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# LAW LETTER

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

SPRING 2004

## Justice Benham to Receive Public Service Award

The College of Law is honored to present the 2004 Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award to Justice Robert Benham of the Supreme Court of Georgia. The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., in the Court Salon of the Georgia State University Student Center.

Justice Benham's legal career began in 1970. He was the first African American to establish a law practice in Bartow County. In 1984, Benham became the first African American to be appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals, where he served for five years. He further distinguished himself by becoming the first African American to win a statewide election in



*Justice Robert Benham*

Georgia since reconstruction, and in 1989, the first African American to serve on the Georgia Supreme Court. He served as a justice until 1994 when he became the Presiding Justice. In 1995, he became the Chief Justice, a position he held until 2001.

Justice Benham was educated at Tuskegee University, the University of Georgia and the University of Virginia. He has served as a master in the Bleckley Inn of Court, a member of the University of Georgia Foundation, a chairman of the University of Georgia Law School Alumni Association and with numerous other social, civic, professional, fraternal and business organizations. He has lectured at numerous law schools and participated in legal conferences in twenty-six different states, on topics ranging from judicial administration to appellate practice.

"Justice Benham is a loyal friend to our law school and is clearly a distinguished public servant to the Georgia community," said Professor Ron Blasi, chair of the selection committee. "I am happy this award will become a part of his remarkable legacy."

The Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award is presented annually to a Georgia lawyer whose life and career reflects a high tradition of selfless public service demonstrated by Dean Emeritus Ben F. Johnson Jr., founding dean of the college.

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— Professor Ron Blasi

## Dean's Message

The College of Law serves some very important public purposes. Every major urban area needs a law school that provides an excellent education with flexible class scheduling for both part-time and full-time students. As a public law school, part of our mission is to assist the state and the Atlanta metropolitan region in addressing some of the key issues of our times. Located in one of the nation's fastest growing metropolitan areas, the law school has a duty to provide research of a national and international scope on the critical legal and policy issues affecting regions like ours.

Our part-time program of study and our public initiatives provide unique benefits. Legal professionals describe our students as mature, serious, dedicated, and excited about putting into practice what they have learned. Our more seasoned part-time students readily bring their experiences to bear upon the study of law. Our younger students learn from them and, in turn, share fresh insights from their more recent academic endeavors. Our student body diversity produces a climate that optimizes the superb legal education provided by our outstanding faculty.

Two recent seminars highlight the law school's mission to serve as an intellectual hub for the dissemination of knowledge about critical state and metropolitan problems. A November symposium, co-hosted with the

College of Education, focused on educational accountability in Georgia as a result of the "No Child Left Behind" federal legislation. In January, we attracted a large, diverse audience to examine "Critical Issues in Georgia Water Law and Policy." Law professors from around the country provided a primer on the divergent state and regional approaches to water allocation and use. Other experts offered their views on such diverse topics as the impact of water markets upon the environment, the practicalities of interstate water compacts, and the challenges of water planning in large metropolitan areas. In critical policy issue areas, such as educational accountability and the allocation of scarce resources, we can look to the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution to provide helpful guidance on conflict resolution strategies.

This semester, Dr. Ray Young, the college's first Fulbright Senior Scholar, is helping us seek solutions to the environmental impacts caused by metropolitan growth. Dr. Young teaches Municipal Law and graduate courses in Planning and Land Use Law at the University of British Columbia. He is working in collaboration with others to assess the effects of NAFTA upon growth management legislation and land use controls.

Our Miller lecture series and the *Law Review's* annual symposium are other facets of the law school's mission to expose new ideas to the practicing bar, the university community, and the general public. In January, the *Law Review's* 2004 symposium, which explored alternatives to the bar exam for measuring lawyer competency, and the first W. Lee Burge Conference on Teaching Professionalism fulfilled this mission to act as an intellectual catalyst in a diverse array of fields.

*Janice C. Griffith*



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# Alumni Profile: Keith O'Daniel, '91

## "Diversity provides for a well-rounded education"

Keith O'Daniel, a 1991 law graduate, remembers the first day he attended law school and many of the conversations he had with some of his classmates. Everyone seemed quite excited and uncertain of their future. Paying close attention in the classroom and to discussions amongst his peers, he realized that Georgia State was not a typical law school. Instead of a university where undergraduate students enter directly into law school, Georgia State was made up of mature individuals who may not have made the decision to attend law school until later in life.

He recalls some of his classmates with full-time jobs, families and young children. As he continued to observe his classroom environment, he became inspired by the sacrifices of his classmates. He was grateful to attend a law school with demanding and qualified professors and also grateful to attend a law school with a motivated group of diverse individuals who were seeking the same law experience.

