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

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

It has been my honor to help bring this tradition back to life. But, it could not have been done without a lot of support, so, I wanted to use my last column to thank those who made this possible. First, the SBA for deciding to take on this task. It was a risky decision, not knowing whether the student body would be receptive to the idea, but the SBA had the vision and made it happen. I would also like to thank the administration for trusting the SBA’s decision and allowing them to run with it—not knowing what the future would hold. Next, the many talented students who contributed ideas, wrote articles, gathered pictures and garnered support, for without you, The Docket would be nothing but blank pages.

In the fast-paced world of law school, there is never enough time for all the reading that should get done, the briefs that should be written, or the classes that call for preparation. In addition, we must somehow make time for family, friends, and occasionally ourselves. Needless to say, rarely do we stop to appreciate the moments and capture memories. We are too busy just getting by from day to day. Before we realize it, the days have turned into three years and it’s time to move on with our lives.

Amidst all this hustle and bustle, I am proud to be part of something that captures the moments of the College of Law’s history. The Docket. After a hiatus of three years, The Docket made its return in the 2006-2007 school year. As a member of the small group of students determined to bring back the law school’s newspaper, I can testify it was not an easy task. Finding FUNDS for publishing, getting committed staff writers and editors, and determining what the student body wanted from their newspaper, were just a few of the challenges we faced. However, with the support of GSU faculty and staff, past (and graduated) Docket staff, and a few excited students, The Docket made its return. After as managing editor for the past two years, it is my hope that The Docket has, and will continue to provide writing opportunities and a means of expression for students, faculty, alumni, and the surrounding legal community. I am excited about the improvements The Docket has made over the last two years, with each issue being much better than the last. I hope The Docket, as the voice of GSU, College of Law, continues to progress while capturing the memories of this busy world we call law school.

Sherrie Brady
Managing Editor
Fall 2006 - Spring 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

PILA Auction: Most Successful Ever!
The 16th Annual PILA Auction raises thousands for dollars for Foundation.

Editorial: Drug Houses: Students’ Opinions
Students weigh in on the legality & prevalence of “real” drug houses.

Downtime Fun
Try your hand at the Word Find. Or, try a new recipe to take your mind off exams. You gotta eat!
O'Connor covers much ground in Student Q&A

By Brian Basinger

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

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

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

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

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

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

O'Connor, the first woman to ever serve on the nation's highest court, said the United States is still "behind the times" when it comes to having women on the Supreme Court, noting that the current court's 5-4 split between men and women is very different from other nations.

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

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

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

O'Connor's final tip for law students who aspire to argue before the Supreme Court: "Don't chew gum. It's very distracting. It's bad news."
## 25th Anniversary Law Week Events and Schedule

**Saturday, April 5**

- **Baristas Ball - An Evening at the Park**
  Park Tavern (Terrace Level), 10th Street & Monroe
  Time: 7:30 p.m. – Midnight

**Monday, April 7**

- **8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**
  HSBA: Hispanics Help: The Impact of Hispanics on Georgia
  Law Bites presented by the Hispanic Student Bar Association
  First Floor

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

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.**
  Law Bites & Discussion presented by the Jewish Law Students Association
  Moderated by Professor Jonathan Solov
  Room 220

**Tuesday, April 8**

- **8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**
  Phi Alpha Delta Supports Your Right to Vote
  Law Bites presented by Phi Alpha Delta
  First Floor

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

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.**
  LS&J & Gay Law Student Association Legal Trivia Bingo
  Prizes provided by Donnell Law Association
  Room 170

- **5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.**
  The Education of Shelby Knox: The Fight for Sex Ed
  Law Bites presented by the American Law Society & the Child Advocacy Society
  Moderated by Professor Sylvia Cohen
  Room 190

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

**Wednesday, April 9**

- **8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**
  Preparing Yourself for a Career in Criminal Law
  Law Bites presented by the Criminal Law Association
  First Floor

- **11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
  Honors Day Lunch: Honors & Senate Senate:
  Georgia State University, Student Center

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

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

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

**Thursday, April 10**

- **8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**
  Healthy Breakfasts Make for Healthy Lawyers
  Law Bites presented by the Student Health Law Association
  First Floor

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
  Low School Tour, Dean & Professors Forum, Mini-Mock Trial
  Room 628

