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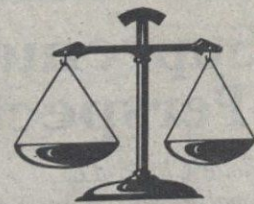


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GSU College of Law to Receive \$2.5 million From Du Pont/Alston & Bird to Fund Professionalism

U.S. District Court Judge Hugh Lawson's consent order ends allegations of discovery improprieties



Dean Janice Griffith

By Sarah Hawk, 2L

Georgia State University's College of Law will receive \$2.5 million to endow a chair to foster and teach professionalism and ethics in legal practice, as part of a resolution that ended allegations of misconduct by Du Pont and its former lawyers at Alston & Bird.

Alston & Bird avoided criminal charges that they hid key evidence during litigation in a products liability case brought by growers and nursery owners against Du Pont. The original case settled at trial in Columbus in 1993.

As part of a \$11.25 million consent order, E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. agreed to pay each of the four local accredited law schools - GSU, UGA, Emory and Mercer - \$2.5 million for professionalism. They also agreed to pay an additional \$1 million to the schools collectively to endow an annual symposium on professionalism they will host on a rotating basis.

Alston and Bird will pay \$250,000 to the state Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism. Du Pont will pay attorneys' fees to Pope, McGlamry,

Kilpatrick & Morrison and attorney Richard H. Gill of Montgomery. The \$11.25 million resolution is significantly lower than an earlier proposed \$115 million sanction against Du Pont which was vacated in 1996.

Alston & Bird denies all misconduct in the consent order but acknowledges, "a fundamental misunderstanding of the intent of the Court's discovery requirements in the (underlying case) and that such misunderstanding provided sufficient grounds for the investigation by the Court."

The Columbus plaintiffs joined hundreds of growers and nursery owners nationwide and claimed that a Du Pont fungicide, Benlate, damaged and destroyed their plants. They alleged that Du Pont and their lawyers at Alston & Bird withheld evidence that soil treated with Benlate 50 DF was contaminated by a potent herbicide. The case settled after six weeks of trial for \$4.25 million. *Bush Ranch v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, No. 92-33 (M.D. Ga. Filed March 3, 1992).

Jack Train, III, a Partner at Alston & Bird, said, "We're pleased that the matter is concluded and that the funds generated will be used for a positive purpose as ordered by Judge Lawson."

Judge Lawson of Macon credited others for the unusual ruling, which he admits is one, that to his knowledge, is without precedent. "It is the result of creative thinking of everyone in part, including the U.S. attorney, Beverly Martin and Pete Peterman, the lawyers of Du Pont and Alston & Bird."

"It was one of those ideas that simply took root and grew," he said. "I think it will pay great dividends over the years, not only for the law schools, but for the legal profession, the judiciary and the general public."

Law School Dean Janice Griffith said, "The law school is thrilled with the possibility of being able to endow a chair on professionalism and ethics that this

gift makes possible."

The first step of implementation will involve Dean Griffith meeting with the deans of the other three law schools to explore the best way to effectuate the order and utilize the money. The deans will seek a clearer understanding of the judge's order, its requirements, and its parameters.

The funds' implementation will coincide with next year's self-study of the law school, a periodical procedure of the American Bar Association (ABA) to evaluate each of the law schools for ABA accreditation renewal, said Griffith.

"As part of the self-study process, the law school will look at how the professionalism chair and those moneys will be used," she said. "Our strategic plan presently provides for the college to look at and examine carefully the role of legal ethics and professionalism as an important theme in our curriculum."

Associate Dean Steve Kaminshine said, "The \$2.5 million represents a great opportunity for Georgia State. It's a creative effort by the judge to provide efforts in the future to improve the practice of law by helping institutions that exist to train and educate prospective lawyers."

Student Bar Association President Rupal Vaishnav said, "I am glad to see that our school will benefit from the multi-million dollar judgment. We must always remember the reasons behind this judgment and use the money for its intended purposes."

"Law schools in general must do a better job of integrating ethics into the law school curriculum so problems such as these do not arise in the future," said Vaishnav.

Alston & Bird Partner Jack Train expressed his satisfaction that GSU in particular will benefit from the funds. Train said that his son Jack Train, IV is "a graduate of that fine institution." □

Students Voice Problems With Financial Aid Office

By Sarah Hawk, 2L

Law students voiced serious problems dealing with Georgia State's Financial Aid Office at the January meetings of the Student Bar Association (SBA).

SBA President Rupal Vaishnav and other student representatives met with Dean Kaminshine to voice concerns. The Associate Dean of GSU's law school talked on an individual basis to several students who blamed an inefficient and understaffed office for problems ranging from lost financial aid forms to unjustified delays in the disbursement of funds.

Several law students said they have still not received disbursement of financial aid for the current semester as of February 1, 1999.

The integration of the semester system for the 30,000+ student population has been a significant factor in the processing delays. However, past articles and editorials in *The Docket* indicate that financial aid problems have plagued the law school in the recent past.

Although the financial aid office has one staff person in charge of law school financial aid applications, no separate financial aid personnel exists in the law school itself.

The impact of such delays can be significant for students who must meet timely payments for rent or mortgage as well as other bills for themselves and for their families. Students also must consider negative credit report ratings that could influence their admission to the Bar.

SBA President Vaishnav has invited students to submit a one page synopsis of his or her financial aid problems in an envelope, addressed to SBA, to the 4th floor receptionist.

"The GSU financial aid office is out of touch with reality," he said.

"That office is inefficient and needs to be reformed. The SBA is going to be working closely with the school administrators and make sure that the office is sensitive to law student needs."

"Many students have informed me that they will not give money to this school as alumni because of the financial aid office. This must be changed. The SBA has started on the path of change. The future SBA administrations must follow-up on this problem to make sure it is eliminated once and for all."

Gwyndolyn Francis, Director of GSU's Financial Aid Office, said that most of the financial aid problems stemmed from student error in filling out the appropriate forms.

"Most of the students had problems because they applied for financial aid for the fall term only. They didn't turn in the forms for the Spring term on time and therefore we could not process them."

"They're not reading the information on the forms correctly," she said.

After meeting with Dean Kaminshine last week, Francis said clarifications in filling out forms will be made in next year's orientation process held for students who receive financial aid.

Francis denied that the financial aid office had problems in loan processing, and has not added any additional staff since the semester conversion. "There have not been problems. It has nothing to do with the semester conversion."

Benita Matthews acts as a liaison to law students if they have financial aid problems. "They can contact her and she can help expedite the process," said Francis. (See related editorial on page 4). □

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GA Supreme Court Rejects Sodomy Law - a Perspective on the Right to Privacy

By Bernadette Clark, 1L
By Additional Research by Sarah Hawk, 2L

Married, single, heterosexual, homosexual, dating, or JSA (just sleeping around)... until recently odds are...you were a criminal. Guilty ...of sodomy.

Until recently, according to Georgia law, if you had ever participated in "any sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another," you were a criminal.

That is, until one Anthony Powell got caught doing the wrong thing...at the right time. Powell, formerly of Norcross, was convicted of sodomizing his wife's 17-year-old niece and spent 14 months in jail, pending his appeal. He was doing the wrong thing not because sodomy was a crime, but because having a sexual relationship with your wife's niece is never appropriate behavior. Fortunately for many, it was at the right time, in the right state, with the right justices.