After graduation, O'Daniel continued to build his relationship with the college. He met with Dean Griffith on several occasions to discuss how he could help the law school. On April 14, 2003, the F. A.

O'Daniel Law Scholarship, named after his father, was established

to promote diversity among the student body in honor of the college's 20th Anniversary celebration and its commitment to build its scholarship endowment. Keith believes this scholarship will honor his father, fellow classmates who made sacrifices to get through law school and future students who will attend the college.

Georgia State University plays a very important role in the O'Daniel family. Marsha O'Daniel, Keith's wife, graduated from Georgia State in



From left: Keith O'Daniel '91, Marsha O'Daniel '76 and Clay O'Daniel 1L

1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and Clay O'Daniel, Keith's son, is a current law student at Georgia State. Also, Clay's fiancée, Jennifer Orr, is currently completing a master's degree in education at Georgia State.

"My family and I have a strong legacy at Georgia State University and we will continue to honor our experiences with former students and professors by contributing financially and staying involved with the development of the college," said

Keith. "My life could not have been the same

without the experiences at Georgia State, and I commend the College of Law on 21 years of success."

Before attending law school, Keith worked for the Pillsbury Company, founded a computer hardware company and established a land and timber investment company. His legal practice concentrates on estates, wills, corporations and business transactions. He loves water sports, diving, boating and spending time with his family.

Justice Benham,  
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Previous recipients of the award are Stephen B. Bright (2003), Judge Griffin B. Bell (2002), Clifford Oxford, Esq. (2001); Judge Luther A. Alverson (2000); A. Paul Candenhead, Esq. (1999); Randolph Thrower, Esq. (1998); Judge Dorothy Toth Beasley (1997); Chief Justice Harold C. Clarke (1996); Donald L. Hollowell, Esq. (1995); and Judge Elbert P. Tuttle (1994).

The award presentation is open to the public and only requires you to RSVP before April 1, 2004. To RSVP call 404-463-9783 or send an email to [lawdevelopment@gsu.edu](mailto:lawdevelopment@gsu.edu).

*"My family and I have a strong legacy at Georgia State University and we will continue to honor our experiences with former students and professors by contributing financially and staying involved with the development of the college."*

*—Keith O'Daniel*



# Alumni Breakfast Draws a Crowd

**M**ore than 50 graduates, friends and members of the faculty gathered for an alumni breakfast at the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel on January 16, 2004, during the State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting. The event was hosted by the college and the Graduate Leadership Council (GLC), the governing body of the Law Graduates Association.



*Linda DiSantis '88 shares her experiences as City Attorney of Atlanta with law graduates*



*From left: Linda DiSantis '88 and Marlo Orlin Leach '94*

The breakfast kicked off with greetings and remarks by Dean Griffith. After her remarks, she introduced Patrick Lail, a Class of 1993 GLC representative and the chair of the selection committee for the 2004 Service to the College of Law Award. He explained the significance of the award and announced Marlo Orlin Leach, Class of 1994, as the 2004 recipient. Before Patrick asked Marlo to join him at the podium, he invited James Westbury, Class of 1994, to share the nomination he submitted on Marlo's behalf.

James recalled the beginning of Marlo's career at Powell Goldstein

Frazer and Murphy (PGFM) as a clerk and a summer associate. She is now a litigation partner. Out of 30 associates who joined PGFM with Marlo, she is one of our two graduates to remain and become partner. "She demonstrates a rare perseverance," said James. "Marlo exemplifies the kind of law graduate that will enable the law school to receive continued recognition."

Despite Marlo's commitment to her firm, she found time to consistently engage in professional and community activities. She is an active member of the State Bar, the Atlanta Bar, the Kiwanis Club of East Cobb and also finds time to help the law school. She has served on the Graduate Leadership Council for a number of years, in every executive office. She supports the development efforts of the law school, conducting peer-to-peer fundraising phone calls, hosting a graduate lunch at her firm for the past three years and contributing every year to the annual fund program. She also gives her time and talent to the

Admissions Office and the Career Services Office.

After Marlo accepted the award, she extended her gratitude to everyone present. She received a standing ovation.

The breakfast concluded with a presentation by featured speaker, Linda DiSantis, City Attorney of Atlanta and a 1988 law graduate. Linda DiSantis shared with guests many of the daily challenges of a legal office that represents the City of Atlanta. She described her previous position as general counsel at UPS, with an established and well-supported law department, in contrast to her transition as the city attorney faced with a major need to restructure her department with limited resources. Ms. DiSantis is grateful for the opportunity that Mayor Shirley Franklin has bestowed upon her and credits Georgia State for the education she received and both Georgia State and her husband, Bob Kerr, for their continued support.