- **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
  South Atlanta High School Students Speak Out on Urban Development
  Presented by the Child Advocacy Society
  Room 628

- **11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
  The Lawyer’s Role in the Management of Corporate Integrity
  Presented by Mr. Howar, Former Chairman & CEO of Dowell Corp., Jack Ward, Professor Jack Silver and Professor Linda DiSantis
  Presented by the Business & Law Society and the Environmental Law Society
  Room 100

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

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

- **5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**
  Professor William Pope on International Business Law
  Presented by the International & Comparative Law Society
  Room 170

- **7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
  International Law & Mission Work
  Law Bites presented by the Christian Legal Society
  First Floor

**Friday, April 11**

- **Law Week Raffle: 12:00 p.m. – First Floor**

**Saturday, April 12**

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

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**Due to publishing deadlines, this calendar may be incomplete. Please check the GSU-COL website (http://law.gsu.edu) and your email for the latest information.**

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**Next Year: New Editor! New Ideas!**

**Congrats Grads!**
From the Staff of The Docket

**Good Luck on Exams!**
From the Staff of The Docket

**Have a Great Summer!**
Meet Lauren Parker...2008-2009 Editor of the Docket

Name: Lauren Parker
Birthplace: Greenville, SC
Hometown: Augusta
Undergraduate: University of Georgia
Degree: Bachelor of Arts: English
Experience: Editorial Intern/ Augusta Magazine
Summer Job: McDuffie DA’s Office
Goal after Law School: Work as an ADA (a girl after my own heart)

I was born in the only bizzard I believe Greenville, SC has ever faced, and I grew up in Augusta. I went to UGA in Athens and got a BA in English (one of my papers was on the poem “Casablanca” and was quoted by a Professor in one of her books) and an ABD in Telecommunications and Mass Communications (if you need a movie filmed, edited or critiqued, I’m your girl) and minored in Philosophy. I was a Pi Beta Phi, worked with Habitat for Humanity, Prince Street Elementary After School Program, and Relay for Life.

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

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

I am also involved in volunteering in Atlanta with Hands On Atlanta and also with the Nicholas House in Decatur. With Hands on Atlanta and GSU I volunteered for Bright Futures Atlanta, landscaping and building a mural for the children who attend after-school service camp services there. Also, with GSU and HOA, I helped prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the Nicholas House and later, with HOA, I volunteered to help watch and entertain the children at the Nicholas House while their parents attended Career Services classes given by Alston & Bird attorneys. The facts and figures we were told about were heartbreaking: the average age of a homeless person is nine years old; most people who are homeless have and maintain a job but it is simply not enough to support the family, because most shelters are not coed, many families, if they can get a bed at the shelter at all, will be separated. This began my affiliation with the Nicholas House because I felt that it was a wonderful organization whose goals to help families end the cycle of homelessness were actually working. I am committed to volunteering on Monday nights to watch the children for an hour while their parents attend classes and have also volunteered to be a mentor for one of the children.

What I perhaps like best about the organization is that it is not simply donating, there is a system in place that recognizes the causes of homelessness and then educates the residents to ensure against them. The residents attend classes that help educate them about getting a job that will pay enough for them and their children to start a new life, about how to overcome the effects homelessness has on them and their children, and about financial planning to ensure that they are able to guard against becoming homeless again. Then, the organization helps place the families, when ready, into housing and up to two years after leaving the Nicholas House, 75% of those families are still maintaining their own permanent housing.

Also, the children there are resilient, bright, and awe-inspiring. Nearly 20% were honor roll students and the smiles on their faces make it clear that they are happy, healthy, and well on their way to a stable and fulfilling life with their parents. I have volunteered to be a mentor to one of the adolescent girls, Jessica, who is into music, poetry, and movies and wants to study English and Journalism when she goes to college. I cannot wait to watch her grow and learn and achieve her goals and feel very fortunate to be able to be a part of that process.

I want to run the newspaper because I feel that it’s about time for me to use that Grady degree (kidding, of course)! I feel that the newspaper of any school is its lifeblood—students write about their experiences and their opinions about things that affect everyone in the school and, in the grand tradition of our forefathers (yes, I get a bit lofty when speaking about Journalism…), I think it is essential to any school, especially a law school, to have an uncumbered newspaper that challenges and even defies current thought. Moreover, it is important simply to have something more entertaining to read than Contracts! I will work hard to have a well-rounded paper for the students to enjoy and to participate in and hopefully I can keep the tradition of the Docket alive and prospering!!