On November 23, 1998, the Supreme Court of Georgia made national news when it overturned the state's 165-year-old anti-sodomy statute by a 6-1 vote. *Powell v. State*, No. S98A0755.

The ruling was particularly notable because it was a Georgia anti-sodomy law case, *Bowers v. Hardwick* (1986), that prompted the United States Supreme Court to declare that the "Constitution does not confer a fundamental right upon homosexuals to engage in sodomy." Nor does it confer that right upon anyone else.

Chief Justice Robert Benham, writing for the majority, (Justice George H. Carley dissenting), noted that Georgia was the first state to recognize a right of privacy in the state constitution, and specifically, the right to be let alone as long as one is not interfering with the rights of others.

Justice Benham stated, "We cannot think of any other activity that reasonable persons would rank as more private and more deserving of protection from governmental interference than consensual, private, adult, sexual activity."

Stephen R. Scarborough, staff attorney with the gay-rights group, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said, "The decision shows that the court is being practical and realistic about

the modern values of the public."

"Because of a vocal minority the statute would have probably stayed in force a long time if it weren't for the court's courage to do what everybody really understands should be done," he said.

Scarborough, who wrote the *amicus* brief in *Powell*, said that Lambda is focusing on equal-protection challenges in the states that prohibit sodomy only between same-sex couples.

Of course, there will always be opposition in a state where it is illegal to sell liquor on Sunday. The opposition ranges from members of Georgia's GOP (who are debating over whether to push the legislature to enforce the anti-sodomy law instead of trying to figure out why many Georgians don't have healthcare), to members of various Christian, anti-gay, and family-oriented organizations.

During a January 11, 1999, National Public Radio Broadcast, Steve Schwalm of the Family Research Council spoke out in support of the laws that prohibit sodomy.

Schwalm said that the sodomy laws have been used to protect children from being placed in homosexual households or from instituting pro-homosexual education curricula in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Despite opposition, over the last couple of decades anti-sodomy laws have been either repealed or ruled unenforceable by courts in 32 states. However, sodomy remains illegal in 18 other states, five of which only target homosexual acts.

As it stands in Georgia, persons who participate in a non-commercial sexual act that occurs without force, in a private home, between persons legally capable of consenting to the act, are no longer criminals. Minors are considered by law to be adults for purposes of consensual sex at the age of 16.

Powell ultimately stands for the issue of "whether the state has any business involving itself in sex that is not shown to be coercive," said Scarborough.

"People are just not interested in other people's consensual sex," he said. □

No Hooding Ceremony for Fall Graduates

By Sarah Hawk, 2L

There will no longer be a graduation hooding ceremony for fall semester graduates of GSU's College of Law, according to Tricia Rackcliffe, Registrar. As part of the semester-wide integration of the university, law school and university officials decided that a separate ceremony recognizing law graduates from fall semester was not feasible.

Students can instead attend the graduation hooding ceremony for law graduates in the Spring on May 14, or the university-wide graduation ceremony on May 15. The university-wide graduation ceremony limits the graduate's number of guests to two, while the law school ceremony has no guest limit.

The decision to stop having the fall semester ceremony, which usually takes place in February, is in effect for the first time this year.

Sanford Posner, a 1997 fall semester graduate and practicing attorney in Atlanta, said the February ceremony which he attended was held in the auditorium and was well-attended. "It was packed, and there was a nice reception afterwards."

Other law students reacted differently to the new decision.

Marcus Thomas, who graduated in the fall of 1998, expressed disinterest. "I don't plan to attend the Spring graduation ceremony. I'm busy with preparing to take the Bar, attending BARBRI classes, and I just want to get on with my life."

Matt McCord, graduating in December 1999, said, "I'm certain that there are those members of my class who are totally disinterested in the fact that there isn't a graduation. I don't think the university owes us anything, but I do think we deserve that. If the bureaucracy of this college has gotten so big that it's forgotten those of us who paid for that bureaucracy, then we have a problem."

"I personally think it's ridiculous that I'm going to have to wait to graduate until after I'm a practicing attorney," he said. □

PILA Auction a Success

By Sarah Hawk, 2L

The Seventh Annual Public Interest Law Association (PILA) Fellowship Auction held at the Margaret Mitchell House Visitor's Center on Saturday was a huge success, according to PILA organizers. GSU law students, alumni and faculty members attended the auction, which included both a silent auction and a live auction. The bidding was fierce.

The historical surroundings, fellowship, music and food made the evening memorable, all in the name of a good cause. Chris Chan, a 1998 graduate and attorney with Jones & Askew, said, "It's my favorite law school function of the year." The proceeds from the auction will fund fellowships enabling students to work as summer interns for public interest organizations nationwide.

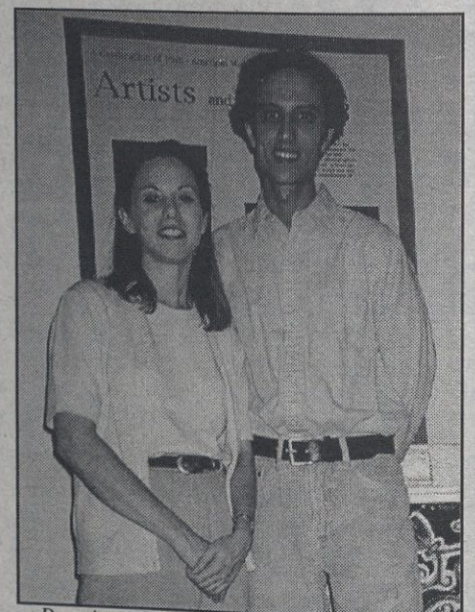
PILA Donation Chair Karen Dayton said, "We were happy with the turnout and the money that was raised. People told us how nice everything was." Many who attended took tours of the house which were offered before the auc-

tion at a discounted rate.

The general goal of public interest organizations is to protect the rights of the public at large including areas of environmental law and consumer protection. Many of these organizations represent members of society whose rights are often under-represented due to economic disparity, lack of education or some form of prejudice (indigent defense, elder law, AIDS law, etc.)

This year's auctioneers included Professor Roy Sobelson, alumnus Chris Chan, Cathie France, Donna Johnson, and Student Bar Association (SBA) Vice President Dawn Jones. Highlighted auction items included two mountain bikes donated by the SBA, an autographed pair of Converse Hi-tops from Professor Wiseman, a night at the Ritz-Carlton, donated by Mark and Denise Kazlauskas and Horizon Theater season tickets donated by Associate Dean Steve Kaminshine and his wife, Amy.