## GRADUATES NEEDED

The Admissions Office is seeking volunteers to help with the college's recruitment efforts. Call 404-651-4162 to find out how you can help.

# Tax Clinic celebrates 10 years

The Tax Clinic celebrated its 10th Anniversary on October 30, 2003, with a reception and dinner that featured a speech by Arlene G. Kay, a senior official from the IRS's Washington Office.

Over 100 supporters of the clinic gathered to celebrate the service the clinic has provided to over 1200 low-income Georgia taxpayers. Attendees included several local officials, including the acting head of the Atlanta Appeals Office, the Atlanta Taxpayer Advocate and lawyers from the Atlanta Office of Chief Counsel.

*Back, from left: Brad Thatcher; C. Murray Saylor Jr. of the Saylor Law Firm; Jacquelyn H. Saylor of the Saylor Law Firm Front, from left: Laura Thatcher of Alston & Bird and Mary Davis of the IRS*

During the dinner, Mr. Philip C. Cook, a tax partner with Alston & Bird, on behalf of the Trammell Foundation, announced the establishment of the Senator Paul D. Coverdell Tax Clinic Service Award, which will provide a \$1000 annual fellowship to an outstanding clinic student. Professor Ron Blasi, director of the Tax Clinic, also announced that Mr. Timothy Trankina, a 1989 law graduate and longtime supporter of the clinic, established a \$5000 student fellowship for the summer of 2004.



*Arlene G. Kay, executive director of the National Taxpayer Advocate Office in Washington, D.C.*



▲ *From left: Hon. Robert Jackson; Professor Ron Blasi; Hon. Ana Kennedy '97; Timothy Trankina '89, Philip Cook of Alston & Bird and Clinic Supervisor and Attorney Dean R. Morley.*



## Dean Search Update

The dean search committee has completed their work for this year and will begin a new search this fall. Provost Ronald Henry has announced the appointment of Steven J. Kaminshine as the interim dean of the College of Law effective July 1, 2004. Kaminshine has served as associate dean of the college since 1997 and has been at the university since December 1985. He is well respected and well known around campus and

is highly knowledgeable about the college and the legal community. Many law graduates and friends of the college have been actively engaged in the dean search process. The dean search committee and the college community extend their appreciation for your support and involvement. For more information on the search process, contact Professor Doug Yarn by email at [dyarn@gsu.edu](mailto:dyarn@gsu.edu) or by phone at (404) 651-2147.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES WANTED

Becoming a member of the Graduate Leadership Council is a great way to stay in touch with the college and help its development efforts. Here is your opportunity to network with college professors and fellow classmates.

Call 404-651-2040 to find out how to get involved.

## KUDOS to law students!

Victoria Watkins, Leslie Jones, Jacob Best and Coach Seth Friedman made it to the semifinals of the Region V National Moot Court Competition. The competition was held in November at the DeKalb County Courthouse. UGA, Emory, South Carolina, Stetson, Mercer and Miami were some of the participating universities. The next competition is scheduled for March.

The Entertainment Law Team advanced to the semi-finals during a competition at Pepperdine University. GSU finished in the top four out of 26 competing teams. Congratulations to team members Dan Castro, Terry Davis, Scott Marty and Heather Froy-Coach.

The first-ever S.B.A. Legislative Caucus was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The event featured prominent leaders in the Georgia General Assembly, an open discussion and a brief reception. The symposium provided an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about the issues that relate to state government and an opportunity to network with the Georgia lawmakers. Congratulations to law students Preston Haliburton, Jon Pannell and Craig Gannaway for planning a rewarding event.

The "Wily Quadrupeds," a Georgia State intramural football team of law students, won the Georgia State Intramurals Flag Football Championship. The team name comes from the famous case, *Post v. Pierson*. The team has graduated from Intramural B to Intramural A and will begin a new season in September at Panthersville Stadium. Congratulations to Bryan Grantham, Haskell Murray, Ben Bailey, Jack Nichols, Peter Bricks, Clay O'Daniel, Scott Barber, Charles Spraggins, Newman Baker, Nedal Shawkat, Benjamin Crist and Graham McDonald.



*Members of the "Wily Quadrupeds," a GSU intramural football team of all law students*

## National Magazine names college "Best Value"

The *National Jurist* listed the College of Law among the "Best Schools for Your Money," in its February issue. The magazine, which placed Georgia State in the "very good value" category for public legal education, based its rankings on tuition, bar-exam passage rates, unemployment rates for students and faculty/student ratios, among other factors.

Dean Griffith credited the ranking to all the faculty and staff who have "worked so hard over many years to put the college in a position where it is earning more and more recognition for its accomplishments."

