-tuned to perfection, so I stood up to the podium to argue one more time. I looked down at my road map, took a deep breath, then smiled and started out, ‘May it please the Court.’ When I looked up, Professor Crandell was fast asleep. It was then that I realized how much he really cared about his students and his Moot Court team.

"Professor Crandell did not stop caring about the development of my oral advocacy skills once I graduated. Shortly after graduation, I had the opportunity to argue for the first time before the Georgia Court of Appeals. I was both excited and terrified. Just as Professor Crandell had taught me to do, I took out two manilla folders, stapled them together and proceeded to lay out my road map and fill in my notes with relevant case law.

"By 10 p.m. I got cold feet so I picked up the phone and called Professor Crandell. To my dismay, he was not home, but I left a message for him. By 11 p.m., I gave up hope that he would call. Minutes later, the phone rang and sure enough, it was Professor Crandell. Without any unnecessary ado, he said, ‘Give me your arguments.’ So I delivered my entire argument over the phone. He asked me a hundred questions until I knew my argument backwards and forwards. And once again, we stayed up half the night until I was ready to go. The best part was that I only had to learn one side of the argument!"

LESLIE SETS, '94

Professor Norman Crandell and Leslie Setsi, '94

"I have been back to argue before the Court of Appeals several times, and each time I go into the marble palace, I pause for a moment to think of Professor Crandell and his dedication to his students. I am no longer terrified to stand up before the Court of Appeals and argue my case, because I now realize that having endured two years with Professor Crandell, anything is a breeze!

"Professor Crandell, congratulations on your retirement, and thank you for helping me polish my oral skills."

Lesli Setsi, '94

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caught in the areas of Contracts, Legislation, Appellate Advocacy and Moot Court. Graduates will remember him most, however, for his role as adviser. Since 1984, Crandell has served as co-faculty adviser to the Moot Court Board since 1982 as faculty adviser to the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and from 1985 to 1988 as faculty adviser to the Student Bar Association. When asked about his fondest memory of teaching at Georgia State, Crandell answered, "The intership relationship with Moot Court team members. You could really see people develop from their first efforts in WAA all the way through to a competition."
President's Letter

Dear Fellow Graduate:

It is with great pride that I write to you about the recent activity of the Graduates Association. In June, immediate past president David White presented the first Graduates Association Award for Outstanding Service to the College of Law to a member of the college’s first graduating class of 1985, Pat Tate. I hope that you will read more about Pat and her contributions to the College of Law in the article above.

I would like to personally thank the members of the Graduates Association Service Award Committee, who worked diligently this past winter and spring to plan and implement a wonderful awards program. David White, Bonnie Miller, Irene Munn Jacobsen, Nan Rigby, Don Wyant, Board of Visitors Chair, Vickie Brown, Career Services Director, Sandy Mayfield, Development Director, Lori Winklemann and Mario Leach each contributed to the success of the first award, a program I hope will continue in future years.

The Graduates Association also recognizes with great appreciation the contributions made by the immediate past president, David White, to the Graduates Association and to the College of Law. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Cornwall, ‘85; Pat Tate, ‘85; Peggy Walker, ‘86; Jim Zito, ‘86; Nicole House, ‘89; and Stacey Routh, ‘89, who have completed their terms as class representatives. Thank you very much for a job well done!

In the coming months, the classes of 1988 and 1993 will celebrate their 10-year and five-year reunions. The reunions present graduates with the opportunity to renew old friendships and create new ones with both classmates and faculty members. Invitations will be mailed to members of the classes of

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Tate receives first Graduates Service Award

Class of 1985 graduate Pat Tate was awarded the first Graduates Association Award for Outstanding Service to the College of Law at a ceremony held in June. The awards presentation was held during the Graduates Breakfast at the State Bar of Georgia’s Annual Meeting at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Buckhead.

Fifty graduates, faculty and staff attended. Tate was selected for her unbounded commitment to the college. She has worked diligently as a fundraiser on the Leadership Campaign and Annual Fund; as a class captain and class representative for the class of 1985, as chair of reunion committees; and as a valued advisor to various college committees. She has also made available her wealth of legal wisdom and experience to faculty, staff and students.

A partner and head of Lang Aldridge & Spaldin’s Employee Benefits/Executive Compensation section, Tate exemplifies what can be accomplished with the fine legal education students receive at the College of Law.

Byron Aldridge of King & Spalding was the keynote speaker at the Graduates Breakfast. He spoke about the tremendous growth and success the College of Law has experienced in such a short time. It is with strong alumni support and leadership that the College of Law will continue to reach its goals.

