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The year is fast upon us and soon we will be eating turkey dinners, taking exams, worrying about the Bar, planning our summer internships and jobs, and electing a new President. With this first issue of the Docket, my editorial staff and I wanted to make all of this a little easier on you. So, enclosed you will find yummy recipes for your turkey dinners, three students' takes on what YOU should do this summer, a "What Law School Doesn't Teach You" guide to the Bar Exam, and an exciting Point-Counterpoint on the election.

Enjoy!

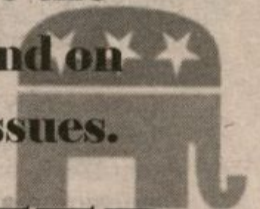
Lauren A. Parker, 3L  
Editor-in-Chief

## POINT



The Presidential Election is upon us.

Find out where the Candidates stand on 4 Important Issues.



COUNTER-POINT

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## New Student Organization Hits the Ground Running

by John H. Coleman, 2L



The Estate Planning and Wealth Management Law Society (EPWM) is the latest-and-greatest new student organization on campus. You have probably already been drawn into one of their presentations or speaking events, or have been handed a flyer, or been chatted up by one of the officers of this very active new organization.

What began last year as the brainchild of EPWM's President, Alyson Graham, a 3L, has really taken off this year with huge turnouts.

What has made this group so hot? The group attributes their early success to an overarching applicability of the issues to all lawyers since there is such an overlap in subject matter, with practice areas such as Elder Law, Wills, Trusts, Tax, Real Estate, and Bankruptcy. "We've really got something for everyone," says Heather Daly (VP), a 3L and a Tax Clinic volunteer.

"We're dealing with important topics for all lawyers here. It's not just one small niche that deals with these things. The Society is focused on Probate and Estate issues as well as Tax Law and Financial Planning. People really want to know about these issues; they affect not only clients, but future and practicing attorneys, themselves," says Graham.

"We also have a great team of officers who are really energetic and interested in the material and who want to show other people how they can benefit from what we're doing." Graham and Daly are backed up by John Coleman, 2L and Secretary, and Lisamarie Bristol, 3L and Treasurer.

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## Beltline Asks Georgia Schools for Help in November

by Alicia M. Page



In November, Georgia voters will be asked to decide if tax funds allocated for Georgia schools can be redirected to redevelopment projects around the state. SR 996 is a rush product of the 2008 Georgia Legislative Session in direct response to the February Supreme Court ruling in *Woodham v. City of Atlanta*, 283 Ga. 95 (657 SE2d 528)(2008). It is a proposal to amend the Georgia Constitution "to authorize community development, and authorize counties, municipalities, and local boards of education, to use tax funds for redevelopment purposes and programs, including payment of debt service on tax allocation bonds..."

Buckhead attorney John Woodham took issue with the Tax Allocation District (TAD) created by the City of Atlanta, Fulton County and Atlanta Public School System. TADs are a widely used and effective method of financing redevelopment by using the resulting incremental property tax increases to finance the project. This TAD was created to develop the Beltline Project estimated at over \$2 billion. The Atlanta Public School System (APS) derives funding from approximately 54% of the ad valorem taxes raised in the Atlanta area. Mr. Woodham claimed that the Beltline TAD violated the Educational Purpose Clause of the Georgia Constitution and the Supreme Court agreed. The Court, in *Woodham v. City of Atlanta*, confirmed, stating education tax funds can only be used for purposes "necessary or incidental" to educational purposes.

GSU has been informally linked to the Beltline from the project's inception. The Beltline's feasibility study was conducted by GSU President Carl V. Patton and has been given his emphatic approval. In the Spring, Professor Janice C. Griffith's Advanced Local Government Law class conducted an intensive study of the Beltline project and its implications.

The Beltline project is a unique and comprehensive development plan encompassing a light rail circling the city, linking mixed use communities and aiming to increase the quality of life for all Atlantans.

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# Announcements and Calendar of Events

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

**Monday, Nov 3rd**

1L Resume Development & Job Search Workshop  
Room 100; 12 - 1:10pm and 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Pre-register in CSO by stopping by, calling 404-413-9070 or emailing lawcso@langate.gsu.edu.

**Wednesday, Nov 5th**

Speaker Judge Rosh, Dekalb County Probate Court  
Room 170; 11:45am - 1:15pm  
EPWMS, ELS, AWLS bring you GSU COL alumni Judge Rosh to talk about issues in Probate Court. Lunch provided.

**Thursday, Nov 6th**

IPLS & PLI - Patent Bar Presentation  
Room 170; 5 - 5:50pm  
Discussion about the Patent Bar Exam featuring Mark Dighton, Practising Law Institute's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of the PLI Patent Bar Review Course.

LGBT Issues on the Political Forefront

Room 170; 12 - 1:10pm  
A discussion about the impact of the Nov. 4th election upon the future of the LGBT community. Jeff Graham, Executive Director of Georgia Equality, will discuss some of the political issues facing the LGBT community. Beth Littrell, staff attorney with Lambda Legal, will discuss legal issues facing the LGBT community. Lunch will be served.

**Saturday, Nov 8th**

Citizenship Drive 8am - 3pm  
ILS and HSBA assist the Latin American Association. Volunteering can be done in 2-hour blocks if necessary. Contact Tracie Klinke at tklinke@hotmail.com or Lorena at LAA at lcuadra@thelaa.org.

### DECEMBER

**Monday, Dec 1 -- Wednesday, Dec 17**

EXAMS!

See exam schedule at: [http://law.gsu.edu/registrar/exam-sched\\_fall08.php](http://law.gsu.edu/registrar/exam-sched_fall08.php)

**Saturday, Dec 20 -- Saturday Dec 27**

Winter Holidays!

**Monday, Dec 29**

University Open

### JANUARY

**Thursday, Jan 1**

New Year's Day -- University Closed

**Friday, Jan 2**

University Open

**Monday, Jan 5**

Spring Semester Classes Begin

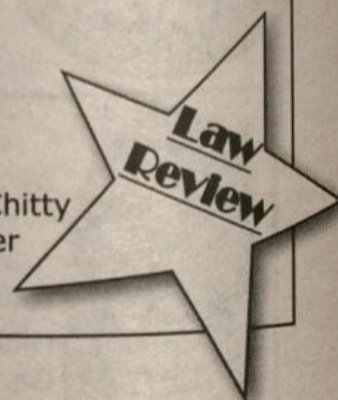
*Congratulations to the new  
Student Trial Lawyers Association Team!*



Katheryn Ams	Ryan Hussey	Matthew Ramsey
Alex Bozarth	Dara Jefferies	Jennifer Sammons
Lisamarie Bristol	Rachel King	Rebecca Sample
Mechelle Bumpers	Melissa Marietta	Josh Sutton
Jack Butler	Stephanie Mason	William Smith
Jason Carnell	Ashley McMahan	Blake Staten
Heather Chambers	Shannon McNulty	Jonathan Taunton
Duane Cochenour	Heather McPhillip	Nicole Ware
Billy Courier	Kevin Mitchell	Lisa Wells
John Early	Sam Nicholson	Markeith Wilson
Kylene Farmer	Mindy Park	Jesse Wright
Ana Florez	Lauren Parker	
Chris Gill	Kristi Pearson	
Taylor Harper	Bob Quinn	