## Three Months

**It's easy and convenient to make an annual gift to the college**

### Over the Phone:

Call the development office at 404-651-4360 and use a Visa or MasterCard.

### Online:

Visit the Georgia State University secure web site through the College of Law at <http://law.gsu.edu> and select "giving" on the bottom menu. Remember to designate your gift to the College of Law.

### Bank Drafts:

Monthly electronic bank drafts make it easy to complete a larger gift. For example, a monthly gift of \$83.33, beginning on July 1, 2004, results in a dean's club gift of \$1,000 by June 30, 2005! Contact the development office at 404-651-4360 or send an email to [lawdevelopment@gsu.edu](mailto:lawdevelopment@gsu.edu).

### THE DAVID MALESKI AND THE PATRICIA MORGAN LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

These two scholarships honor the memory of two beloved law school professors. Dean Janice Griffith seeks to complete the endowment of these two scholarships with gifts and pledges during the next 18 months.

The Maleski scholarship is currently at \$74,000 and the Morgan scholarship is at \$17,000. The goal for each scholarship is \$125,000 in endowment in order to provide tuition support for a deserving law student for one year.

Your annual gift to the law school, designated to the David Maleski or Patricia Morgan scholarship, moves us closer to the goal.

### THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Donors of deferred or testamentary gifts to the College of Law are recognized in the school's Legacy Society. Is the College of Law in your estate plans? For more information, contact Alleen Deutsch, development director at 404-651-2142 or [adeutsch@gsu.edu](mailto:adeutsch@gsu.edu).



# hs Left to Make a Difference

## THORPE AND DISANTIS WANT TO INSPIRE 1988 GRADS TO PARTICIPATE

Linda (McKinnon) Thorpe pledged \$2,000 and Linda DiSantis gave \$2,500 to inspire 1988 graduates to increase their class participation in the annual fund. Ms. Thorpe and Ms. DiSantis challenge 20 percent of their class or 31 classmates to contribute to the law school. Last year, only 17 out of 159 graduates (11 percent) from the Class of 1988 contributed to the college. Twenty percent is reported by the American Bar Association as the graduate participation average for public law schools.

## LAW GRADUATE PLEDGES \$57,500 TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Alan Rosenberg, a 1993 law graduate of Georgia State University, and his family pledged \$57,500, to establish a scholarship in memory of his classmate and 1993 law graduate, Johan Droogmans. Johan Droogmans, a partner at Alston & Bird, was killed in an automobile accident on September 4, 2003. To completely endow this memorial scholarship, the college will need \$115,000. With Mr. Rosenberg's gift of \$57,500, the college seeks to complete the endowment by raising the remaining \$57,500, from graduates, friends and colleagues.

## 1998 GRADS LOOKS TO SURPASS OTHER CLASSES

Chris Chan, Lawrence Thrower and Janine Bowen have each pledged \$1,000 to help increase their class participation in the annual fund to 30 percent. Last year, the class achieved 20 percent, which is the national average for law school graduate participation. This year, they challenge their class to break a class record with a 30 percent participation rate and achieve the highest participation rate of all 20 graduating law classes.

Every gift to the law school is important. Larger gifts add up quickly. Smaller gifts raise our alumni participation rates. One of the considerations of corporations and foundations when making major gifts to colleges and universities is alumni participation. Participation is also a factor in the national and regional rankings of law schools.

A gift from you would actually help the college receive support for the Atlanta community, and in turn, increase the value of your degree. The college is seeking to achieve an overall 20 percent participation rate. Twenty percent is the national average for graduate participation in the annual fund at public law schools. The chart below lists the number of graduate gifts received by the college between July 1, 2003 and February 29, 2004. There are three months left to help the college reach its goal.

*Please participate before June 30, 2004*

2004 Annual Fund  
July 1, 2003-February 29, 2004  
Law Graduate Gifts by Class Year

Year	# of graduates	# of donors	% of donors	total gifts
1984	7	0	0%	\$0
1985	55	7	13%	\$1,840
1986	126	11	9%	\$6,980
1987	136	5	4%	\$360
1988	159	11	7%	\$5,300
1989	98	7	7%	\$56,158
1990	131	8	6%	\$2,930
1991	165	10	6%	\$980
1992	157	14	9%	\$17,113
1993	150	14	9%	\$12,875
1994	173	16	9%	\$2,500
1995	167	12	7%	\$3,620
1996	145	10	7%	\$1,175
1997	199	15	8%	\$2,585
1998	188	13	7%	\$1,195
1999	193	10	5%	\$1,045
2000	179	21	12%	\$1,845
2001	133	11	8%	\$965
2002	168	17	10%	\$1,265
2003	160	11	7%	\$1,585
Totals	2,889	223	8%	\$122,316





# FACULTY BRIEFS

**Mark Budnitz** was a panelist at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools, addressing the question "Who Is the Consumer?" in various consumer and commercial statutes. A supplement to his book *The Law of Lender Liability* was published as well as a supplement to *Consumer Banking and Payments Law*. He was also appointed to the Board of Regents of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers.