After law school, I plan to work as an ADA, hopefully either in Atlanta or Augusta. Furthermore, I plan to either continue and expand my work with Nicholas House if I stay in Atlanta or perhaps help start a similar program in Augusta.

INSIDE THE ULB
Cylinda Parga, Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review
Cylinda graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in English. She worked for Toomer's in Anniston for eight years before coming to GSU, doing a variety of pre-press jobs, including editing, training, and graphic design. After graduation I'll be working in Atlanta at Smith, Gambrell, and Russell, LLP.

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

The second reason I believe students should pursue becoming a member of the Law Review is that it provides a way for students to give back to both the College of Law and the larger legal community. The GSU Law Review is a quarterly publication distributed to subscribers across the country, and as such it is a highly visible product of our school. Because it is produced through the collaborative effort of all of its members, each member has a good real opportunity to influence our school's reputation within the national legal community. Further, each member is given two opportunities to contribute a piece of original writing to the realm of legal scholarship. First and most importantly, every Law Review member writes a "Peach Sheet", which is the legislative history of a specific bill introduced in the Georgia legislature. These student-written pieces are the unofficial legislative history of the state of Georgia, and they are frequently consulted by practitioners, law makers, academics, and judges throughout the state. Second, each member has the opportunity to analyze legal issues. Each year the best student notes are selected for publication by the Law Review, thus allowing selected members to make lasting contributions to the national legal discourse.

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

Suzanne Jackson, President, Student Trial Lawyers Association
Suzanne is from a coastal town in Central New Jersey. She graduated from Kean University and worked in the advertising industry prior to coming to law school. Suzanne also served in two different branches of the United States' military as a police and as a detective, with three years as an instructor. She credits surviving a fall out of an amusement park ride, as a teenager, for teaching her that "neediness is not an option.”

After graduation, Suzanne will be working as an Assistant State Attorney for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

I came to law school knowing exactly what I wanted—to be Angie Harmon's character on "Law & Order". Unfortunately, Hollywood was not calling, so, I figured the next best thing was to become a criminal prosecutor. As a prosecutor, I would have the opportunity to do what I wanted most of all—be a trial attorney. I just needed to learn the skills. That is how I discovered the Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA). I believe I started pestering the last president of STLA from the moment I met her. Imagine my dismay to find out that I had to wait until my second year to try out!

STLA is the organization for the COL's mock trial team. As a member of STLA, students participate in national trial competitions as well as local ones. The experience is invaluable and the skills you will acquire will prepare you for the courtroom.

Joshua Saunders, President, Student Bar Association
Joshua is proof that tenacity goes a long way. After a disappointing 1Lyear which left him wondering if he should switch to part-time status so as to avoid so much debt for such mediocre grades, he bounced back. After earning his first CALI award and obtaining an Honors designation in litigation. He has always shared his story with other students who have struggled in law school and thinks law school would be vastly improved if more students ran more elections after the bar.

I encourage anyone interested in trial advocacy to pursue membership in STLA. The experience is invaluable and the skills you will acquire will prepare you for the courtroom.

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

I think that to excel in law school is one part hard work, one part Cool Ranch Doritos, and one part perseverance. Doing the math, that is only three parts. And seriously, what is cool about the really? Arts and snowmen, for starters. How about this, law school is also a liberal sprinkling of self-awareness. Get that even four-ounce bag of Cool Ranch Doritos and Work. Cool Ranch Doritos. Perseverance. Self-awareness.

As no other organization that I was lucky enough to be a part of in law school embodied these characteristics more than the Adult Entertainment Law Society. However, Rob Schenk was the president of that, so let's talk about Moot Court. First, Moot Court competitions taught me that, even if one isn't the sharpest tool in the shed, an even playing field is created through attention to detail and hard work. Trust me on this. I've always thought that in the song, "Papa was a Rollin' Stone," the line was "All he left us was a loan." How dumb is that? But, I still managed to be a successful appellate advocate. The moral of the story is this: as long as an individual is willing to work to his or her fullest potential, anything is possible.

Cool Ranch Doritos. Could these be the perfect product? There is no doubt that most law students' performance is fueled by these delightful triangular snacks. Don't worry about that "Yellow #5 thing—it's a myth.