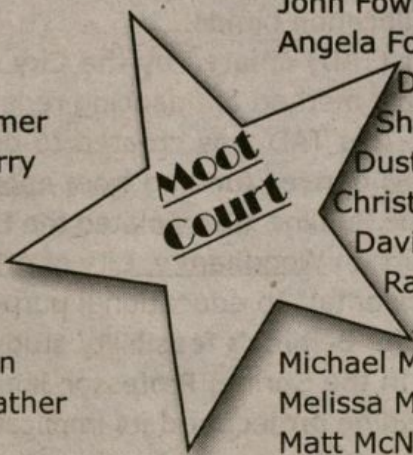
*Congratulations to the new Law Review Editorial Board!*

Editor-in-Chief - Paul Barsness  
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Student Writing Editor - Alexis Fairweather  
Symposium Editor - Barry Hester



*Congratulations to the new Moot Court Board!*

Robbie Ashe	John Fowler	Michele Murray	Parker Stephens
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Katie Farmer	Matt McNeill	Bruce Sarkisian	
Ana Florez	Brenna Mengert	Jonathon Smith	
Adam Ford	Jack Morse	Karen Smith	





By Madeleine Peake, 1L

## **Pro Bono Calendar**

Students who are looking to get out of the law library for a few hours and help the community this semester are in luck. Pro bono projects are happening all over Atlanta and they provide a wonderful opportunity for students to improve their resumes while giving back to the greater Atlanta area.

With finals creeping up there is no better time than now to volunteer. The Docket has compiled a calendar of upcoming pro bono projects. However, there are always more becoming available...take a study break and make a difference!

### **Atlanta Children's Shelter**

Each Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. volunteer for the "Read to Me" program; a one-on-one reading program for homeless children ages 3-5.

### **Atlanta Community Food Bank**

Every Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. volunteers are needed to sort, inspect and pack donated food, drinks and health products in the food bank's product rescue center.

### **Latin American Association Citizenship Drive**

Immigration Law Society and the Hispanic Student Bar Association welcome your help with the LAA Citizenship Drive on Saturday, November 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will be providing assistance by preparing applications for naturalization after assuring that the applicant is eligible. Also, they will be providing questions for the naturalization test. The LAA will assist with the preparation of naturalization applications, eligibility screening and the list of questions for the test. The LAA will also be taking passport pictures as needed for an additional fee. There will be 4 stations. Volunteering can be done in 2-hour blocks if necessary. Contact Tracie Klinke at [tklinke@hotmail.com](mailto:tklinke@hotmail.com) or Lorena at LAA at [lcuadra@thelaa.org](mailto:lcuadra@thelaa.org).

### **Nursecare of Buckhead**

On Tuesday, December 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. get to know the residents at Nursecare of Buckhead by helping lead BINGO while playing alongside the residents.

### **Open Hand**

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon volunteers are needed for meal delivery. Open Hand prepares and delivers meals to 4,900 metro Atlantans living with symptomatic HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes and other life limiting illnesses.

### **Piedmont Park Conservancy**

On Saturday, December 13th and Saturday, December 20th from 9 a.m. to noon participate in Piedmont Park Conservancy's Clean and Green Days. Volunteer for landscaping, mulching, planting and cleanup efforts.

### **Shepherd's Inn Soup Kitchen**

Serve meals each Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Shepherd's Inn Soup Kitchen. The Inn is an emergency shelter for men that provides hot meals, safe shelter, clean clothes, shower facilities and a first-stage recovery program.

### **The Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation and The Center for Working Families**

Volunteer at a walk-in clinic every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until December 16th for tenants in a low-income area of Fulton County (just South of the federal courthouse). Help tenants understand their rights under Georgia law and solve problems with their landlords.

### **Wilderness Works**

Volunteer Saturday, November 22nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Wilderness Works, an outdoor adventure and experiential education program serving economically disadvantaged children. Volunteers are needed to support youth enrichment and recreational activities.

## Meet your new editors!

### Lauren A. Parker Editor-in-Chief



Lauren is a 3L from Augusta, Georgia. She is also the Vice President of Membership for the Oglethorpe Legal Society, Vice President of Philanthropy for the Criminal Law Association and in the Student Trial Lawyers Association. She is interested in Criminal Litigation, was a PAC intern this summer and is an extern at the Rockdale County District Attorney's Office.

### Heather Bergnes Managing Editor



Heather is a 3L from Winter Haven, Florida. She received her B.B.A. in Management from Stetson University and worked for several large companies, including IBM. She is interested in Family Law and, in her spare time, enjoys volunteering for local theatre groups and playing with her best friend's kids.

### Fallon Gnann Features Editor



Fallon is a 3L from Savannah, Georgia. She is interested in Environmental Law and is an extern for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. She is a member of the Oglethorpe Legal Society and her interests include running and her miniature dachshund, Bella.

## Sudoku

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- \* Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
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## What Law School Doesn't Teach You

Compiled and edited by Heather Bergnes, Fallon Gnann & Lauren Parker

*Because law school classes and extracurricular activities can be so demanding, the editors of The Docket have jointly composed a brief guide to tests and test preparation that each law student should be aware of. My fellow editors and I are really excited about having this be a recurring article in The Docket -- Let us know what you think and any ideas you have about topics for upcoming issues. - Lauren Parker*

### I. The MPRE

The MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) is required and is based on the ABA Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, controlling constitutional decisions, generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in procedural and evidentiary rules.

[www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org) ; [www.act.org/mpre](http://www.act.org/mpre)

The MPRE is offered three times a year in March, August and November.

Preparation for the MPRE is included in a student's BAR/BRI package and includes:

- A lecture
- Two workbooks
- Online resources

The test is comprised of sixty multiple choice questions to be completed in no more than two hours and five minutes.

Ten are 'test' questions for the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Passing scores vary from 75 to 86.

Your MPRE scores are transferrable from state to state

The next available MPRE test date is November 8, 2008.

Regular application deadline is September 30, 2008.

Cost \$60.00.

Late application deadline is October 16, 2008.

Cost \$120.00.

Next MPRE Test Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009. Application dates are TBD.

### II. Bar Fitness

Require that the applicant's record of conduct justifies the trust of clients, adversaries, courts and others. Honesty, especially in connection with the application for admission to the bar, is most important. Persons with a record showing a deficiency in honesty, trustworthiness, diligence, or reliability might not be recommended for admission. <http://www.gabaradmissions.org/pages/fitnessinfo.htm>

#### Deadlines

December 3, 2008 for the July 2009 examination;

July 1, 2009 for the February 2010 examination.