The 1999 Service Award will be presented at a College of Law breakfast at the Graduates Breakfast scheduled for January 22, 1999, at 8:00 a.m. during the State Bar of Georgia’s Midyear Meeting Call Kelly Litrell at 404161-2040 for information on submitting a nomination. Invitations to the breakfast will be mailed to all graduates in the winter.

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1985
Deborah Woff, president of All Medical Personnel Placement, a medical personnel placement-specialty company, launched Working at the Edge, a volunteer organization that gathers clothing for women who want to work but can’t afford the appropriate attire. For more information about volunteering or donating clothing, call 404-330-9625.

1996
Bill Connell and Leslie Connell. As, relocated to Boca Raton, Fla., and opened their own general practice office.

Reverend Gregory D. Goodley is the pastor of the Catholic Church of Saint Monica in Doral.

Roy L. Moore was selected as one of six “Gospel Teachers for 1998.” By the University of Tennessee Alumni Association. His book, Love of All Babylon and Public Affairs, was published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. The manuscripts are Ronald Farrow and 10th Collins.

1997
Allen M. Tapp Jr. was a delegate to the 1998 Republican National Convention. He is a judge advocate in chief and commander of the Maryland District of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

James C. Weidner announced the opening of his law office in Clarksburg, Ga. His practice includes general civil practice, litigation, real estate, workers’ compensation, and general business law. He lives in John Williams, Ga. His office is located at 14071.

1998
Jan Brandy McDavid is the first general counsel of Smart Corp.

Barbara Lengyel Potter became temporary counsel for Converse Inc. in June 1997. Converse Inc. is an international company dealing with both short- and long-term commercial leasing, lease work ethics regulations with geographic lessons, revisions and complete manuals of lease agreements, related agreements, addendums, etc., and continual legal research in the areas of landlord/tenant, commercial real estate, related corporate issues and various environmental laws. Barbara left long before a beautiful daughter, Bonnie Jane, in May 1998.

Judy Piskel addressed a United Nations Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, where she was actively involved in the drafting of a declaration of rights for indigenous peoples. The conference will reconvene over the next several years. Piskel began a new job with the Fulton County Solicitor’s office handling appellate matters and specializing in domestic violence. The College of Law advises for mistakenly printing in the last issue that “problem in understanding, Jack L. Piskel, and Associates, P.C.”

1999
Morgan G. Adams opened his law firm and hired another attorney. The firm specializes in personal injury litigation in Tennessee and North Carolina and due to the influx of personal injury cases.

James R. Smith continues practicing law on appeal. He is an authority on criminal defense, personal injury, and civil trial practice.

Judy Tuneh M. Davis announced the birth of her daughter, Sadie Adele Davis, on June 1, 1996. She was also elected chair of the Section of Georgia Trial Section for the Fiscal Year 1998–99.

Candice L. Brannaway, was the new partner in the firm. Candice has been practicing in the area of business litigation and corporate law.

Lynne M. Dunbar announced the birth of her daughter, Dahlia Adele Dunbar, on June 15, 1996. She was also elected chair of the Section of Georgia Trial Section for the Fiscal Year 1998–99.

Sandra Gerald and her husband, Glen, welcomed their second daughter, Anna Clay, on June 15, 1996. Their first daughter, Rachel, is now four and Sandy is a partner in Gunter, Crump & Grelle.

Tami Coleman was elected district attorney of the 18th Judicial Circuit and took office January 1, 1999.

Thomas H. Johnson was named a Fellow of Science in the Management of Technology at the Georgia Institute of Technology in December 1997. He is the director of the Georgia State and Municipal Tax Initiative for BoilSmith Corp. and practiced as a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the ADA.

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Kathleen Aderhold was elected President of the Younger Lawyers Section of the Savannah Bar Association.

Eleanor Miller Benson is a full-time attorney specializing in domestic relations issues and general civil cases. She has handled domestic relations litigation. Her second daughter, Audrey Emilah Benson, was born in June 1997.

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Michelle R. Goszczynski opened a solo practice in Dothanville. Her practice includes domestic family law, juvenile defense, criminal defense and other general trial practice areas. She has been practicing in Dothanville since graduation.

Elaine Mashkin took a three-month sabbatical from Alabama's Southern Center for Civil Rights. She returned to develop the new Women's Legal Aid Clinic in Atlanta for the American Bar Association's CELJ program.

Lesli R. Seta opened a new law firm, Lowenstark, Speed & Cussey, LLC, in 1997 with four other attorneys. The firm has since grown to eight practicing attorneys.