**Colin Crawford** was a speaker at the first annual South-North Exchange on Law, Theory and Culture, held at the Universidad Inter-Americana de Puerto Rico, Facultad de Derecho, in San Juan, Puerto Rico in December of 2003. His paper "A Local Voice in Latin American Environmental Law" will be published in the inaugural edition of a journal that will come out of the proceedings. He was also appointed to the planning committee for the South-North Exchange. He organized a field trip for the Environmental, Natural Resources and Property Law sections of the American Association of Law Schools on January 3, 2004 in Atlanta. The topic of the trip was "Revitalizing the Urban Core in Atlanta: The Atlantic Station Redevelopment." His article, "Cyberplace: Defining a Right to Internet Access Through Public Accommodation Law," was published in 76 *Temple L. Rev.* 225 (2003). His article, "Necessity Makes the Frog Jump: Environmental Law and Sustainable Development in 21st Century Cuba," was published in 16 *Tulane Env. L.J.* 733 (2003).

**Clark D. Cunningham** published his fourth article in 2003 in 52 *Emory Law Journal* 1147 on the topic "But What is their *Story?*" He also made a presentation on indigent defense in misdemeanor and traffic court proceedings to the newly

created Georgia Public Defender Standards Council in October 2003. On October 10, 2003, he gave presentations on restorative justice to the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and at the Hamline University Law School. As part of research for a *Law Review* article to appear in *Law & Contemporary Problems* (published by the Duke Law School), in September and October 2003, he reviewed all cases in the Atlanta traffic court for a three-week period. This investigation revealed at least 24 cases where defendants were imprisoned pending trial in excess of 48 hours without a probable cause hearing. This clear violation of both the fourth amendment and the Georgia Statutes was brought to the attention of city officials. The *Fulton County Daily Report* reported, in a front-page article, that this notice prompted immediate release of all the identified defendants who were still incarcerated and the institution of new procedures to guarantee that no traffic court defendants would be imprisoned more than 48 hours after arrest. Also in October, Professor Cunningham was an invited speaker at "Re-Examining the Bar Exam: A Workshop to Explore Alternative Licensing Proposals," organized by the Society of American Law Teachers at the University of Minnesota Law School, and he was a featured speaker at a breakfast gathering of Atlanta lawyers on the topic, "Does Law School Make Us Worse People?" In November, he participated in the 2003 Symposium on Advanced Issues in Dispute Resolution at the Hamline University School of Law, and he was the opening speaker at the University of Connecticut Law Review's annual symposium: "Affirmative Action: An International Perspective on a Global Dilemma."

**Andi Curcio** spoke on revising the first year curriculum at the annual Southeastern American Association of Law Schools conference. Along with Professor Cunningham, she was a faculty advisor for the *Law Review's* Symposium, "Exploring Alternatives to the Bar Exam" and she was a commentator at the symposium. In October 2003, Professor Curcio, along with Professor Cunningham, presented a segment on alternatives to the bar exam for the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). She co-authored with Professor Cunningham, a short piece in the *SALT* newsletter on this topic. Her latest article, which incorporates the work she did as a reporter for the Georgia Supreme Court Equality Commission, is scheduled for publication in the Georgia State *Law Review* sometime this spring.

**Anne Emanuel** did a presentation entitled "A Piece of 11th Circuit History: Judge Tuttle," for staff attorneys and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit on September 23, 2003. In October 2003, she did another presentation entitled "Making a Difference: Judge Tuttle," for the law faculty colloquia at Indiana University, Bloomington.

**Janice Griffith** was invited to be an author of the upcoming 6th edition of the casebook, *State and Local Government in a Federal System*.

**Bernadette Hartfield** has been recognized by the Law School Admission Council for her service on the Minority Faculty Admission Retention Conference 2003 Planning Work Group.

**Julian Juergensmeyer** gave a presentation on Georgia Land Use Law as part of the Real Estate Transaction Section's panel on "Public/Private Cooperation in Managing Urban Growth" at the January 2004

annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools. In October 2003, Thompson/West Publishing Group published the fourth edition of Professor Juergensmeyer's *Sum & Substance Quick Review: Property*.