After October 18, 2008 the filing cost was increased to \$500

Applications must be accompanied by 2 fingerprint cards.

Men need to have their Selective Service Number

In the event that a question is raised by an application, a possible interview will be conducted to give the applicant an opportunity to explain the issue.

Candor is key.

### III. The Georgia Bar Exam

To practice law in the state of Georgia, each law student must sit for and pass the Georgia Bar Exam. Students may take courses, such as BARBRI, to prepare for the examination.

[www.gabaradmissions.org](http://www.gabaradmissions.org); [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org)

Application only available to applicants who hold a valid certificate of fitness.

The exam is 2 days long.

#### Exam Dates:

July 28-29, 2009

February 23-24, 2010

Administered at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, GA

Day 1: Essay and MPT

Covers legal areas relating to Georgia. 4 essays; 45 minutes each.

MPT examines 6 fundamental lawyering skills and the ability to perform them in realistic situations.

Includes: problem-solving; legal analysis and reasoning; factual analysis; communications; organization and management of legal tasks; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas

Day 2: Multi-state Bar Exam - 200 questions cover:

- Constitutional Law
- Contracts and Sales
- Criminal Law/Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts

### IV. BAR/BRI

BAR/BRI is a comprehensive program designed to assist law students as they prepare for the bar exam. BAR/BRI asserts that students need their help to prepare for the bar because the material is extensive and most students have not taken all of the subjects on the exam by the end of law school.

[www.barbri.com](http://www.barbri.com).

Enroll with student representatives or online. Enrollment includes MPRE preparation.

1Ls: enroll during your first year to lock in increasing rates and to have access to 1L outlines.

2Ls: enroll also to lock in rates and take advantage of 2L outlines

3Ls: begin preparing for the bar exam early with BAR/BRI's Early Start program or begin after the completion of the 3rd year.

BAR/BRI offers a separate Patent Bar prep program

### V. Kaplan PMBR

Helps with the Multistate portion of the Bar Exam (MBE) and as of right now, offers MPRE preparation course free. Some law firms pay for the course, so check with your firm.

[www.kaplanpmbri.com](http://www.kaplanpmbri.com)

1Ls and 2Ls:

\$100 Deposit gets you the Complete Success Package for the year you signed up during

3Ls or Graduating Students:

\$200 Minimum Deposit required to enroll for the first time or add to previous deposit

Prices will go up after Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

3Ls must be paid in full by April 17<sup>th</sup> or pay in full at enrollment.

Once you have a \$200 balance on deposit, you can pick the course you want and the location you want.

4 Different Packages to choose from.

MBE Qbank Complete is available separately or in addition to any option for \$99.

Includes 1800 study questions.

MPRE Complete Online Course is FREE now.

See your Kaplan/PMBR Representatives to sign up!

Just in time for the upcoming Presidential Election, check out this debate on four important issues. Paul Black, 2L, voices the Obama/Biden campaign promises and Kevin Mitchell, 3L, explains those of the McCain/Palin camp.

## Point 1 – Kevin Mitchell

**We need a comprehensive energy plan that will eliminate our dependence on foreign oil.**

Sen. McCain has a plan to eliminate our dependency on foreign oil and create jobs in America by building more nuclear power plants. This serves a national security need as well as an economic need. There are already over 100 nuclear plants in the United States. Nuclear energy is cleaner than most other forms and nuclear plants are able to produce energy at a cheaper rate. France already produces 80% of the electricity with nuclear reactors. Nuclear generated electricity accounts for 70% of the emission-free electricity. Sen. Obama, however, has only proposed the "exploration of nuclear power" and has not made a solid commitment to building new plants.

In addition to nuclear energy, Sen. McCain proposes using Clean Coal technology to enable cheaper electricity. The United States has over 27% of the world's coal deposits. Increased research and funding of Clean Coal initiatives will create jobs in some states hit hardest by job losses, ranging from Pennsylvania and Ohio to Texas and Wyoming.

Sen. McCain also proposes to reform the current tax system to include even-handed tax credits to provide commercial feasibility for solar power, wind power and other renewable energy options that have great promise. These tax credits will last until the renewable energy sources do not need them in order to remain economically viable. Sen. McCain has also proposed increasing the tax breaks that are allowed for this emerging technology. Aside from encouraging environmentally friendly energy policies, renewable energy sources will also encourage job growth.

## Response - Paul Black

I agree that such a comprehensive energy plan is essential. I am concerned, however, about McCain's mixed voting record on energy issues. First, while his energy plan does mention solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources, he has been absent for many key energy votes. Two recent instances highlight this point. In 2007, for example, his failure to vote for cloture (an end to a debate) for the Energy Independence and Security defeated \$13 billion in tax breaks for major oil and gas companies to invest in energy-efficiency and new, clean energy technologies such as wind and solar power. In February, he skipped a similar vote on so-called "Green Tax Credits" in the 2008 Economic Stimulus Package. In both cases, the result was a 59-40 vote which is one vote shy of cloture. In both cases, McCain's staffers indicated that he would have voted against both measures (i.e., against increased tax credits that would have encouraged companies to invest more money in energy-efficiency and renewable energy sources.) Where is the "maverick" McCain who cooperated with Kerry in 2002 to advocate higher mileage standards for cars?

While both McCain and Obama agree that nuclear power is a vital component of an overall energy strategy, they disagree about how nuclear waste should be stored. Sen. Obama favors more stringent storage requirements than does Sen. McCain.

Both candidates advocate increased investment in "Clean Coal" though, as of yet, it is an undeveloped technology. Coal is the dirtiest of all fossil fuels, responsible for 5% of our nation's electric energy, but more than 50% of greenhouse gas emissions. Both candidates also claim to oppose "mountain-top removal" coal mining in the U.S. The candidates remain in an ambiguous draw on the use of coal, but they both espouse increased investment in solar power. As for solar, both candidates espouse increased investment. Let's hope whoever is elected will follow through.

## Point 2 – Kevin Mitchell

**Reigning in wasteful spending should be a priority.**

The government is as big as the members of Congress allow it to grow. With much talk about the "Bridge to Nowhere" and other earmarks, pork barrel spending is a major campaign issue. Sen. Obama and Sen. Biden voted in favor, even after having the opportunity to support an amendment to strip the bill of funds for that particular project. ([www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/09/23/biden.earmarks/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/09/23/biden.earmarks/index.html)). Sen. McCain has led the charge in cutting back wasteful spending. Both candidates are proposing tax breaks but the money has to come from somewhere. What better way to allow these cuts than by cutting the wasteful spending. A tax increase, however, could hurt the economy. Sen. Obama's campaign loves the Bridge to Nowhere and the \$250 million dollar price tag that accompanied it. He should. His pork barrel earmarks for the past 3 years total up to almost one billion dollars. Just imagine if all 100 members of the Senate thought that way. (For more information, see: <http://www.businessandmedia.org/articles/2008/20080917160418.aspx>.)