Also, a lesson learned through Moot Court is perseverance. Even when an oral argument is not going your way, it is important to keep your cool and try your best. Look at that Chilean soccer team in the Andes. They never gave up. Thus, they would have been pretty good at Moot Court. Seriously though, a useful tool is being able to see things through another person's or one else, or emulate a character that is just not them. Remember MA$E, Puff Daddy's hype-man? See, he was going 'through the motions of being a terribly one-dimensional, mediocre rap artist, when he received a message a la Joan of Arc, that this was not his path. That's when MA$E looked deep within himself and realized that he would be much happier writing God-like details as a Deckard, and he went from there. Anyway, Moot Court similarly necessitates analyzing oneself in order to understand one's own strengths and weaknesses. This is such a useful tool, as it forces you to figure out what you are all about. For me, I realized I was a Russian. That's right. That kind of curious.

In sum, realize that law school is a step in your life that is very important and embrace the lessons and tribulations that are a part of the process. I can honestly say that I have been blessed with the opportunity to learn these along the way in Moot Court. I think that you can too. But don't take my word for it.
JENIFER KAMPSEN

3 Jenifer is best known for her work with the Public Interest Law Foundation. She has helped fund many public interest work through her management of the PLA Fellowship Program. Under her leadership, the Foundation has grown more than 30 percent in just one year.

TIFFANY BARBOLOMEE

5 When Tiffany found out that the Army was moving her family from California, she was less than thrilled but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. After living in Atlanta for 11 years, Tiffany knew that Georgia State was the right place to call home.

ZACHARY NORTH

3 Zachary is an Atlanta native who, despite having gone to Massachusetts for college, chose to return home to study law at GSU. He took law school undecided as to what area of law he would pursue a career in, but soon latched onto the area of white-collar crime. Although he has been busy, he has always found time for a fulfilling social life and group of friends, for church, and for philanthropic activities. He loves law school, and will miss the strong advocacy for Murray, Richard Elliot, and Veronica Hoffman.

ERNESSA BRAWLEY

5 Growing up in the Carolinas, Enesssa Brawley never imagined that she would pursue a career in criminal litigation. For Enesssa, the law school experience would not be complete without participation in student advocacy. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in Criminal Justice, Enesssa worked as a teacher (1 year) and a criminal investigator (1 year). Still, there was something missing...GSU College of Law. Enesssa describes law school as the "Tink" which merges my strong advocacy for my clients with the legal skills I acquired at GSU College of Law such a rich and unforgettable time.

DANIEL O'CONNELL

5 I grew up in Decatur, and was an American major at UGA. After getting a masters degree at GSU, I decided to come back to Georgia and go to law school instead of continuing in academia. For the past two years, the only thing I have done is try to get through law school. But after my student trial in my 2L year, I received the "Honors in Litigation" award at our graduation ceremony.

KEITH HAYASAKA

5 Before entering GSU law, Keith's very first love was working for a real estate development firm in Los Angeles. He met and married a fellow Clayton, SC, who told him time and again that Georgia was the place to be. After working for a number of years in the film industry, he decided to pursue an advanced law school degree. After his immigration practice he wanted to do something more. "Public speaking was one of my lifelong passions," he said. "I was able to combine that with my knowledge of immigration law and become a "Dreamer" advocate. This was unexpected, then, to the point of a staff member, I decided to try out for the Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) to be able to practice the trial advocacy skills that I had been developing.

BRIAN BASINGER

5 Brian has been serving as legislative counsel to the Georgia State Senate's Committee on State Government and Community Affairs, and was appointed to the State Board of Education by Governor Sonny Perdue. Brian has been a member of the Georgia College of Law since 2003 and is currently a student in the School of Education. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in 2003 and his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2006. He has been active in the Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) and served on the Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006. He has also been active in the American Bar Association, the Georgia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Foundation. He is currently serving as President-elect of the American Bar Association and is a member of the Georgia State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admissions to Practice.
2. **Kendra Wallace**

Kendra Wallace grew up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and attended Vicksburg A&M University where she obtained both bachelor’s and master degrees in business administration. Before law school she worked in more demanding, associate or small Internet services company. Before law school Kendra currently serves as the Treasurer of Black Student Association and Vice President of Phi Alpha Delta. Kendra is a member of both the GSU Law Review and Most Court Board. Additionally, she is the GSU for Professor Emanuel. Next year, Kendra will have the privilege of being Managing Editor of the GSU Law Review. People think I do a lot of activities, and I do, but I feel as though you can do as many things as you put your mind to.