**Michael Landau** wrote an article entitled "Silencing Content Providers: They're Coming from Everywhere and Under Every Theory," which was accepted by the *International Journal of Computers and Technology*. He also presented an article entitled "Expanding Transformative Use to Right of Publicity Cases," at the ABA/Smithsonian Institution Museum Law Conference. This article was published by the American Bar Association. Professor Landau received a contract for the new edition of *Lindsey on Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts*, and for the copyright and trademark chapters of West's *Federal Practice Manual*.

**Basil Mattingly** was recently quoted in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* on the expansion of the concept of public use in connection with eminent domain proceedings.

**Paul Milich** was named reporter for the Georgia State Bar Evidence Study Committee, which is exploring a reform of Georgia's rules of evidence. Professor Milich continues to present seminars on evidence for the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. He recently presented programs for Georgia Superior, State and Magistrate Court judges. He also presented several ICLE programs to Georgia lawyers on evidence topics and a program for the staff attorneys of the Georgia Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. In February, Professor Milich spoke at the Court Advisory Committee Program for the United States District Court and at the Southern District Court of Georgia.

# FACULTY BRIEFS

**Ellen S. Podgor** returned to Georgia State University, this semester, after visiting at the George Washington University School of Law where she taught criminal law, international criminal law and professional responsibility. She recently authored three op ed pieces: "Should Ashcroft, Who Trusts No One, Be Trusted?" published in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, in October 2003, "Iraq: Evidence, Victims are There," published in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, in December 2003, and "Bum Lobster Rap," appearing on the Knight-Ridder wires and in several newspapers across the United States including the *Washington Times*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *Providence Journal* (co-authored with Paul Rosenzweig of the Heritage Foundation). She also authored for *The Champion* magazine an article titled "Schemes to Defraud," 27 *The Champion* 12 (2003) and a book review on *Murder and the Reasonable Man*, 27 *The Champion* (Nov. 2003) (review of C. Lee, *Murder and the Reasonable Man* (2003)). Her entry titled "Counterfeit Access Device and Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1984," appears in the encyclopedia, *Major Acts of Congress* (B. Lansberg, ed.) (2003). In October, Professor Podgor spoke on "CyberCrime: National, Transnational, or International?" at a symposium on international justice held at the Wayne State Law School, moderated a panel at the George Washington University Law School on "The Future of Internet Surveillance Law" and gave a faculty colloquium to the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis on "Department of Justice Guidelines: Balancing 'Discretionary Justice.'" In November, she was a speaker on the topic of Jurisdiction at the ABA Criminal Justice Fall Seminar-International Criminal Law Primer and in January, she was a panelist at the American

Association of Law Schools conference on a panel regarding the attorney-client privilege and the potential abuse of public and private power.

**Mary Radford** was elected chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) section on donative transfers, fiduciaries and estate planning. She also organized a program for the 2004 AALS Annual Meeting on "The Uses and Abuses of Powers of Attorney." Professor Radford was elected vice president of the Supreme Court Fellows Alumni Association. She continues to co-chair the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC") Legal Education Committee. She was appointed to ACTEC's program committee and has been nominated for the ACTEC Board of Regents. Professor Radford taught the estate & gift taxation course at the University of Georgia Law

School last fall in addition to her two courses at Georgia State. Professor Radford also served on the College of Law Dean Search Committee.

**Eric Segall** has written an article titled "Why I Still Teach Marbury and So Should You: A Response to Professor Levinson," which will be published by the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* in the spring. He also moderated a panel on church/state at the Bar Media Conference in Atlanta on January 31, 2004.

**Kelly Timmons** appeared on 11 Alive News in November 2003 to discuss issues raised by cellular phone cameras. Professor Timmons also moderated a roundtable discussion on restrictive covenants in employment contracts featured in a special "In Practice: Employment Law" section in

the *Fulton County Daily Report* in November.

**Patrick Wiseman** was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. CALI is a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit consortium of law schools that research and develop computer-mediated legal instruction and support institutions and individuals using technology in legal education. Professor Wiseman also serves on the CALI editorial board, and has been a regular contributor to the annual CALI Conference on Law School Computing.

**Doug Yarn** has co-authored an article with William Ide III on "Public Independent Fact Finding" in 56 *Vanderbilt Law Review* 113.

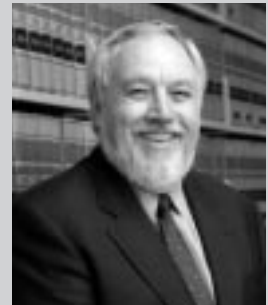
## Fulbright Scholar Visits Georgia State

The college is delighted to welcome Dr. Ray Young, the college's first Fulbright Senior Scholar to reside at the college for the spring semester. Dr. Young is both a barrister and a solicitor who has appeared in all levels of court in British Columbia and in the Supreme Court of Canada. At the University of British Columbia (UBC), Young is the professor of municipal law and teaches the graduate course in planning and land use law at the School of Community and Regional Planning.