*Kevin Mitchell, 3L*

*STLA President*

*Bleckley Inn of Court Pupil*



## Response - Paul Black

First, as to tax breaks, tax policy gets really technical really quickly (EITC, anyone?), but here are the high points: McCain favors a continuation of the Bush tax cuts for the top 1% of taxpayers, which will cost around \$1.8 trillion by 2010. Obama's plan would provide nearly three times the tax savings to middle class families earning between \$38,000 and \$66,000 a year. Numbers on how much Obama's tax plan would cost over time seem to be lacking- and that's a problem. To see how Obama's tax plan affects you, see <http://alchemytoday.com/obamataxcut/> for a calculator using data from the non-partisan Tax Policy Center.

As for earmarks: Senate and House earmarks accounted for \$6.6 billion in spending for the 2008 Legislative Session. It costs taxpayers \$10 billion every month for the war in Iraq. McCain and Obama both represent opposite solutions to spending problems. If either of the candidates could commandeer a supervised withdrawal from Iraq over the next two years (Sen. Obama) and really oppose earmarks (Sen. McCain), then this election, for all practical purposes, would already be over.

*Paul V. Black, 2L*

*American Constitution Society Treasurer*



## Editor's Note

*The views expressed in this article are those of the writers and not of Georgia State University College of Law, The Docket, its editors or writers.*

## **Point 1 – Paul Black**

**Experience is great in a President, but judgment is better.**

In his two most recent major decisions, McCain has underscored his reputation as a high-stakes gambler. First, he ignored the "safe" choices for a VP pick, and chose Palin, a choice which excites some Republican voters but has not been well-received by some others. In comparison, Obama's choice of Joe Biden seems, well, downright boring and conservative, as *New York Times* columnist Joe Klein has pointed out. Biden's decades of foreign policy experience and his service as current Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee clearly bolster the Obama ticket, and represent a safe, smart choice.

Second, McCain's announcement that he was "suspending" his campaign to go to Washington to "help" in the bailout discussions was ill-advised. Not only was there no "suspension" of his campaign because McCain ads kept airing and his campaign offices remained open, but also McCain's antics, including his claim that "partisan politics" were spoiling the process, nearly ruined the efforts of exhausted leaders from both parties who had crafted an imperfect but vital compromise bill. In contrast, Obama attended the White House meeting, per President Bush's invitation, but chose not to inject more partisan politics into an already heated process.

Americans deserve a President with good judgment and one who also exercises restraint. While McCain has experience, Obama has displayed better judgment. If the history of previous administrations (such as that of Abraham Lincoln) are any guide, then good judgment often serves better even given a relative lack of experience.

## **Response - Kevin Mitchell**

Opening the judgment door is one that can be dangerous for Sen. Obama. Sen. McCain has shown not only good judgment, but judgment and character under pressure. When offered early release from his captors at the Hanoi Hilton, he refused. He honored the first in, first out code the servicemen (all male force at that time) held.

Also, Sen. McCain has stood up to his own party on several occasions, despite the charge of voting 90% with President Bush. In the interest of full disclosure, let it be known that Sen. Obama has voted with the Democratic Party 97% of the time. ([http://www.factcheck.org/elections-2008/factchecking\\_obama.html](http://www.factcheck.org/elections-2008/factchecking_obama.html)).

Moreover, Sen. Obama has consistently surrounded himself with characters that suggest a lack of judgment. For instance, William Ayers, a confidant from Chicago, has hosted a meet-and-greet for, has donated to, and, on education, has worked closely with Sen. Obama. This would normally not raise any flags, except that William Ayers and his group, the Weathermen, was involved in bombings of the Pentagon, the Capital and the State Department in the 1960s and 1970s to protest U.S. intervention in Southeast Asia.

Then there is the issue with Sen. Obama's "spiritual mentor", Jeremiah Wright. His hate-filled messages do not show quality judgment.

Sen. McCain, however, allows you to have your cake and eat it too: he has both experience and judgment. Also, at the end of the day, Governor Palin is the vice-presidential candidate; Sen. Obama is the presidential candidate. Vote accordingly.

## **Point 2 – Paul Black**

**Rebuilding US stature in world affairs and world markets should be a priority.**

Our military forces in Iraq are now standing with one arm stuck well inside in a hornet's nest of instability and anti-Americanism. Our detention program in Guantanamo, while statutorily sound by U.S. legal standards, has ushered in a new era of pan-Western incredulity at the moral ambiguity of U.S. foreign policy.

Here at home, deregulation of financial markets enabled Wall Street banks to secure their growing debt with mortgage-backed securities that were risky, at best, in a rising market and disastrous in a falling one. The U.S. dollar is viable (for now) because international capital has fled ailing U.S. equity markets for the guaranteed shelter of U.S. Treasury bonds. How long that capital will remain in Treasury bonds is another question.

Getting out of this mess is going to take time. On the military and diplomatic front, Obama's preference for tough diplomacy over saber-rattling and near-unilateral military action will be a step towards restoring America's democratic image. All the while, he acknowledges that a strong-standing military is essential to warn rogue nations and a militarizing China that the U.S. will not tolerate foreign threats.

On the world markets front, it is time for our financial markets to throw away the high-risk playbook and take a sounder approach to investing and underwriting. Just as healing a broken leg requires time, rehabilitation, and following the doctor's orders, Obama recognizes that increased regulation of the financial markets will be essential to their recovery. For the foreseeable future, we cannot risk allowing firms to be lured by dizzying returns that are neither sound nor sustainable.

## **Response - Kevin Mitchell**

Rebuilding our stature abroad should be a priority. We should not, however, act for the purpose of "rebuilding our stature" if those actions could undermine the security of our interests at home and abroad. That being said, Sen. McCain, in his time in the Senate, has worked to normalize relations with Vietnam and to allow POWs to come home, even though it was the country of his captivity.

Sen. McCain is the candidate to restore our image abroad. Sen. McCain knows from personal experience that the information gained from torture is often inaccurate and so he has stood up to end practices of torture that may have been employed by the U.S. and has led the way on banning inhumane and degrading treatment of foreign suspects in the War on Terror (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/10480690/>).

Sen. McCain has also put forth a plan for investing in our energy infrastructure. His plan does not include an increased tax on those that help fund our economy by investing in it. His plan will create jobs and help end our dependency on foreign oil.

**REMEMBER:**

**Election Day is Tuesday,  
November 4th 2008!**



# Student Organizations

Student Organizations have been busy, busy, busy this year -- Check out what a few of them have been up to!

## **The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oglethorpe Legal Society Charity Golf Tournament**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oglethorpe Legal Society Charity Golf Tournament was held October 4<sup>th</sup> at Bradshaw Farm Golf Club in Canton, Georgia. This year OLS teamed up with the Student Health Law Association to put on the event. Just as last year, the tournament benefited the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and was able to donate over \$1,000 to that organization.

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit donor-supported organization, is to assure the development of the means to cure and control Cystic Fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.