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

3. **Laurence Rutledge**

Laurence was raised in NJ and graduated from The College of William & Mary in 2004. Laurence, the current Social Chair for Phi Alpha Delta, served as a participant in the Advocacy Skills Challenge at the Student Advocacy Conference.

"Being a Jesuitical at heart it is hard to believe that I somehow ended up in Georgia. I first visited the southeast when I attended The College of William & Mary and moved there in 2004. I found myself alone in a new place for a few years doing legal work in Washington, DC, but soon realized it was time to follow the voice in the back of my head that had always been telling me to go to law school. GSU College of Law’s Health Policy Program was the perfect force in encouraging my return to the South. My ultimate goal, aside from a Practice Specialization in Civil Law, to help families of children with disabilities, as well as disabled individuals themselves, get the services they are entitled to. This field, near and dear to my heart and I draw my inspiration from my brother, a young man who has been forever changed by a disease.

I am competitive by nature – I played four-years of varsity basketball in college and always demanded nothing short of excellence from myself. I thrive in competitive environments and have ever been a part of. That being said, this first year has taught me one very important lesson: it is easy to get caught up in the ‘race’ and compare yourself to what everyone else is doing, but if you have a goal or aspiration, do not let that go, because in the end, it is what will make you stand out above the rest.

**Joceyln Whitfield**

Prior to coming to GSU I was involved in careers that dealt with risk. I have worked with both large and small entities, as well as with only a pool of just one. But the greatest lessons have been discovering what I am capable of, what I can do, and what I want to do. Upon graduation, Jonathan’s ultimate goal is to start his own law firm with practices in criminal law, Entertainment Law, and Civil Litigation. Nathan would like to begin his legal career as a prosecutor. Nathan is planning to work at the Dekalb County District Attorney’s Office and perhaps gain experience in a District Attorney’s Office.

**Kevin Mitchell**

Kevin was born and raised in the small rural community of Ocilla, Georgia. He revisited his alma mater, the University of Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A in Political Science with a concentration in International Affairs. While at the College of Law, Kevin has tried to remain active. He is the president of the Christian Legal Society, a member of the National Lawyers Guild, and a member of the Law Students’ Federation, serving as community coordinator, and participated in the Street Law Program.

Kevin counts his experience in SLTA one of the most rewarding and practical experiences law school has provided. I have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to practice litigation in a competitive situation. I think it is important to make a wide variety of courses, to make sure that you the ones that will prepare you for the Bar Exam or ones in the area you choose to practice.

He also aids the Admissions Office during recruitment as well as providing tours for potential incoming students. Upon graduation, Kevin plans to work with a law firm in Atlanta that specializes in workers’ compensation defense. He plans on joining the law firm of Speed, Seta and Waters in Lawrenceville, after the completion of his law degree.

"You have to keep moving forward. Be grateful for your mistakes and your successes. Be generous with your own knowledge and opportunities. Attitude is everything. In my law school, I am learning that we are all part of a larger group. I want to look back on my life to see that I did the very best that I could with what God gave me. I loved. And I made a difference."

Currently, Jonathan is a member of The Street Law Program and HSBA. This summer he will be interning at the Cobb County District Attorney’s Office, Appellant Division. His favorite teachers are Professor Scott for Torts and Professor Kikkopf for Civil Procedure. He aspires to be a great litigation attorney and a statesman. He wants to specially thank his lovely wife, Mariano, and his stepson Ryan for their support and love.
REBECCA DEMBKOWSKI

This year I served as a faculty Co-Chair for the annual PLA Auction, which raises money to fund those working in the area of public interest over the summer months. While I do not want my busy, on our faculty is extremely generous; they together are our highest contributors annually.

I also helped coordinate and volunteered with the Street Law Program. It is a program that travels to underprivileged schools to teach high school students on various law related topics.

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While in law school, it is a pretty common occurrence to wish that your family members would realize the commitment and sacrifice you make just to stay ahead of the game. We often wish that families could get through law school as we would know first what law school is like. The Lacis family knows all too well what law school takes out of a member of the family. Ivans and Nick Lacis are two students at the GSU College of Law.