While at Georgia State, Professor Young will research the impact of the Chapter 11 section (investment protection) of the North American Free Trade Agreement and its impact on growth management legislation and land use controls at the local government level. He will also lecture occasionally at Georgia State, Georgia Tech and other colleges.

In 2001, Professor Young was a guest speaker at the *Law Review's* symposium on urban sprawl. "We feel very fortunate to have him back with us again," said Dean Griffith. "Georgia State is located in the heart of a thriving, fast-growing metropolitan area and our environment is an excellent source of research for Professor Young."

For more information about the work and research of Professor Young send him an email to [ryoung@gsu.edu](mailto:ryoung@gsu.edu) or call him at (404) 651-0635.



Dr. Ray Young



# CLASSACTIONS

**1985**

**Ronald J. Freeman Sr.** was selected by the *Atlanta Magazine* and the *Law Politics Media, Inc.* as a Georgia Super Lawyer for 2004. In March, the announcement will be listed in the *Atlanta Magazine* and the *Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine*.

**Kirkland McGee** opened his own law firm, Law Offices of Kirkland McGee.

**1988**

**James Dalton** received the State Bar of Georgia's Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service. The award was presented during the Midyear Meeting Board of Governors Dinner on January 16, 2004.

**1990**

**Robert Rohr** is running for judge in the July elections for the State Court of DeKalb County.

**1991**

**Joseph L. Cregan** was elected partner at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP.

**Lauren MacLeod Hansford** is now employed with the Fulton County Attorney's Office.

**1992**

**Randy Rich** is running for Gwinnett State Court Judge on the July 20th ballot. There will likely be a run off on August 10th.

**1993**

**Scott P. Hilsen** is the proud father of a beautiful baby boy.

**H. Alan Rosenberg** has been promoted to vice president and deputy general counsel for NDCHealth. NDCHealth provides information support to all segments of the health industry.

**1994**

**Marlo Orlin Leach** is the recipient of the 2004 Service to the College of Law Award.

**Pandora E. Hunt** is now employed with Smith, Welch & Brittain.

**1995**

**Michael J. Tempel** was elected partner at Needle & Rosenberg, P.C.

**Daniel J. Santos** is now a shareholder at Gardner Groff, P.C.

**1996**

**Joseph R. Delgado** is now a partner at Miller & Martin LLP, a leading law firm in the southeastern region of the United States with offices in Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville. Mr. Delgado practices in the corporate department with an emphasis on business transactions, securities, and federal, state and local tax law.

**Rich Meneghello** is now a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP, a national labor and employment law firm. He is located in the Portland, Oregon office.

**Julie Porter** opened her own law firm, Porter Law Firm.

**Anthony C. Procacci** is now an associate with Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP.

**1997**

**Benjamin Bradley Reed** has been a prosecutor for over five years. He opened his own law firm in Canton, Georgia, the Law Offices of Benjamin Bradley Reed, P.C.

**2000**

**Lucas Harsh** opened his own firm, Lucas O. Harsh, P.C.

**Dr. Ralph Gaskins** is a new associate of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan's intellectual property group.

**Tyler J. Browning** is now employed as an associate with Browning & Tanksley.

**John S. Stevens** recently left Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP to become an associate at King & Spalding.

**Dawn M. Jones** is currently president-elect of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. In 2005, she will become president.

**2001**

**Emily Katherine Morrow** recently married and is known as Emily Morrow Whittle.

**John Dyer & Stephanie Everett** are engaged to be married.

**Robert A. Hodges** is now a partner at Needle & Rosenberg, P.C.

**Laura D. Windsor** is now associated with Holland & Hart. She will join the litigation department as a member of the labor and employment practice group. Her office is located in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**2002**

**Susan Martin** is now employed as an associate at Bach Carver Dewberry & McNaull.

**Michael P. Johnson** is a new associate at the law office of Carter & Ansley.

**Misty Speake** left Hunton & Williams and is now a commercial disputes litigation attorney at King & Spalding.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mark J. Sanger**, a 1986 graduate, died in November, after a nine-month struggle with a rare form of cancer. He was a staff attorney for the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) for 16 years. At NTEU, Mark trained union leaders and arbitrated their cases. He also litigated NTEU cases at the United States Court of Appeals. Mark was an expert litigator and his clients appreciated his sense of humor and personal warmth. Mark is survived by his wife and two children.