The prize for both the Longest Drive and the Putting Contest went to Ryan Dent for the second year in a row. GSU Alum Patrick Ouzts' team, including Ryan Dent, won the overall scramble-style tournament with a score of 52 at 20 under par for the course; each team member received a gift certificate for the PGA Superstore. GSU Alum Patrick Kunes' team placed second with a score of 53 and won a free round of golf.

Also participating were Sutton Connelly, 3L and OLS President; Justin Holcombe, 3L and OLS VP Treasurer; Casey Viggiano, 1L; Pete Skikorsky, 2L; Allen Yates, 3L; Edwin Garrison, 3L; Brett Montroy, 3L; Patrick Kunes, GSU Alum; Eric Rogers, GSU Alum; and Patrick Ouzts, GSU Alum, among others.

## **Senior ADA Laura Janssen Shows the Lighter Side of Working with Animals in the Law**

by Sarah Basiliere



The first sign that Laura had arrived was the jangling of Georgie's collar and the smiles of the audience as they turned to see her. The reactions of the students belie the whole basis of the program: to make any individual comfortable and relaxed. Georgie is a service dog who works mostly with the Fulton DA's office but is available to all of Fulton County. She is the first service dog in Georgia but just one step of the service dog movement across the country. Service dogs are used to help individuals as they face the criminal justice system as victims and defendants. One of Georgie's most important jobs is working with the Forensic Investigator in interviewing children who have been abused. She helps children feel comfortable and allows them to open up. Children who couldn't open up to a person have befriended Georgie and told her about the horrors they have suffered. She also helps juveniles in prison connect with the outside world and learn responsibility.

When the State uses Georgie to help victims testify, they often face objections from the defense. They argue that the presence of the dog is a form of witness or victim vouching. In general, judges allow Georgie to be present in the courtroom and even in the witness box. Some judges prefer to have her snuck in while the jury is out so they are unaware of her presence. However, jurors have not taken much notice of her, mentioning that they just figured it was something that was done.

Laura usually works with animals who have been abused. With her new position as a service dog handler, she gets to work with animals helping victims instead of prosecutors helping dogs. She prosecuted the highly publicized puppy case where two teenage brothers tortured and baked a puppy. The sentences the defendants in that case received, 10 years each, set a new standard for animal abuse cases in Georgia.

When not serving the State, Georgie lives with Laura Janssen who is her owner, in addition to being a certified handler. Georgie is hoping to get more canine coworkers soon but that all depends on how the service dog idea expands throughout the State. All in all, most everyone who meets Georgie falls in love with her, just like I did.

## **Beltline Asks Georgia Schools for Help in November**

by Alicia M. Page

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Over the course of its 25 year term, the Beltline is estimated to create 37,500 permanent jobs; 48,000 construction jobs; 9 million square feet of office, retail, and light industrial space; 28,000 residential units (of which 5,600 are affordable units); and add \$20 billion to Atlanta's tax base. As expected, Georgia developers are staunch supporters of SR 996.

The Board of APS had to make a difficult choice between foregoing millions over the course of the TAD or a distinctly lower revenue stream if the Beltline project did not happen. In exchange for their portion of the incremental taxes, the APS Board of Education negotiated regular yearly payments totaling \$150 million, a separate Trust fund for Educational Purposes and \$10 million for the creation of recreational facilities. The affordable housing units were to be made available first to educators and students who will also be given free or discounted pricing for light rail use. The Board's actions, in agreeing to SR 996, suggest they are willing to sacrifice financially now for a much greater future fortune for APS students.

Given the current state of education in Georgia, it is hard to swing a vote in favor of taking funding away. However, the creators of SR 996, in their haste, may have created further reaching powers than initially intended. There is no doubt that the passage of SR 996 will allow school boards to divert money away from Atlanta schools for use at their discretion, or that a successful Beltline project will do more for Atlanta than the unplanned development taking place currently. For now, it seems that the greater picture of our City and the fate of our future leaders may depend on whether we decide to vote Yes or No in November to SR 996.

# Guide to Student Organizations

## **American Constitution Society**

Provide a forum for students of GSU College of Law to explore progressive legal debate and development of new progressive ideas and scholarship.

## **Asian American Law Students**

To foster and improve ties between Asian American Law students and Members of the Asian American Bar and Bench and the legal community as a whole. To foster an environment conducive to the continued advancement of Asian American law students and to ensure their success as future attorneys.

## **Association of Women Law Students (AWLS)**

To show concern about the under representation and lack of parity of women in the legal profession.

## **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**

To articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of black law students while seeking to influence the legal community to bring about meaningful change to meet the needs of the Black community.

## **Business & Law Society (B&LS)**

To foster a broad understanding of business issues facing attorneys today. To focus on the interest of JD/MBA candidates, providing an introduction of business issues that affect the careers of business and law students.

## **Child Advocacy Society**

To promote the exchange of ideas and the creation and fulfillment of opportunities related to child advocacy in law, policy, health and education.

## **Christian Legal Society**

To maintain a vibrant Christian Fellowship on GSU's College of Law campus which enables our members to love the Lord with our whole beings -- hearts, souls, and minds -- and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

## **Criminal Law Association**

The Criminal Law Association seeks to promote both the study and the practice of criminal law and provides information and assistance to students interested in the criminal field, both prosecution and defense, as well as networking with professionals in the field.

## **Environmental Law Society**

Seeks to provide a forum for law students to explore the field of environmental law, a network of students and professionals to support professional growth.

## **Estate Planning and Wealth Management Law Society**

Seeks to educate, inform, provide resources for and connect students with the professional community practicing in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate, Trusts, Wills and related Tax Law and to work closely with professionals in these areas to build a stronger bond between them and the GSU COL students.

## **Hispanic Student Bar Association**

To play an active role in the furthering of Hispanic awareness and interests within the GSU College of Law and the legal community.

## **Federalist Society**

To embrace the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution, and that it is the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is and not what is should be. To promote an awareness of these principles through activities.

## **Immigration Law Society (ILS)**

To further the awareness of immigration issues, volunteer with the Atlanta legal community, and seek to increase interest in the practice of Immigration Law.

## **Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS)**

Provide members with opportunities to network with practicing IP attorneys. To learn more about Intellectual Property, art and technology issues, and also provide a forum for students to work together to build their legal careers.

## **International and Comparative Law Society**

To promote the study of international law and legal topics such as international human rights, state-to-state relations, and international business issues. To strengthen ties between its student members and the legal community.

## **James Oglethorpe Legal Society**

To expose the rest of Georgia lawyers to the excellent talent that has been and is being molded and refined at our school by putting on different legal programs.

## **Jewish Law Student Association**

To share an interest in Jewish legal issues and socio-political concerns and in meeting the needs and interest of Jewish law students.

## **Law Review**

To publish a legal journal four times a year by 2nd and 3rd year GSU law students who have demonstrated outstanding writing and academic skills.

## **Law Students for Reproductive Choice**

This new COL organization seeks to educate, organize, and support law students to ensure that a new generation of advocates will be prepared to protect and expand reproductive rights as basic civil and human rights.