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While each may understand the rigors of law school, both are embarking upon a unique experience that is different than the experience of the other. Nick, a 2007 graduate of the University of Georgia, has an interest in Atlanta after graduation. He is a full-time IL. His father, when he is not outlining for class, prefers criminal law in the Baltimore suburbs and graduated from Duke in 1979. He then completed Air Force pilot training the following year. He picked up his M.S. degree from So. Cal in 1986.

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MARIAN ADEIMY

Marion Adeimy is from Norcross, GA. She graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia in Political Science and Public Relations. Marion worked at the Georgia State Capitol for two legislative Sessions for Gwinnett Public Affairs Group. She now works as a paralegal in a local legal office. Marion is Vice President of the Student Bar Association and is currently planning Barrettes Ball. Marion will be working as a full-time summer prosecution intern for Chief Judge Barnes at the Georgia Court of Appeals. In case you are wondering, there are no family outlining sessions. Ivans and Nick have yet to have the same class or schedule. And just this past year, I might add these two are the only members of the Lacis family to come to GSU, Nick’s brother, Daniel, is currently studying for the LSAT. His sister, Mary, is a sophomore in GSU for the time being, but will be transferring to Georgia Tech in the fall. When asked if his father was one of the reasons Nick chose law school, he responded it was not. When asked why choose law school, he went on to say, “I often wonder that myself, especially the month leading up to finals.” But seeing his father go through law school did not discourage his decision, I have my priorities in order, I still feel guilty when I don’t finish an assigned reading or when the daycare call. I have my priorities in order, I still feel guilty when I don’t finish an assigned reading or when the daycare call. I have my priorities in order, I still feel guilty when I don’t finish an assigned reading or when the daycare call.

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Law Students...On the Move

By Suzanne Jackson

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To support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender law students at GSU by encouraging personal, social, professional, and academic development. To seek to be educational to the greater law school community.

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To educate students and the public at large about public interest law issues and seek to promote the goals of public’s interest law in protecting the public rights.

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To promote the law school and its students in the Sports and Entertainment network in Atlanta. To provide information to our members concerning different opportunities in the Sports and Entertainment law field.

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To serve the student body by acting as an advocate of all academic concerns, a promotor of student life, and a coordinator of all those peripheral functions that are integral to the achievement of academic excellence.

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To provide an organization for students with a legal interest in the healthcare field. Any student who is interested in health law issues, opportunities, and programs is encouraged to join.

Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA)

To educate and train the future litigators in Georgia. To allow each student participant to learn and grow far beyond any level they could through only the curriculum of law school.

Congratulations!
By Jerril Nima Rasche, J.D.

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

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

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

COL Students Volunteer at the Purim Parade

By Danielle Brodie

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

Purim celebrates the story of Esther whose pleadings to the Persian King prevent the annihilation of the Jewish people. Purim is a holy day on the Convention of the Rights of the Child at Georgia State. One of the most poignant and insightful questions was asked by a Carver student at the lecture on the Convention—"If this is about children's rights, why haven't they asked kids what we think?"

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Act Now!
No Education, no rehabilitation...just a "safe" place to get high

By Heather McPhillip

San Francisco recently took steps towards opening the nation's first legal safe-injection room where addicts are free to shoot up heroin, cocaine and other drugs under the supervision of nurses. I must ask, has the city of San Francisco lost its mind?

Apparently it has.