Students engaged in bidding wars to win highly-coveted dining opportunities with various



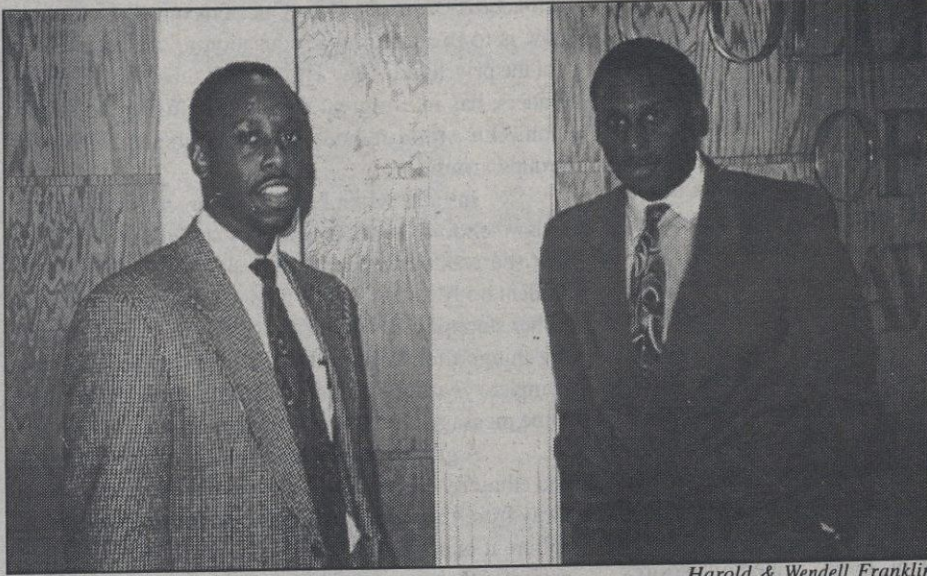
Donations Chair Karen Dayton & Local Artist

favorite professors including Wright, Girth, Emmanuel, Robinson, Kadish, Landau, Taylor, Morgan, Radford, Podgor, Curcio and Segall. Other professors donated their hidden talents and

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Features...

Brothers in Law



Harold & Wendell Franklin

By Andy Ordyna, 1L

One family. Two brothers at GSU's law school. Two different futures.

At first glance, one might be tempted to clump brothers Harold and Wendell Franklin together. Both Harold, 30, and Wendell, 27, attend Georgia State University's College of Law, and both have been successful in their educational endeavors. But each has his own distinct personality, career goals, and personal interests.

The Franklin brothers have followed different paths in their respective journeys to GSU.

Harold, born in Atlanta in 1968, is a graduate of Emory University and earned a degree in economics and Spanish. While in college, Harold also worked in bank operations for a local financial institution and as a Spanish interviewer/translator. Before attending law school, Harold served as vice president in his family's insurance brokerage firm, the Harwen Group, Inc. ("Har" for Harold plus "wen" for Wendell equals Harwen. The Harwen Group, founded by their mother, has been in business in Atlanta for twenty years and services public and private sector accounts, providing them with employee benefits and related services through numerous leading insurance and financial services companies.

Wendell, born in Atlanta in 1971, is an honors graduate of Morehouse College and earned a degree in sociology. While an undergraduate, Wendell was a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta and National Honor Societies. He was also enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves. He saw seven months of active duty, during which he worked as an intelligence specialist in the Caribbean.

Prior to entering GSU, Wendell lived in New York for two years, working as an assistant manager with a leasing company and pursuing an acting career, during which he appeared in music videos, off-Broadway

productions, and student films.

Both Franklin brothers are pleased with their law school of choice.

Wendell, a second year student, found Georgia State appealing because he plans on living in Atlanta after graduation, as the family business is based here. Wendell also points out that GSU's tuition is "more for your money than across town." Prior to entering law school,

Wendell would visit his brother and was always impressed by the diversity of GSU's student body. For Wendell, one of GSU's most attractive characteristics was the chance to interact with people who lead such diverse and busy lives.

Harold, a third year student, had friends who had graduated from Georgia State's law school, and was also impressed by GSU's reputation of providing a quality legal education.

The brothers spoke candidly about racial diversity from their differing perspectives. Harold said that there are actually more black students than he expected, and then again pointed to the diverse student body. The diversity of the student body was important to Harold as he values differing perspectives, backgrounds, and political views.

Wendell doesn't see the difference in racial makeup of the law school as any different than that of everyday life. In fact, he sees it as a microcosm of society in general.

"I have law school friends stemming from a variety of backgrounds," he said.

Wendell's long-term career goals include working in entertainment and sports law, while Harold's interests lie in civil litigation. Ironically, given their family's business, neither of the Franklin brothers specified a distinct interest in insurance law.

While attending GSU, Harold has served as an Honor Court justice, and as vice-president of the Black Law Student Association. Harold is a member of the Bleckley Inn of Court, International Law Society, and the Student Trial Lawyers Association, through which he will compete in the National Criminal Justice Student Trial Lawyers Association (S.T.L.A.) competition in Chicago in March. And in February, Harold will also compete in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition in Florida.

Wendell has also been involved in student

activities while attending GSU. He is a member of the Sports and Entertainment Law Association, is on this year's trademarks team for Moot Court, acts as a 2L full-time senator for SBA, serves on SBA's Budget Committee, and as a P.M.B.R. representative.

Wendell said he felt certain that his brother's footsteps were indeed good footsteps in which to follow. Both brothers placed high in their respective RWA oral argument competitions, with Harold placing second and Wendell placing first the following year. And for all you 1Ls out there wondering how they performed so well, both the Franklins attribute their success in RWA to the fact that their parents were teachers and to their experience working with their company, as they are required to make numerous presentations before large groups.

Both brothers offer advice for 1Ls. Harold encourages first year students to remain consistent in their study habits. "Since first year law students often do not know how much work is enough, it is best to do all you can and then make adjustments as you learn the ropes," he said.

Wendell comments that it is no secret that 99% of 1Ls success in law school stems from good, serious study habits. He also encourages 1Ls to not sweat the small stuff, as they will eventually find that they don't have to stress-out over every detail.

Their family has been very active in numerous volunteer activities and organizations who articulate their philosophy of giving back to the community. Among these organizations is Capital Area Mosaic, a volunteer program focusing on after-school intervention and mentoring programs for children living in the Capital Homes housing project.

Harold usually spends any free time he has, which he is quick to mention is very little, working and traveling. Harold has been married to Cynthia Franklin for just over a year, and the couple is expecting later this year.

Wendell, who is single, enjoys sports, rollerblading, and movies of all kinds. During the school year, he refuses to read anything outside of his required legal texts and looks forward to reading material of his choosing at semester's end.

Both brothers are happy to see the other do well professionally. As children, the Franklin brothers said they had the normal, healthy dose of friendly sibling rivalry. But today, they insist they are the closest set of siblings they know, and are happy for and very supportive of each other.

The brothers are named after their father and his brother, and both Harold and Wendell intend their future male children to make the third set of Harold and Wendell Franklins. Whether or not future Franklin children follow in their fathers' legal footsteps, they will undoubtedly hold onto their tradition of supporting "all in the family." □

1999 Georgia State University College of Law Barrister's Ball

By Dawn Jones, 2L
SBA Vice President

On Saturday, April 10, 1999, come celebrate the completion of another law school semester, as well as the culmination of our Law Week events, at the Barrister's Ball! This annual event is sponsored by your Student Bar Association, and is paid in part by your student activity fees. Most law schools across the country offer such an event, where students, faculty, and their loved ones can socialize and mingle in an elegant, formal atmosphere.

This year, the GSU College of Law Barrister's Ball will be held at the historic Georgian Terrace Hotel. Located on Peachtree Street, directly across from the Fox Theater, the Georgian Terrace Hotel offers elegant white tile floors, grand staircases, marble and wood columns, and classic chandeliers, richly accenting our event. When you arrive at the Georgian Terrace at 7pm on the evening of April 10th, proceed directly ahead to the Pied-

mont Ballroom, where you may select the table of your choice to enjoy your served meal and (limited) complimentary wine. After dinner, music will be provided so that those in attendance can dance the remaining night away—until 1am. Cash bars will also be available during this event.