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# Symposiums and Conferences

## No Child Left Behind: Good Policy or Good Politics?

On November 6, 2003, a public seminar was sponsored by Georgia State University College of Education and the College of Law to discuss a new law signed by President George Bush in 2002. The new law, known as the "No Child Left Behind Act," has some educators and parents concerned about its accountability requirements and impact on Georgia schools and teachers. This seminar was supported by Cathy Henson, a 1989 law graduate and founder of the Georgia School Council Institute (GSCI). GSCI is a nonprofit organization that focuses on improving student achievement. The institute was created to help school councils and the Georgia community understand the roles and responsibilities of school councils in public education.



Guests visit with panelist members (from left), Dr. Asa G. Hillard III, GSU Professor of Educational Policy Studies, Mark Musick, President of the Southern Regional Education Board, Dr. David Nelson, Director of Policy at GSCI and Thomas A. Cox of Weekes and Candler LLP

highlight of the conference was the presentation of an inaugural award for innovation and excellence in teaching professionalism. Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey of the Delaware Supreme Court presided over the selection of the winner, chosen from a field of applicants drawn from 14 states and the District of Columbia.

## Law Review Symposium

On January 29, the Georgia State University Law Review presented an exciting and informative day-long symposium on the topic, "Rethinking the Licensing of New Attorneys: An Exploration of Alternatives to the Bar Exam." A large and diverse panel of speakers from the United States and abroad examined the American attorney licensing process as contrasted to the licensing of physicians, alternative licensing models being proposed in several U.S. states, and the licensing of attorneys in other nations.

## Water Symposium

The college hosted the first-ever Water Seminar on January 7, 2004. The event attracted over 120 attendees, including members of the Georgia Legislature, Atlanta Regional Commission, City of Atlanta and multiple agencies across the state. Georgia's water laws, water markets and disputes between riparian states were addressed along with a round table discussion on hot issues such as urban water and land use; inter-basin transfer; agriculture use and ground water. This seminar was made possible by Dr. Stephen Draper, a 1992 law graduate.



Guest speaker Douglas Grant of the William Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada is an expert in Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law and Water Law.

## Conference on Teaching Professionalism

The first W. Lee Burge conference on teaching professionalism was hosted on Friday, January 30, 2004, by Professor Clark D. Cunningham, the college's Burge Chair in Law and Ethics. The conference was co-sponsored by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Professionalism and the National Conference of Chief Justices. The



From left: Delaware Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey, First Prize Winner Sophie Sparrow of Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire and John Berry, chairperson of the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism



Professor Andi Curcio participates in a round table discussion

Between presentations, attendees had the opportunity to participate in small group discussions followed by open discussion sessions. Throughout the day, this unique, interactive forum allowed the speakers and the audience to engage in a thought-provoking dialogue examining the strengths and deficiencies inherent in both the current American system and the proposed alternative approaches.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**GSU STUDENT LAW WEEK***March 29 – Friday, April 2*

For more information call 404-373-5408  
or send to email to hill1978@yahoo.com.

**BARRISTER'S BALL***Saturday, April 3 • 7 p.m.*

The Abbey  
For more information call 404-373-5408  
or send to email to hill1978@yahoo.com.

**BLSA ALUMNI BRUNCH***Saturday, April 3 • 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

Student Center Court Salon  
Call 770-909-3047 to purchase tickets  
and for more information.

**BEN F. JOHNSON JR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD***Thursday, April 8 • 5:30 p.m.*

Recipient: Justice Robert Benham  
Student Center Court Salon  
Free and open to the public  
Call 404-463-9783 to RSVP before  
April 1st.

**HONORS DAY***Tuesday, April 13 • 4:30-6 p.m.*

Urban Life Building, Second Floor  
(West Exhibit Area)  
For more information call 404-651-4164.

**BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING***Tuesday, April 20 • 8 a.m.*

College of Law Faculty Conference Room  
For more information call 404-651-4360.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SYMPOSIUM***"Brown v. Board of Education: A Dream in the Balance."**Thursday, April 29 • 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Student Center Speakers Auditorium  
For more information contact Debbie  
Curley at dcurley@southerncouncil.org  
or Professor Bernadette Hartfield at  
bhartfield@gsu.edu.

**BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING***Tuesday, May 4 • Noon*

The Commerce Club  
For more information call  
at 404-651-4360.

**HOODING CEREMONY/RECEPTION***The Honorable Andrew Young**Friday, May 14 • 6-9 p.m.*

Georgia State University Sports  
Arena/Urban Life Plaza  
Call 404-651-4291 for more  
information.

**GLC MEETING***Thursday, June 3 • 6:30 p.m.*

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Call 404-651-2040 for more  
information.

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI BREAKFAST***Saturday, June 19*

Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando, Florida  
Register through the State Bar of  
Georgia at [www.gabar.org](http://www.gabar.org) or  
call 404-651-2040.

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