## **Moot Court**

To develop each member's potential in written and oral advocacy and to represent the College of Law successfully in various Moot Court competitions and to enhance each individual member's educational experience in law school.

## **Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association**

(formerly OUTLaw) 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.

## **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**

To form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of law with members of the Bench and Bar in fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law.

## **Public Interest Law Association (PILA)**

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

## **Sports and Entertainment Law Society**

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.

## **Student Bar Association**

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

## **Student Health Law Association (SHLA)**

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.

# Student Life

Confused about whether a summer internship, study abroad, or summer associate position is right for you? Three GSU COL students help by sharing their summer experiences below!



## Summer Associate by Karisa Kopaczewski

Walking into my office last May at Carlock, Copeland, & Stair, which has three office locations with about 80-100 attorneys, I had no idea what the next twelve weeks had in store for me. Like many students, I had more than a few irrational fears... "What if I make a fool of myself? What if I screw up the projects I am given? What if I just don't measure up?!" As I looked around, my office, walls, glass windows and all, seemed to be closing in on me and I felt seriously overwhelmed.

It didn't take long for most of my fears to subside. Before long, I even started to enjoy my downtown view. The work I was given was challenging, and mirrored what I would be doing as a first year associate. I was given a variety of tasks, dependent upon what the attorneys needed to be done. I worked on motions, wrote numerous memos, assisted with trial preparation, worked on presentations and, of course, did a whole lot of legal research. The attorneys in charge of the summer program were adamant about giving us projects from every practice group so that we had exposure to every type of case that the firm takes on. I found myself working on defense cases which stemmed from construction law, medical malpractice, business litigation, professional malpractice, insurance litigation, employment law, product liability, and transportation law.

Another integral part of my workday was watching the firm's attorneys in action. As a summer associate, I was encouraged to accompany attorneys to the courthouse and to

depositions. For me, the most eye-opening experience was attending a focus group for a controversial case that the firm's attorneys were preparing for litigation. The focus group paid a sample of people to act as a "jury" and to listen to a moderator present the case theories of both the defense and the plaintiff. The jury was then instructed to deliberate and reach a decision while we were able to watch the entire process through a double mirror. It was interesting (and disturbing) to see what details the jury concentrated on and what their rationale was behind their decision.

It was no surprise to me that the summer associate position came with a lot of work. What I didn't expect, however, was that the position also came with a lot of fun. Just as often as I found myself working an eleven hour day and eating lunch at my desk, I also found myself leaving early to attend happy hour with the firm. I enjoyed the numerous networking opportunities with the attorneys during firm events and parties. Along with frequent happy hours and lavish dinners, there were also golf outings, Braves games, and volunteer activities.

Although I only spent three months in my position, by the time August rolled around I had a taste of what it's like to be a first year associate and whether Carlock, Copeland & Stair was the best fit for me. I would advise 1Ls and 2Ls debating whether to work at a medium or large firm to work as a summer associate at the firm they hope to work for upon graduation. If you follow your instinct on which firm is right for you, your summer associate position will give you ample opportunity to decide whether you made the right choice. I'll be starting as an Associate at Carlock, Copeland & Stair next fall and can't wait to give this whole Attorney thing a whirl!



## Prosecuting Attorney's Council Summer Intern

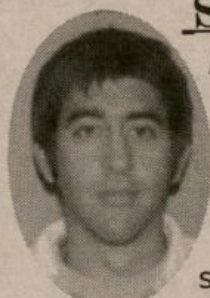
by Jack Butler, 3L

Few who seek an internship with the Prosecuting Attorney's Council are undecided as to their desired field. That said, anyone would do well to get a realistic view of a legal work environment before beginning a career as an attorney. There is certainly no better training for anyone planning on a future in prosecution than this (paid) internship. Also, as we all understand, who you know is just as important as what you know, and the contacts you make during the PAC internship. PAC interns attend Basic Litigation Training with new Assistant District Attorneys and Solicitor Generals for a week in June and also the annual PAC Summer Conference on Jekyll Island in July. These networking opportunities are invaluable, especially when it comes time to wonder how you'll find that elusive job.

As soon as Spring Semester exam grades were out and my Third Year Practice Act paperwork was filed, I was sworn in and sent to court. Under the supervision of an Assistant District

Attorney or Assistant Solicitor General, you can assist in the prosecution of all manner of criminal offenses from DUIs to violent crimes, civil proceedings like forfeitures, and even petitions for habeas corpus. Working for an office ready to put you in court during my first week on the job was incredibly rewarding. The office I was assigned to handled its own appeals. I worked on briefs for cases where the facts resemble Grand Theft Auto more than real life. Life in a prosecutor's office, as it turns out, is far more interesting and motivating than writing memos about Harvey Woodley.

While the pay won't rival that of a private firm, anyone looking realistically toward a career in public service would be wise to confront that fact sooner rather than later. I would encourage anyone considering this road to ask questions of those of us who took advantage of the program last summer. **PAC Summer Interns:** Lisamarie Bristol (Gwinnett Solicitor General); Jack Butler (Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit DA); Travis Cain (Henry Solicitor General); Stephanie Mason (PAC Office Intern); Heather McPhillip (PAC Office Intern); Kevin Mitchell (Bell-Forsyth Solicitor General); Lauren Parker (Toombs Judicial Circuit DA); and Rebecca Sample (Cobb Solicitor General).



## Studying Abroad in Rio de Janeiro

by Ben Lorber, 2L

For the first time, the Boca Juniors have lost to a Brazilian team and, more importantly, the Fluminense now find themselves in the Finals for the first time ever. After the game we stay at the stadium, filled with smoke from the hundreds of red and green flares erupting throughout the crowd, and celebrate with the fans for another half hour. The mood is so good nobody seems to want to leave. On the cab ride home, the streets are full of Fluminense fans driving home. Everyone is honking in jubilation, heads hanging out of vehicles twirling jerseys around in the air. At one point, we hit a tunnel that is completely backed up because everyone decided to get out of their cars for an impromptu party in the street. Finally, we make our way back to Ipanema Beach. Several other taxis full of fans empty around us and we cheer to each other, feeling like we've shared something historic. As we walk past the sports bar on the corner, clad in our new jerseys, we see the envious glances of the locals who wish they'd been able to experience the win we just saw.

You have the rest of your life to work at a law firm. The opportunity to live in South America doesn't come along very often, if at all. Rio de Janeiro truly is a 'cidade maravilhosa', a

marvelous city, the nickname it didn't get by chance. From the atmosphere of fanatical fans at Maracana Stadium to the stunningly beautiful beaches teeming with stunningly beautiful people, there really is no place like it on earth.

A typical day studying abroad in Rio begins with a few hours of class, taught by an incredibly brilliant faculty of law professors from throughout the country. I can't say I expected the classes to be among the highlights of the trip, but the learning environment was fantastic. In each class, Brazilian students offer their unique legal and life perspectives to our discussion. You do have to work hard to keep up with the intense class schedule, but there's still plenty of fun to be had.