All who attended the Barrister's Ball at the Westin Peachtree last Spring can enthusiastically attest to the fun and entertainment this event has to offer!

So, how do you ensure your participation in the 1999 GSU Barrister's Ball? Purchasing tickets to the event will cost no more than \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple (your SBA is making every effort to further subsidize tickets prices lower than these rates, but anticipate these prices when tickets go on sale mid-March). Only 250 seats will be available for this event, so contact your SBA representative or officer to reserve your

tickets when they go on sale.

By the way, you don't need a date for this event! And attire in the past, for those who wonder, has varied from "after five" to formal, although "black tie" is by no means required.

For those who plan to valet park at the Georgian Terrace Hotel, the cost will be \$7.00/car. Please keep in mind there may be other less expensive parking available nearby, depending on the level of activity at the Fox Theater that night.

So, mark your calendars to attend the 1999 GSU College of Law Barrister's Ball sponsored by the SBA on April 10th from 7pm to 1am at the Georgian Terrace Hotel and dress to impress! □

Direct any other questions to Dawn Jones,
SBA V.P. & Barrister's Ball Committee Chairperson.



Editorials...



By Julia Norris-Brown, 2L

Many of my classmates in the College of Law have had problems with the University's Financial Aid office. These problems have ranged from delays in receiving necessary aid to not receiving it at all.

My problems with this office began with my first semester of law school. I received notification that I had been accepted to the College of Law and a letter welcoming me to the program, but did not hear from Financial Aid. I waited, and waited, and then waited some more. Finally, fearing something had gone awry, I placed a call to the Financial Aid office. They asked me for my social security number and then informed me that they had no record of me and that I had not even applied for federal moneys. When I "begged to differ," they directed me to the Registrar of the University.

Financial Aid and Registrar Miscommunicate

I spent hours going back and forth between the Registrar and Financial Aid before somebody finally figured out that they had entered my social security number incorrectly when entering my application. However, instead of simply fixing the mistake, Financial Aid and the Registrar's office kept sending me back and forth saying that the other office was going to fix the problem.

I did not receive my financial aid check until the end of November of fall quarter.

I erroneously thought that because this particular problem had been fixed, I would never have to deal with that office again. I was mistaken.

The Check Had Never Actually Been Sent!

I did not receive my check this semester. After calling repeatedly and receiving different information each time as to when the check had been mailed, someone finally told me that the check had never actually been sent! I was then told that I had to wait another two weeks before I could get a manual check cut because "that's how long the mail can take to get to you." I live in Roswell, Georgia, not Roswell, New Mexico!

That check never did arrive and I had to go down to the University during a lunch hour to pick up my manual check, which by the way, couldn't be found for several minutes - just long enough for my blood pressure to rise.

Attitudes that Radiate from Financial Aid

My problem with this office goes beyond the continual delays and seeming incompetence; I also have a problem with the attitudes that radiate from the people who work in the Financial Aid. We are not asking for miracles. We are simply asking that we receive our financial aid money in a timely fashion and in a polite manner. Performing these services is what the Financial Aid office is all about - that is their function!

College of Law Representative; Additional Staff or Additional Customer Service Training Needed

Perhaps the answer lies in having a College of Law representative physically present in the law school as an agent, if you will, of the law students to help resolve these kinds of difficulties; perhaps additional staff need to be added to the Financial Aid office in order to provide a better quality of service; or perhaps the Financial Aid staff need to receive additional customer service training.

Regardless of where the solution might lie, my advice to other law students who are also facing these problems is to raise the issue with the SBA office, the Associate Dean and the Registrar of the College of Law. Remember, it's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil. □

Race and GSU's College of Law

By Rupal Vaishnav, 3L
SBA President

The recent cover story about "Race and the Law" in the *ABA Journal* inspired me to write on this topic. This is a topic that most of us ignore on a day to day basis, but every now and then you hear things and read things that ignite the soul.

The poll results in the cover story of the *ABA Journal* ignited my soul. Now I know what some of you are thinking, not another "Can't we get along?" piece. For those of you who feel this, I suggest you pick up the *ABA Journal*, February 1999 issue, and look at the results of the polls. The difference is astounding. There are two Americas emerging and if we don't take a stab at stopping the divide, we might find ourselves in a disastrous predicament.

The ABA President, Philip Anderson, shares the same urgency and submits that we need to address this issue. As he states "America has made great strides since those days that were stained with prejudice, but much work remains." He goes on to add, "Despite luminous victories, the battle against bias and prejudice is not yet won. Lawyers still have a significant role to play in this vexing challenge to a stable society. We must provide the leadership in a sustained assault on invidious discrimination in all of its forms."

In any organized society, lawyers are always on the forefront of civil changes. History is full of these examples. As lawyers of tomorrow, we need to step up to the plate. Anderson's message must not fall upon deaf ears. We are the leaders that Anderson speaks of. We are the future protectors of rights and guardians of justice. The bottom line is that we must live up to the challenge that is being imposed upon us. Society looks to us to deliver the promises enshrined in our constitution and if anyone attempts to deny or rob them of their rights it is us, the lawyers of tomorrow, who will make the bells of justice ring loud and force a change on society. Simply put, this is our duty.

In order to answer the challenge that is imposed upon us we must be prepared. Fortunately, we

go to a school that has made strides in this forefront and prepares us for the oncoming challenge. Georgia State University College of Law was set up as an urban "all-access" school of law. One of its missions then and now is to promote legal education to the masses and not the privileged few. This school, through its various leaders, has made great strides in living up to its mission. Our student body is one of the most diverse groups around.

In fact, when I was in the process of applying to law schools, I met a GSU law student who told me that she was very happy to be part of such a diverse student body. At that time I did not pay much attention to her statements. In fact I assumed that she was saying things that I wanted to hear. However, after two complete years of law school I find myself echoing the same message to those who inquire.

A great way to break down the barriers of race and ethnicity is to listen. Listen to ideas and do not shy away from the unpopular ones. Sometimes in our pop culture it is not "cool" to discuss these issues and it is preferred that we store these away somewhere until the right time is upon us. Well, the right time is now. We must face the challenge and embrace our diverse society. Listening is not enough. We must learn to tolerate different and unique ideas. We must welcome different habits and try to understand the "other" point of view.

Many of us believe in the rewards that a diverse student body brings. In our own way, we even fight for our own causes. But in these battles we are all guilty of shutting out unpopular ideas. We assume that ideas that do not match ours must be wrong. This cannot benefit us. We must learn to communicate, discuss, and tolerate different views from our own.

I find that I have really benefited from the richness of our student body. In fact, I learn as much from my classmates as I learn in a classroom. I invite all of you to take full advantage of this benefit. Talk to your classmates and colleagues. Enrich yourself in the discussion. You will find it very rewarding.

But these lessons do not stop in the academic atmosphere. We must take this attitude to our workplaces. I encourage all to join me in providing much-needed leadership once we get out of law school. We may improve our society as a whole and in the process who knows, we may even uplift the image of lawyers. □

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Career Planning...

February Events Highlights from the Career Services Office

Spring 1999 Recruitment February 8 - March 18, 1999

Employers have been invited to recruit Georgia State students through one of three programs: on-campus interviews, resume forwarding or direct contact. Spring recruitment packets have been distributed to mailboxes. Stop by the CSO as soon as possible if you did not receive one. Watch the CSO easel and law school bulletin boards weekly for updated listings of new employers.