Blair Weinraub moved his practice from Atlanta, Westly, Felsen, Weinraub & Kuczala, LLP to Althea, Werner & Loevski, P.C., where he continues to practice in the areas of commercial real estate finance and corporate lending. Weinraub was recently elected to serve on both the board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

1997
Beth Baer has a commercial litigation practice. She recently traveled from a trip to the Ecuadorian rain forest.

Scott Crowley is a partner at Biddle & Bower. Crowley's primary practice area is civil litigation, including products liability defense, medical malpractice defense, case evaluation, defense and attorney malpractice defense.

Cheryl Harris is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx, New York. Working in the Appeals Bureau.

Mimi McCann is an associate of Keating & Thomas, LLC. She specializes in real estate, education law, employment law and personal injury.

Laura Jones French, a former assistant attorney general, is an associate with Smith, Currie, McBride & Hiers, LLP, where she will focus her practice in general liability litigation.

Cliff Stallings was recently promoted to associate counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Michael Trepel, an associate with Thompson, Bigelow, Antenucci & Philip, LLP, was admitted to practice before the United States District and Trademark Office.

J. Nicole Thedot recently tried her first jury trial and the jury returned a defense verdict. The case involved a rear-end collision minor impact with soft tissue injuries. She asserted a defense emergency defense based on brake failure and the jury determined that her client was not negligent. The case was tried before Judge Baisor in Fulton County Court.

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Amy E. coworking lives in Danville, Fla., near Miami and Ft. Lauderdale.

She works as an insurance bankruptcy attorney for the Law Offices of David J. Stern, P.A., a real estate firm that represents banks and mortgage companies in foreclosures, bankruptcies, closings, etc. The firm has its own title company, 30 attorneys and 150 staff members.

Rebecca Crowley is a partner at Biddle & Bower. Crowley's primary practice areas include insurance defense and health care law.

Laura Schilling runs her own law practice in estate planning and corporate work. She is also working as a free-lance financial planner.

David L. Smith is an associate for Price, Pyles & Thomas, P.C. in Villa Rica, Ga., where he now the firm's second office.

Michelle Maria Young, assistant attorney general, joined the administration of the attorney general's office.

1995
Jon L. Anhele became a residential real estate closing attorney with Macmacar & Son, Mohr, PC, in September. Jon and Ellen Anhele entered into a new, small firm in July.

Claudia C. Burgess is staff attorney with the Georgia Legal Services Program's Pecos Office.

John A. Savio III is an account executive with Greenwood Inc.

Which sets Bider Enterprises' new home building facilities in the industrial park manufacturing offices. A committee is responsible for the southeastern states of Georgia and manages computer for all intellectual property matters. Savio, a registered patent attorney, was an associate with Thomas, Peden, Montgomery & Ridley, LLP.

Christopher S. Tutt, a member of the Wright Law Firm, P.C., is a contract specialist for the Georgia Motor Association.

Kathryn Winters has been appointed by the State Bar president as the Law Practice Management Section of the State Bar and was nominated to the 1998-99 Executive Council of the Younger Lawyers Section.

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1987, 1988 and 1989, as well as the classes of 1992, 1993 and 1994, to meet the needs of graduates who were enrolled in either the part-time or full-time program. However, any interested gradu-}

ate may attend.

The Graduates Association is seeking for interested volunteers to serve as class representatives or to assist with the Law Practitioner's Program. If you would like to serve on the Graduates Association and the College of Law, please contact us at 404-187-3718 or Kelly Sikes in the Law Office of Allen, Lathrop & Wright, P.C., 1998-2000 Executive Council of the Younger Lawyers Section.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Petry, President
Joyner takes Administrative Services helm

Stephen Joyner has joined the College of Law staff as director of administrative services and computer support. In this capacity, he is responsible for computer support, audiovisual services, facilities, equipment, records management and storage, and a variety of other administrative functions in support of law faculty, staff and students.

Joyner has worked at Georgia State for a number of years as assistant director of academic services for the College of Public and Urban Affairs and most recently as assistant registrar for the university. As a member of the registrar staff, he worked with course scheduling and classroom assignments; the development and printing of the undergraduate and graduate catalogs; graduation awards; computerized database management; and the university's classroom reservation and technology committee.

Joyner holds B.A. and M.P.A. degrees from Georgia State and he is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in political science.

Associate Dean Robert Shillingford, who recruited Joyner for the position, says that the law school is both pleased and fortunate to have Joyner on staff.

"Many of the areas in which Stephen has worked on the university level have parallels in the College of Law. We particularly look forward to Stephen's experience with the university's classrooms to guide us in our own conversion of lecture halls to high-tech instructional facilities, with computer projection systems and computerized parts for students to use their laptops."

Joyner replaces longtime employee Jim Georine, who left Georgia State to pursue personal business interests in Charleston, S.C.