Around one o'clock comes the chance to sightsee around the city. Highlights include Sugarloaf Mountain and the statue of Christ the Redeemer which are both awe-inspiring and offer a breathtaking view of the city. On days when you just want to relax, which, let's be honest, is most of the time, there are miles and miles of gorgeous beaches to enjoy, whether your pleasure is swimming, tanning, or just there drinking Caipirinhas (the local alcoholic beverage of choice).

When you're ready to eat, the Brazilian steakhouses (Churrascaria) are a must. After dinner it's time for a night on the town at the city's myriad bars, discotheques, or Samba clubs. You'll be out all night and won't want to go home, but don't worry: you get to do it all over again tomorrow.



by Robert Bexley

**Frodo Baggins v. Sauron, (Mrdr. App. Ct. 2008).**

The case at bar is one between the estate of Mr. Sauron, Plaintiff, and Mr. Frodo Baggins, Defendant. Plaintiff brought suit alleging that Defendant had intentionally destroyed a valuable family heirloom of the decedent. The trial court denied demurrer for Defendant, and the jury awarded Plaintiff \$200,000 in nominal and punitive damages. Defendant appealed, stating trial court error in denying demurrer.

The facts go back 650 years. Mr. Smeagol Gollum, a hermit and schizophrenic, misplaced his gold ring. While spelunking in a cave, Bilbo Baggins, Appellant/Defendant's uncle, found the ring.

Upon returning home, Mr. Baggins kept the ring safe and on his nephew's eleventy-first birthday, conveyed the ring to him. Appellant, Frodo Baggins, learned that the ring in fact belonged to Mr. Sauron of Golgoth and instead of returning the ring, Appellant was told by his counsel, Mr. Gandalf Mithrandir, Esq., to destroy it in Mount Doom. The facts of the trial court are unclear as to why this course of action was necessary.

Appellant snuck into Mordor and ascended Mount Doom. Upon reaching the summit, however, a Mr. Gollum approached Appellant insisting upon the return of the ring. Appellant refused and hit Mr. Gollum on the head. Immediately before throwing the ring into the fiery depths of Mount Doom, Appellant had a change of heart and put on the ring so he could safely return it to Mr. Sauron. Mr. Gollum awoke furious and bit off the finger of Appellant on which the ring was placed. Appellant then pushed Mr. Gollum over a cliff into molten lava, destroying the ring, Mr. Gollum, and oddly enough, Mr. Sauron.

Despite the horrors of Appellant's actions, the case at bar is only concerned with the destruction of Plaintiff/Respondent's property.

There is a doctrine in Torts that justifies the actions of a person, when acting in good faith; he may destroy another's property in the best interest of the community as long as the necessity is clearly shown. In Surroco v. Geary, it was necessary to raze a house in order to save adjoining homes and thus the city from an oncoming blaze. The court found the defendant not liable for destroying the plaintiff's home because he was acting in the public interest, even by good faith mistake.

Mr. Baggins was under the impression that he was protecting the public interest by destroying the so-called "One Ring to Rule Them All." We hold that pushing an ancient malnourished lunatic into magma to destroy a ring is conduct reasonably necessary to protect all of humanity. As such, we find that the trial court erred by denying Appellant's demurrer. We reverse the trial court's ruling and hold Appellant not liable for damages to Respondent's property.

(omitted, Saruman, J., *dissenting*.)



Kevin Mitchell, 3L, and Tom Jones, coach of the Student Trial Lawyers Association.

by Tom Defreytas

One MARTA stop away from our campus is the historical neighborhood of Cabbagetown. With such close proximity, it would serve any law student bold enough to venture beyond the library well to know about just a few of the interesting and delicious destinations just around the corner.

The centerpiece of Cabbagetown is the historical Oakland Cemetery. However, this is no ordinary, morbid locale. Oakland Cemetery opened in the late nineteenth century under the Victorian tradition of creating cemeteries to serve ironically as vibrant culturally hubs. On beautiful Atlanta afternoons, Oakland Cemetery is an ideal spot to take a stroll and have a picnic.

So, where would you get the food for the aforementioned picnic? Cabbagetown just so happens to be the home of some of Atlanta's tastiest and cheapest restaurants. Just Loaf'N, on Boulevard just off Memorial Drive, is a purple, eye-catching establishment which serves authentic New Orleans po'boys (aka huge, delicious sandwiches) and flavorful snow cones known as snowballs. There's also Mi Barrio, a cheap, fast and tasty Mexican restaurant that's an ideal lunch spot for anyone in dire need of a taco fix but without much time. If Mexican food is not your cup of tea, there's also the appropriately named Six Feet Under, famous for its seafood and roof-top patio view of the downtown skyline.

For those in need of a destination a little more upscale but still delicious and affordable, there's the eponymous Carroll Street Café. Nestled among houses and town homes, Carroll Street Café's sidewalk tables are an ideal location to spend the afternoon reading, eating and getting reacquainted with sunlight.

Free time is a rare commodity in law school. Hopefully these recommendations help you maximize your leisure time when you get it.



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**New Student Organization Hits the Ground Running**

by John H. Coleman, 2L

The EPWM is planning at least one major event per month. Thus far, they've put on some really spectacular events. In September, EPWM teamed up with the CSO to bring a four-person panel discussion on Careers in Estate Planning and Wealth Management, featuring local leaders in the field discussing their career paths and answering student questions. Graham described the event as, "great speakers, great information, and great fun. Everything really clicked and I think the audience really got a lot from it. We didn't expect such a large turnout, but we'll know to get more food for the next event since so many people are on board with us!"

For the future, EPWM has planned a presentation on the presidential candidates' positions on issues such as Capital Gains Tax, Income Tax, Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, just in time for the upcoming election. Also, EPWM are teaming up with Westlaw to bring in Probate Court Judge Rosh, alumni of the first graduating class at GSU COL and first GSU COL alumni to become a judge. This event will also feature specific Westlaw training in that area of law. There are also plans for volunteer activities.

If this semester is any indication, next semester should be action-packed! To get more information or to get on the mailing list for the group, send an email to [johnhamptoncoleman@gmail.com](mailto:johnhamptoncoleman@gmail.com).

## THANKSGIVING RECIPES



From the Kitchen of Catherine Clary, 3L

Thanksgiving is a special holiday that not only commemorates the Pilgrims' and Indians' first meal together, but also reminds us to be grateful for all the blessings we have been given. For many law students, Thanksgiving is merely a few days off to catch up on outlining, studying and finishing that RWA memo. Although you are crunched for time, you can still have a wonderful, robust Thanksgiving meal. The recipes I'm sharing can accompany the turkey for a full Thanksgiving meal or can be served individually throughout the fall.

Paired with a crisp sauvignon blanc, the pumpkin dip is a perfect addition to a fall cocktail party or tailgate.