Spring 1999 Target Mailing (TM) Program February 10 - 24, 1999

Students will have the opportunity to drop resumes for "targeted" mailings to selected small and medium firms, corporations, government agencies and public interest organizations. Watch for notices soon.

Lexis-Nexis & Westlaw Job-Search Training February 10 and 11, 1999

One of the most efficient ways to conduct a job-search is online. Plan to take advantage of specialized career database training. Training times will vary. Look for information in your mailbox.

Georgia Law School Consortium Public Interest - Public Sector Career Forum February 19, 1999

The public interest organizations and career services offices of Emory, Georgia State, Mercer and the University of Georgia will sponsor this event. Approximately 35 legal employers from government agencies, public interest organizations and non-profit organizations will participate and 15 employers have signed-on to conduct pre-scheduled private interviews. Interviews with employers must be scheduled in advanced. The deadline for resumes to reach participating employers is February 9. Information packets may be obtained in the CSO.

Deborah Arron Workshop "The Rules Have Changed: How To Leverage Your Law Degree in Today's Economy," Saturday, February 27, 1999

The Georgia Law School Consortium will be hosting this career-enhancing workshop. It is designed for law students and attorneys who are interested in utilizing their J.D. outside of the traditional practice of law and those who are interested in determining their suitability for traditional law practice. Deborah Arron, J.D. is a career consultant in both the legal and legal-related employment arena. She has presented her workshop to over 100,000 lawyers and law students in the last eleven years. Brochures are available in the CSO. Registration and fee payment are required by February 12th. The workshop fee of \$40.00 includes program materials, lunch and a copy of Arron's book *What Can You Do with a Law Degree?*, 4th edition.

Other Upcoming Events

- Atlanta Legal Recruiters Association (ALRA) Large-Medium Firms Workshop For 1Ls
- Diversity in the Profession Series (series focus groups: women, ethnic and gay and lesbian students)
- Spring Four-In-One Job Fair
- Coastal Legal Recruiting Conference
- Legal Connections Series
- Lunch With the Pros Series
- Bar Exam Program
-and much, much more. □

Twelve Commandments For Getting The Legal Job Of Your Dreams

By Vickie Brown, CSO

Put the information that follows into practice and you, too, can obtain the legal job of your dreams...or secure the first job enroute to your dream job.

On January 28, 1999, more than 60 Georgia State law students were treated to a phenomenal seminar, "*Guerrilla Tactics For Getting The Legal Job Of Your Dreams*" presented by Kimm Alayne Walton. It was filled with numerous excellent strategies and overwhelmingly good information on the legal job search process. The CSO wanted to ensure that this wealth of information was shared with the entire law student body. Following are excerpts from the seminar:

1. Law school makes you cynical!

It is easy in law school to slip into a cynical frame of mine....particularly if you are not in the upper ranks of the class, people will often be discouraging, ask why you are wasting your time, and will often tell you—you can't get a job. IT IS NOT TRUE, YOU CAN GET THE JOB YOU DESIRE!

2. ENTHUSIASM is what separates people that get hired from those that don't!

This is a comment made by employers nationwide. Georgia employers are no exception! If you want to show employers that you want the job, several things are absolutely essential (beyond the content of your resume): exhibit a pleasant demeanor (smile), display an appropriate level of interest, be positive, and ask questions and show that you've done your research. A positive statement (particularly when your grades don't accurately reflect your abilities) would be: "I may not have the best paper credentials you have seen, but I am going to work hard and prove to you that I'm the right person for this job, because I really want this job."

3. Nobody cares about you...when you write cover letters and you spend the bulk of the letter focusing on "I".

For example, when your letter reflects "I will learn how to do this and that, I will spend time doing...." this approach is not effective. Correct approach: To clearly show employers what you are going to bring to the table that will help them accomplish what it is they want (i.e., how you are going to contribute to the bottom line).

4. It is "OK" not to know exactly what it is you want to do!

View your first legal or legal-related job as a "stepping stone", not the job where you're "going to get the gold watch." Pressure is brought on by the environment in which you are surrounded. How do you take the pressure off of yourself? When employers or other contacts in the legal arena ask what you want to do and you don't know, a good statement would be "As a matter of fact that's something I'm thinking about. How did you decide what you wanted to do? What kinds of things went into your consideration process? Turn the table on them. How do you find out what it is you want to do? Many opportunities exist within the legal community and within the law school. Go and listen to people when they make presentations about practice areas and things you are not even sure that you're interested in. Ask people in the legal profession who you should talk to about a particular interest you have but are uncertain about. Pay attention to the kinds of activities or things you like. This is an excellent guide to steer you to certain types of practice areas.

5. There are a million ways to skin a cat!

It is very easy after fall recruiting to say "there's nothing else available..this is the end of the road." Two important things to remember if you are still seeking a job: 1) it's what you SAY now that matters and 2) it's what you DO starting now that matters.

6. Everybody comes out of job searches alive....nobody comes out unscathed!

During your job search, people are going to make unacceptable comments, say stupid things to youand the most important to remember is people are going to tell you "no?" Rejection is a natural part of the process. However, you can survive the process by remembering a few things: Don't think the employer "hated" you or that there is something "wrong" with you. Many times you will find you were ever so close to getting the job. Contact employers that rejected you (this can be by phone or letter depending on which method you are most comfortable with). Indicate that you are disappointed with not being selected, BUT "if your needs do change (and needs of legal employers do change—things don't work out with a recent hire, young associate leaves to have a baby, etc.) I hope that you will reconsider me." Don't horrilize rejection.

7. Don't be swayed by what you think it is that employers are looking for (i.e., top 5, 10 or 15%)!

Employers ultimately want two things: 1) to know that you can do the work and 2) to know that they like you and want to work with you. If they like you they will convince themselves that you can do the job.

8. It is absolutely impossible to get down on paper everything that you bring to the table!

The job search and hiring process is not about everything that's on paper (your resume) it's also about doing "fun" things that will get you what you want and where you want to go.

9. RESUMES!...and how to avoid making the mistakes that drive employers crazy.

The first thing to remember is the "role" your resume plays...it is not an obituary...a tribute.... it's a marketing piece. A MARKETING PIECE is only relevant to the extent that it convinces the employers you want to get a job from that you can do whatever it is they want you to do because of skills you have picked up in the past (through legal or non-legal jobs). Mistakes to avoid: Typographical and grammatical errors (the biggest resume sins); and not showcasing the skills you have acquired when you write your job descriptions. This is an example of a typical resume description (one with criminal law experience): Researched issues and wrote memos. This is an example of what the description should read: Specific issues you researched, specific memos you wrote. Did you sit second chair for a trial? Did you do intake interviews? Did you help to pick juries? GIVE DETAILS. This will form an impression in the minds of people who see your resume as to exactly the kinds of things you can do for them. Transferrable skills that are applicable to legal employers are inherent in your previous and current non-legal jobs. PULL THEM OUT (section in *Guerrilla Tactics* focuses on this..available in the CSO). For those with skimpy resumes who would like to expand their resumes, an easy solution to is to attend CLE (Continuing Legal Education) Programs. They are offered in every conceivable practice area and they are necessary for attorneys to keep bar memberships current. These are excellent resume enhancers and you can add a section to your resume titled "Additional Legal Education" which lists all the CLE programs you have attended. This also puts you in contact with many attorneys who practice in areas exactly like what you want to do you and you can acquire

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Columnists...