City officials assert that they are concerned with reducing the number of HIV and hepatitis C infections. Their solution? Give intravenous drugs-users-no addict a comfy room to get high in and the number will somehow, magically, decrease! But it seems that the city has forgotten a few things in its poor judgment and analysis. For one, it is estimated that the majority of addicts in San Francisco are homeless men. I do not think it is a stretch of the imagination to believe that these unfortunate individuals are probably uneducated and lacking in employable skills, not to mention, they probably have criminal records of some sort. So let me see if I have this right: while keeping drug users in an astro-protection room where acupuncture sessions and training or even some form of drug counseling, giving already despondent and distraught individuals a place to get high will... oh yeah, reduce the number of...? What's that? Doesn't relaxing care will help prevent fatal overdoses. Opponents serve the public health, help those that need it, and above all, don't round up peaceful drug users in an astro-doctor's shared by these addicts are responsible for many of the deaths caused by HIV, and that access to immediate medical care will help prevent fatal overdoses. Opponents argue that such a program will encourage more drug use, and send the "wrong message" to children. I must say I am happy that at least one city has started thinking outside the box! Drug use, along with prostitution and gambling, is what is known by some as a "victimless crime" because (usually) the only people directly harmed by the activity are the consenting participants. For purposes of this editorial, I will instead adopt author Peter McWilliams' term "consequential crimes" to describe drug use/abuse, as this term emphasizes the voluntary nature of the activity in question, and avoids the cries of my opponents that "society" is somehow the real victim. Here, I will advance a considerably unorthodox view. That is to say, it is unorthodox in the U.S., where puritanical moral absolutism is favored in place of rational discourse based on the realities of our current situation. Ladies and gentlemen, brace yourselves. The "War on Drugs" is lost, and it could never have been won. A Peace must be declared, prohibition must end, and new ways of dealing with our drug problems must be explored. The reasons are numerous, and the evidence overwhelming, but I will try to condense as much as I possibly can here.

First, drug prohibition imposes unnecessarily intrusive restrictions on personal liberty and individual autonomy. When a consenting adult (no, not a child, an adult) chooses to use a drug that happens to be out of fashion with the current authorities, it is an insult to his dignity to treat him as a child while he remains peaceful. It is also absurd to lump all drug users in with the "addicts," or to lump all drugs into the same heap (marijuana and heroin may both be illegal, but the similarities stop there). While keeping people off drugs is a worthwhile goal, law enforcement does a lousy job of it. While keeping people off drugs is a worthwhile goal, law enforcement does a lousy job of it. This is not surprising, since the proper function of law enforcement is to arrest those who victimize the rest of us by force or fraud, not to round up peaceful drug users in an astronomically expensive and misguided effort to "cure" them.

An open and regulated market is the best way to preserve the public health, help those that need it, and above all, keep kids off drugs. What's that? Doesn't relaxing
You Gotta Eat!

By Catherine Clary

While the rest of Atlanta plays golf, cheers on the Braves or checks out one of the spring time festivals, those lucky few of us in law school have one thing on our agendas... exams. But, no matter how stressed out you find yourself, you need to take some time to rejuvenate. Cooking is a great way to de-stress and a nutritious meal may be just what your mind and body need to get you through these rough few weeks. So plan a date night- your significant other probably wonders where you've been- or have some friends over to vent about law school. Below is an easy and quick, yet elegant spring time meal. Set up a table outside, pour a glass of wine, and eat slowly... because You Gotta Eat!

SPRING TIME STUDY MENU

Green Jacket Salad ● Angel Hair Pasta with Tomatoes, Basil, Pine Nuts
French Bread with Rosemary Infused Olive Oil ● Ice Cream Waffle Bowl with Fruit and Magic Shell

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

Green Jacket Salad (Augusta’s Favorite Salad)

2 TBSP Red Wine Vinegar
2 TBSP Olive Oil or Vegetable Oil
1 top seasoned salt
1 top Accent (seasoning found at any grocery store)
2 Scallions
Head of Lettuce
One tomato
Stacy’s Pita Chips or Sliced Baked Bagel Chips
Mix the first four ingredients and set aside. Chop lettuce, tomato and scallions- toss together. Toss with dressing and add chips. Toss well.

Angel Hair Pasta with Shrimp, Tomato and Basil
1 lb shrimp, peeled
4-5 tomatoes, chopped
1 packet fresh Basil (from Produce Section of Grocery, or a generous bundle from the garden)
1 cup pine nuts
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1 lb shrimp, peeled and cooked

Add 2 to 3 garlic cloves. Add rosemary and garlic to olive oil. Add pine nuts and saute for a minute or two. Add ⅓ cup pine nuts

Drizzle about 2 TBSP olive oil in large skillet. Sauté garlic in olive oil. Add ⅓ cup pine nuts and sauté for a minute or two. Add tomatoes and cook for four minutes. Add basil and allow it to wilt. Add shrimp and cook until opaque.

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

Sprinkle with freshly grated parmesan.

Ice Cream Waffle Cone Bowl with Berries and Magic Shell
Vanilla Ice Cream
Fresh berries- strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries
Magic Shell chocolate coating
Waffle cone ice cream bowl (both found with ice cream "accessories" in grocery store)

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