The sweet potato soufflé is a staple at a southern Thanksgiving dinner, but I've also included a rosemary mashed potato recipe for those who prefer mashed potatoes for the holidays.

This broccoli casserole is easy and has few ingredients, but is healthy and delicious.

### Pumpkin Dip

- 1 cream cheese block, softened
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup canned pumpkin
- 2 teaspoon maple syrup
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Place first three ingredients in a bowl and mix at medium speed until creamy. Add syrup and cinnamon and beat until blended and smooth. Cover and chill. Serve with gingersnaps, graham crackers, and/or apple slices (dip the apple slices in sprite to keep them from turning brown).

### Senator Russell's

#### Sweet Potatoes

- 3 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup whole milk
- ½ cup butter (1 stick, melted)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg

Mix above ingredients and place in a buttered casserole dish.

### Topping for sweet potatoes:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/3 cup butter

Mix together brown sugar and flour. Add pecans and butter, melting over stove until butter is melted and ingredients are well mixed. Pour topping on sweet potatoes in casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes.

### Easy Broccoli Casserole

- 2 10oz. packages frozen broccoli
- 1 small can water chestnuts (drained)
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can French's fried onions
- ½ cup cheddar cheese

Thaw broccoli and drain. Mix broccoli, water chestnuts, celery soup and fried onions. Place in small greased casserole dish. Top with cheese and bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until bubbly.

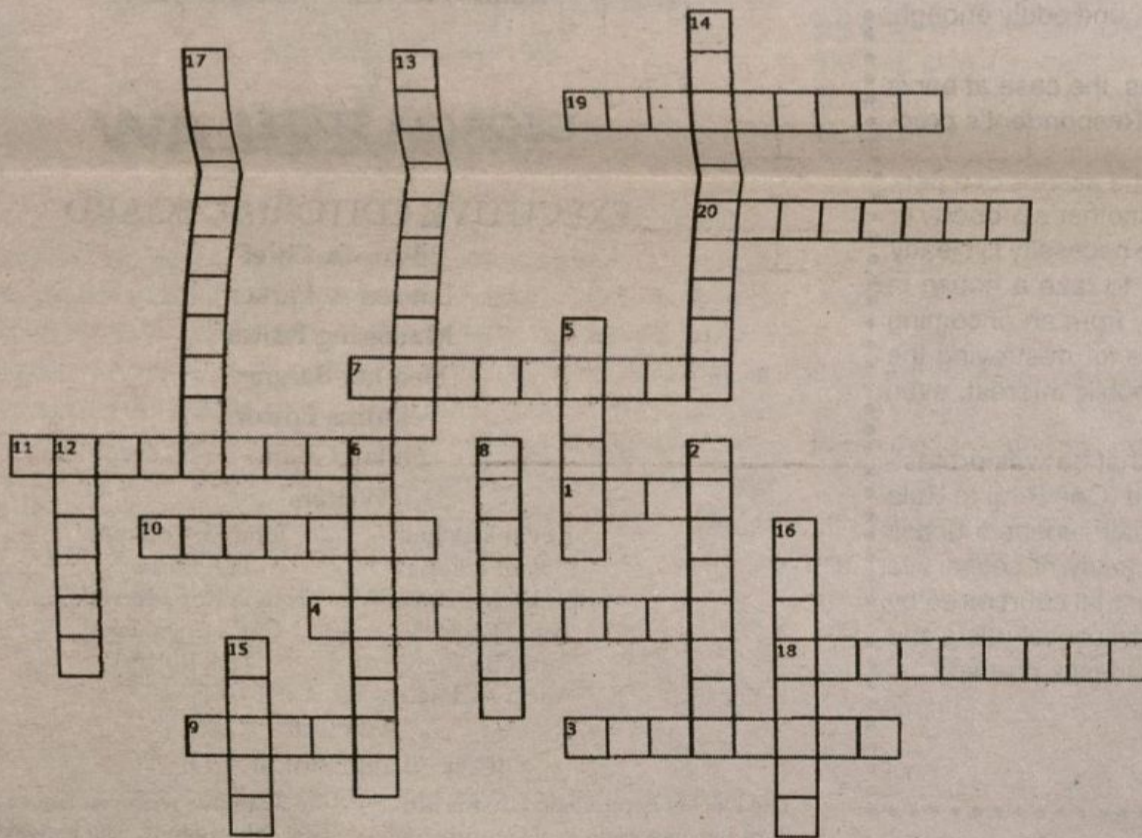
### Rosemary Garlic

#### Mashed Potatoes

- 1 lb red potatoes
- ½ stick butter
- 1 cup whole milk
- 5 cloves garlic
- Fresh Rosemary Sprigs (about 6 sprigs)
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Boil potatoes in a large pot until soft (approximately 10 minutes). Drain potatoes and place back in pot. Peel half of the potatoes and leave the skin on half if you like a more "homestyle" mashed potato. Otherwise, peel all potatoes. Add butter and begin mashing with the back of spoon or a potato masher. Begin adding milk and continue mashing and adding milk until potatoes are desired consistency. Mince garlic and add to potatoes. Pull rosemary leaves from sprigs and finely chop. Add to potatoes. Salt and pepper to taste.

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#### Across:

1. A mnemonic acronym used mostly by law students and their writing instructors, esp. as a method of answering essay questions on law exams.
3. A preliminary examination of a prospective juror by a judge or lawyer to decide whether the prospect is qualified and suitable to serve on a jury.
4. A witness's out-of-court testimony that is reduced to writing for later use in court or for discovery purposes.
7. The criminal offense of remaining in a certain place (such as a public street) for no apparent reason.
9. At common law, the right of a wife, upon her husband's death, to a life estate in one-third of the land that he owned in fee.
10. Reversion of property (especially real property) to the state upon the death of an owner who has neither a will nor any legal heirs.
11. A decided case that furnishes a basis for determining later cases involving similar facts or issues.
18. Any statement or assertion made by a party to a case and offered against that party; an acknowledgment that facts are true.
19. One who owes to another the duties of good faith, trust, confidence, and candor.
20. The field of law dealing with the elderly, including such issues as estate planning, retirement benefits, social security, age discrimination and healthcare.

#### Down:

2. A degree of knowledge that makes a person legally responsible for the consequences of his act or omission.
5. In torts, an employee's significant deviation from the employer's business for personal reasons.
6. A word, phrase, logo, or other graphic symbol used by a manufacturer or seller to distinguish its product or products from those of others.
8. At common law, land held in one's own right, and not through a superior.
12. To remove (oneself) as a judge in a particular case because of prejudice or conflict of interest.
13. The principle that a federal law can supersede or supplant any inconsistent state law or regulation.
14. The federal crime of transferring illegally obtained money through legitimate persons or accounts so that its original source cannot be traced.
15. In corporate law, a person who is authorized to vote another's stock shares.
16. A formal document in which a party to a legal proceeding sets forth or responds to allegations, claims, denials, or defenses.
17. An oral will made in contemplation of imminent death from an injury recently incurred.