Law Week - GSU College of Law April 5-10, 1999



Rupal Vaishnav

SBA News

By Rupal Vaishnav, 3L
SBA President

The board has been really busy since the beginning of this semester. The board has held two meetings so far; we have passed budget requests for various student groups; and we are busy planning the Barrister's Ball and Law Week. We are working closely with law school administration in attempting to reform our financial aid system.

The ABA student representative, Susannah Scott, and myself are headed to the ABA/LSD 5th Circuit Spring Conference. At this conference we will be electing the next circuit Governor. We will also vote on which "resolutions" should be presented to the larger ABA. Getting involved in the ABA/LSD is a great way to make contacts with attorneys in your field of interest. Incidentally, the 1999 annual ABA meeting will be held in Atlanta.

On a closing note, I would like to see more of our students partake in school activities such as the Barrister's Ball. Remember these events are for you and we want you to benefit from them. Lastly, we are in the process of selecting a commencement speaker for the May hooding. If you have any suggestions please e-mail them to me. □

SBA President Attends Human Rights Conference

By Rupal Vaishnav, 3L
SBA President

Rupal Vaishnav attended the First Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Human Rights Conference on Tibet this past summer.

"It was a very eye-opening experience," he said. "I was immersed in a room with delegates from 12 countries. Leaders in the field of human rights. The conference lasted two days and the theme was the plight of the Tibetan people."

The autonomous region known as Tibet has been occupied by the Chinese government since the late 1950s and early 1960s. The Tibetan government and the people, including His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, are currently in exile and are housed in India.

During the conference, Vaishnav and others were educated in current issues with regards to Tibet, and the "atrocities that are committed by the Chinese governments," he said. "We heard from several prisoners, male and female, who have been tortured in the prisons by the Chinese authorities," he said.

"The key message of the conference was to take the information back to our respective countries and bring light to the plight of the Tibetan people and to lobby our governments to force China to comply with International Human Rights standards and stop their illegal occupation of Tibet."

"If anyone is interested please email me and I will provide you with literature and contact persons in the US," he said. □

By Dawn Jones, 2L
SBA Vice-President

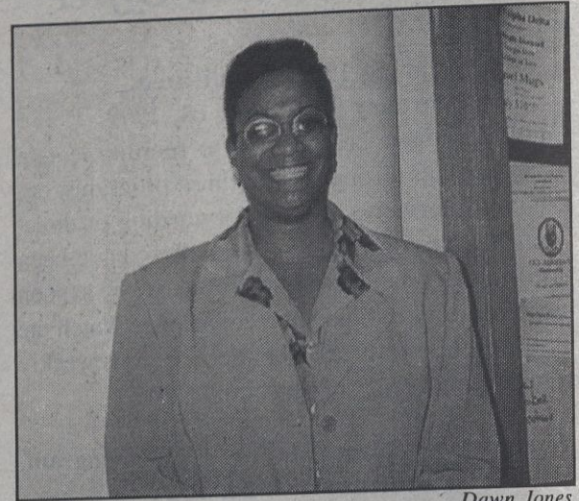
What is "Law Week" at GSU? Let's first begin with a description of "Law Day". Law Day is celebrated every year throughout the country on or around May 1st. According to the American Bar Association, Law Day is "an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate our heritage of liberty under law". Every law school in the United States is encouraged to celebrate this day through school activities, which are generally held during the Spring semester.

The Young Lawyers Division of the ABA recently began celebrating week-long events to educate people in the community about the law, creating a "Law Week". From 1997 through 1999, the YLD of the ABA has designated "celebrate your freedom" as their annual Law Week theme.

In the past, Georgia State University College of Law has celebrated a Law Day through various school-wide events. But last year, through the foresight and efforts of then 3L, Chris Chan, the GSU College of Law created a Law Week of activities to celebrate our legal heritage, centering around a community service theme!

Last year's efforts have been expanded upon through this year's planning of Law Week Events at GSU College of Law. Each student organization, group, and law fraternity recognized within the GSU College of Law has been encouraged to participate through sponsorship of some event or activity in this year's Law Week Calendar of Events. And, the vast majority have elected to participate, although a few student organizations have yet to confirm an event, date, or time, and are therefore not on the calendar as yet. Each participating student organization has had a representative at meetings to coordinate their particular event and disseminate Law Week information to their respective organizations and groups. You can participate now by supporting your Law Week committee representative and attending your student organization's meetings!

There are innumerable reasons why every student, every lawyer, and the community at large should attend our Law Week events. These events will allow students and attorneys alike to further legal education in particular interests. To benefit the community directly,



Dawn Jones

there will also be opportunities to participate in various community service projects. And students will have the chance to network with lawyers practicing within certain areas of interest, as we plan to offer CLE credit to attorneys for some events! If you now work in a law firm, proudly let them know about these great events going on at your law school! Invite friends who may be interested in pursuing a law career! Everyone can and will benefit from the activities to be offered during our Law Week!

Since last October, planning and Law Week committee meetings have ensued to make this event a success! **Beginning April 5th and concluding April 10th**, the GSU College of Law, the GSU community, and the Atlanta community at large will know the splendor of diversity at the Georgia State University College of Law, as we promote our theme "community service" and our slogan "**balancing the scales through community service**" through the following Law Week events. Having made every effort to offer a wide range of speakers and activities throughout the week, we ask that you please help make this week a success through your individual involvement!

Please note that some of event dates and times below may be subject to change, and at least 3 organizations (PAD, LGLSA, and Moot Court) are still working to confirm other planned events at the time of this writing! See you on April 5-10 as we "balance the scales through community service." □

Law Week Schedule

Monday, April 5:

CLS/JLSA Clothing Drive in lobby from 9am to 6pm

AALSA Picnic—2nd floor from 4:30pm to 6pm
SBA Speaker Attorney General Thurbert Baker at 12 noon

Library Scavenger Hunt-All Day
AWLS Crossword Puzzle on Lobby Wall

Tuesday, April 6:

CLS/JLSA Clothing Drive in lobby from 9am to 6pm

BLSA Street Law Seminar at 12 noon
ELS Adopt-A-Stream Program with Harold Harbert from 5pm to 6pm
Library Scavenger Hunt-All Day
AWLS Crossword Puzzle on Lobby Wall

Wednesday, April 7:

CLS/JLSA Clothing Drive in lobby from 9am to 6pm

SHLA AIDS Panel at 12 noon
IPLS and the GSU Office of Community Service Learning with Director Lovell Lemons from 5pm to 6pm

Library Scavenger Hunt-All Day
AWLS Crossword Puzzle on Lobby Wall

Thursday, 4/8:

CLS/JLSA Clothing Drive in lobby from 9am to 6pm

AWLS Speaker Karen Mathis from 6pm to 8:30pm (time may be changed)

Law Review Panel Discussion on Public Service at 12 noon

Library Scavenger Hunt-All Day
AWLS Crossword Puzzle on Lobby Wall

Friday, 4/9:

SHLA Bone Marrow Drive from 12 noon to 6pm in the lobby

ICLS event (TBA) at 12 noon

Library Scavenger Hunt Prize Awarded
AWLS Crossword Puzzle Prize Drawing

Saturday, 4/10:

PILA 5K Law Day Dash (morning time planned)—**Federalist Society** assisting
SBA Barrister's Ball at the Georgian Terrace from 7pm to 1am



Organizations...

Moot Court Board

By Donna L. Johnson, 3L

In November 1998, the Moot Court Board's National Team, comprised of Bill Esslinger, Laurel Schmitt, Mike Stillwell, and Beth Kelhoffer (coach), won their regional competition here in Atlanta. As a result, they advanced to the national finals in New York City, which were held January 25-28, 1999. The team defeated Ohio and Northwestern in the preliminary rounds, and defeated Loyola of New Orleans in the Sweet 16 round. The team lost, however, to South Texas in the quarterfinals. The Moot Court Board congratulates the team for an excellent performance and extends thanks to the team for their dedication and hard work.

On February 20, 1999, two teams will compete in the south regional competition of the Saul Lefkowitz National Trademarks Moot Court Competition. Phillip Lindsay, Justin Kerenyi, John Reinhart, Donna Johnson (coach), and Johnny Lee (coach), comprise one team. The other team includes Wendell Franklin, Matthew Kim, Stacy Pineo, and Andrea Brownridge (coach). The regional competition will be held at the Fulton County Justice Center in Atlanta.

Joyce Gist, Nancy Greenwood, Catherine Rodrigue, Matt Kilgo (coach), and Katie Wood (coach), will travel to Nashville at the end of February to compete in the Vanderbilt-sponsored First Amendment Competition.

In March, 1999, Jennie Halenza, Matt McCord, Megan Mathews, and Jo Jagor (coach), will compete in the Wagner Labor Law Competition in New York. The team recently learned that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas will be a judge in the final round.

In addition, the ABA National Team, comprised of Tunde Akinyele, David Dolinsky, Meg Evans and Lauren Macleod (coach), will also compete in Washington, DC on March 5 & 6, 1999.

Also in March, 1999, GSU College of law will host the four Georgia law schools in the Intrastate Moot Court Competition. This competition is open to 2L's only, with each school sending two teams. GSU's team members are: Alison Bell, Melissa Cannady, Dawn Carpenter, Matthew Dominick, Tom Lundin, and Matthew Striker. The teams' coaches are: Mindy Cadenhead, Bill Esslinger, Laurel Schmitt, and Mike Stillwell. □

Student Trial Lawyers Association

By Jennie Halenza, 3L

The Student Trial Lawyers Association's Interstate Team (Matt McCord, Catherine Rodrigue, Tunde Akinyele, Layla Hinton, Tony Martin and Brian Fortner) won their competition, the William Daniels National Invitational Competition, in November, 1998.

Lance LoRusso and Michael Walker competed in the Keenan Kid's Foundation Opening Argument Competition in November. Lance won first place and Michael Walker won second place. They beat competitors from UGA, Mercer and Emory.

STLA also has two teams that are going to compete this semester. The ABA team will be competing the weekend of Feb. 7, 1999 in Florida, and the ATLA team will be competing in Washington D.C. the weekend of March 7, 1999. □

Asian-American Law Student Association

By Greg Ananthasane, 3L

On February 4, 1999, AALSA held a career panel of recent GSU law graduates who spoke to current law students. These panel members hail from a wide variety of practices: from arbitration to intellectual property. AALSA is also participating in Law Week and plans to have a picnic for that event.

Last semester AALSA sponsored a picnic at the beginning of the year. We also jointly sponsored Dr. Eva Horvath from the Hungarian Arbitration Center along with the International and Comparative Law Society. Toward the end of last semester, we held a mixer with Emory's AALSA organization.

In addition to these events, we continue to provide a support group to ALL students interested in our functions. Our membership is open to anyone who shares similar interests. We have many "minor" social functions and dinners as well as parties. However, we also help facilitate events that are happening in the Asian community and in the legal community in addition to scholarships and various competitions that students can get involved in. □

Phi Alpha Delta Membership Exceeds 50

By Layla Hinton, 2L

The Phi Alpha Delta Chapter at Georgia State, known as the Russell Chapter, keeps growing. Just last year the chapter reactivated with a few 1Ls. The rapid increase in membership makes being a member of Phi Alpha Delta even more exciting.

Phi Alpha Delta is the largest of the three main legal fraternities with one out of every six American attorneys holding membership in PAD. You might ask, does size really matter? Well, it does here! We are strong enough and large enough on the international level to simultaneously address many different facets of programming successfully. Plus, when it comes to networking, numbers mean a lot.

PAD has been first in many significant areas impacting the professional development of our members, including being the first to remove all restrictions on membership. One of the basic tenets of PAD is the development of well-rounded professionals. We strive to provide the law students of Georgia State a balance of programs including academic, professional, social, and community service programs. You don't have to take our word on this, just watch and see if we put our money where our mouth is!

Last fall, we had a very successful rush which doubled our membership. We provided services for the students such as the "Memo Morning Mixer" for 1Ls turning in their briefs, and an exam-taking seminar for 1Ls as well. Additionally, we hosted two parties and we'd like to thank Kevin Connor for having us over to the unofficial (official?) PAD party pad. This semester we've had our first speaker and plan on having at least one more by the end of the year. Look for information on our upcoming canned food drive as we participate in Law Week and for further information on upcoming activities.

Oh, and by the way, buy a coffee mug. The coffee mugs we are selling are a) officially licensed, b) spill proof, and c) a portion of the proceeds goes toward the PILA auction.

If you would like information on PAD contact any of the following individuals:

- Justice: Layla Hinton
- Vice Justice 1: Elliot Smith
- Vice Justice 2: Jenny Krimshstein
- Treasurer: Brian Leslie
- Secretary: Nancee Tomlinson
- Marshall: Lucas Harsh

CALI Excellence Awards

Please congratulate the students listed below who are recipients of CALI Excellence for the Future Awards!

The purpose of the award is to recognize academic excellence. CALI produces award certificates for students who receive the highest grade in each section of each course each semester. CALI recognizes achievement in first year courses as well as student scholarship in second and third year courses.

Turn to page 8 for the recipients of the Spring 1998 awards:

Keenan's Kids Foundation The Faces of the Future Seminar

Keenan's Kids Foundation is holding a seminar that is approved for a total of 10 hours of CLE credit. The seminar, *The Faces of the Future*, will be held on March 10-11, 1999 at The Tabernacle (formerly The House of Blues) and is designed to help you become a better lawyer for children.

If you are currently a Child Advocate, Guardian Ad Litem or are simply interested in child-oriented law, this is the seminar for you. Topics include:

- New Areas of Children Injury Negligence
- Presenting and Focusing on Damages
- Special Problems and Solutions
- Arguing Damages
- Settlement Process

Cost (if paid before March 1, 1999) is as follows:

- In practice for 1 year or less - Free (pre-registration and CLE payment required)
- Law Student/Paralegal - Free (pre-registration required)
- In Practice Over 1 Year - \$75.00
- In Practice Over 5 Years - \$125.00
- In Practice Over 10 Years - \$150.00

For more information, contact Keenan's Kids Foundation at:

Phone: 404-523-2200

Fax: 404-524-1662

Email: office@keenanlawfirm.com

Website: www.keenanlawfirm.com



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essential knowledge and information about a particular practice area.

10. Interviewing! How do you do well on interviews?

The fundamental question that must be answered first is what is the function of an interview? There are two main functions: 1) for employers to determine if they like you and 2) if they want to work with you. Show enthusiasm (the worst thing is not to)! Do research (this is basic but students don't always do it) on Lexis or Westlaw, seek information from websites, review brochures and other recruiting materials in the CSO, and search Nexis to find out if the employer has been in the news lately. Remember that interviewers are human beings too. Construct a little "infomercial" about yourself prior to an interview. After you have researched prospective employers you should have a clearer picture about what it is they are looking for. Think about the qualities and experience that you possess that they will be looking for. Identify three qualities and come up with phrases that show why you should be the person to work for that employer. This will also allow you to quickly and concisely be able to answer the infamous question "Tell me about yourself." You must have questions to ask (time to "show off" your research). The best interviews are those that are "conversational". Turn your interview into a conversation by asking such questions as: how did you choose your job? what are the things that you like about your job? how did you pick "x" employer over another? why did you choose "x" specialty of law? what did you do in law school to prepare you for what you are doing now? Have answers prepared for the difficult questions that you know you're going to get. For example, why did your last legal employer not make you an offer? Tell me about your grades? The issue behind the grade question is really, "Are you competent? The most effective way to handle grades in particular is to state your grades and immediately follow by talking about the things that show you are competent. Remember, it is not what you perceive your flaw to be that hurts you in interviews, it is the manner in which you talk about it. RESPOND TO DIFFICULT THINGS, INCLUDING GRADES, WITH CONFIDENCE!

11. The moment you have an idea of what you want (type of job, area of practice) you must tell every single person that you know, no matter how unlikely you think they know anyone who can help.

Ninety percent of jobs are never advertised. You know more people than you think and people you know are links to other people just by the sheer nature of their profession. Some people to include on your list to tell are insurance agent, family doctor or lawyer, career services (make sure they are very familiar with what you want), fellow classmates, hair stylist/barber, members in your church or temple, and social and business acquaintances.

12. You have to do things that will coincidentally get you in touch with people who can help you!

Attend bar association functions; other events where lawyers congregate. Take one or two hours each week to go to the library or go online to read the things that somebody doing what you want to do would be reading (local newspaper, local legal newspaper, trade magazine, etc.). Effective application of your research would be to write to authors of a cutting edge article that you read in your field of interest and compliment them and ask to meet with them to obtain advice on what they do; publish articles for legal publications (those outside the traditional law review journals and other scholarly publications); profile persons who are known authorities in areas of interest to you such as *The Docket*, and other local bar magazines, newsletters, etc.

Kimm Alayne Walton is the author of *Guerrilla Tactics For Getting The Legal Job Of Your Dreams* and *America's Greatest Places To Work With A Law Degree*, the *National Law Journal's* "Dear Job Goddess" advice column, creator of the study aid series *Law In A Flash*, and national career building seminar speaker.

Contributions to this article were made by Vickie M. Brown, Director of Career Services. □

Strictly Hearsay...

We asked you for your opinion, and this is what you had to say:

In light of the Clinton impeachment trial, what issues will influence your vote in the next election?

Ann Guerrant, 1L - My view hasn't really changed. I will vote for whoever will continue to support the social programs I support. Credibility is important insofar as I want to be able to trust them to follow through on campaign commitments.

Tunde Akinyele, 2L - I don't think anything in the trial will influence my vote. Domestic policy, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and healthcare will, because if the country doesn't deal with these issues now, they will blow up out of control in the future. The sex issue is over-rated. Too many have been judging what morality is and in my opinion, allowing homelessness to continue is much more immoral.

David Hoffman, 3L - I don't care about the Clinton impeachment trial. It won't affect my vote.

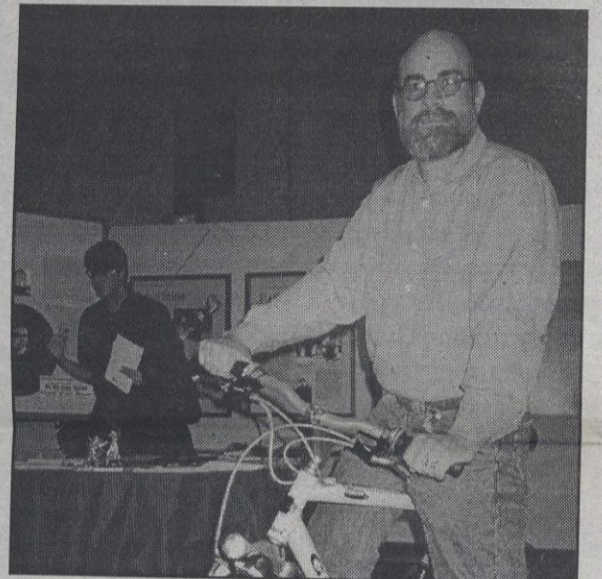
Cindy Styles, 3P - The candidates' platform and their background (moral issues and reputation).

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"quality time" such as golf lessons with Sobelson (who also donated his accompaniment to a Braves game), squash with Edmundson, water-skiing with Yarn and Mattingly and cooking lessons with the Ghoshes.

Entertainment was provided by the band *Wad* with members Will Joiner, Patrick O'Connor and Jeff Wiggins.

1999 PILA officers include President Ashley Stinson, Vice President Vickie Grosz, Treasurer Bill Grob, Auction Chair Kelli Wolk, Donations Chair Karen Dayton, Fellowship Chair Nancy Greenwood, Publicity Chair Frank Schneider, Race Coordinator Lance Cross and Faculty Advisor Professor Roy Sobelson. □



Professor Roy Sobelson

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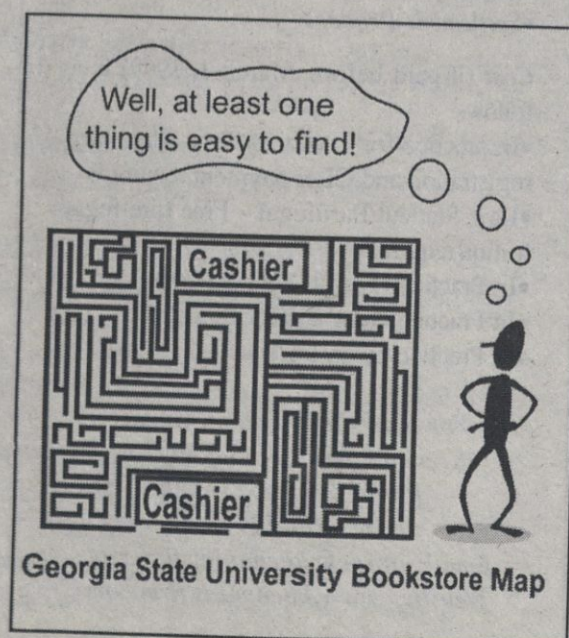
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Graham Stieglitz
Lisa Strauss
Matthew Strieker
Andrew Surdykowski
Marcus Thomas
Richard Lee Tucker, Jr.

Roger Weitkamp
Mitchell White
Roger Williams
Claudia Woody
Louann Yeattes
Peter Zeliff

The recipients for Summer 1998 are:

Sharon Arzet
Marial Ellis
Ralph Gaskins
Janice Hellman
Nola Jackson
Robert James
Vern Jarvis
Thomas Lundin, Jr.
Jean Ann Miller
Kenneth Ozment
Mark Schaefer
Martha Sue Strickland
Robert Townley
Kent Willis
Katherine Wood



If you are listed above, please come by Jennifer Grindell's office (3rd floor, Student Services) to pick up your award certificate. Additionally, the recipients above will be listed in the Honor's Day program. The award certificates for Fall 1998 will be available soon! □