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# LAW LETTER

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

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## Law Library Renovation—2003

Popular wisdom has it that technology will come to the rescue and do away with the need to continue adding space for library book storage. Actually, it will be some years before a substantial percentage of the information libraries seek to collect will be delivered electronically.

The size of the hard-copy collection remains constant. A scenario more plausible than that of a paperless, virtual library is one in which a library has a combination of hard-copy and electronic resources. The Law Library will continue to need shelving to house the physical collection,

work stations for computing, and quiet areas for studying.

To plan for additional shelving, the Law Library recently added 7,500 gross sq. ft. with the completed renovation of the first floor of the University Center. This space provides wired seating for 50 library

users and shelving for 20,000 books. With the new space, the library should gain about 8-10 years of growth. Additionally, the new area houses an expanded microforms room and a copy/printing room. As an added bonus, students

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## How it all began...



*The founders of the College of Law gathered at a luncheon in their honor on September 16 at the Commerce Club. This was the final event in the celebration of the College of Law's 20th anniversary. From left to right are Dean Janice Griffith, Noah Langdale, Eldridge Memillan, Clifford Oxford, Ben F. Johnson Jr., A. D. (Pete) Correll, W. Lee Burge and President Carl Patton. Each of these illustrious gentleman worked tirelessly in their various capacities to insure the existence of a law school at Georgia State University.*

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## Dean's Message

Our twentieth anniversary year concluded with Congresswoman Denise Majette's inspirational hooding ceremony address on May 9, 2003. One of the first African-Americans to attend Yale University, Denise Majette has proved over and over again that adversity is something to overcome and obstacles are merely challenges to meet. After serving as a State Court judge in DeKalb County for almost ten years, she decided to run for Congress in 2002. Fighting against the odds by taking on a powerful incumbent, she won the primary and went on to win the general election with 77 percent of the vote.

Congresswoman Majette's career of exemplary public service brings to mind the legal profession's responsibility to advance the public good. What did we do at the law school during our twentieth anniversary year to stress the importance of public service?

Our Curriculum Committee, as part of an on-going study, proposed the creation of a program to increase pro bono participation. A new policy, adopted by the faculty in March 2003, provides that students who complete 50 hours or more of pro bono service shall graduate with "pro bono distinction." These students will be recognized by a notation in the graduation program and the receipt of a certificate.

Under the leadership of Student Bar Association President Erin Baird,



our students engaged in many pro bono activities last year. They earned recognition as the second largest fund raising team in the annual Breast Cancer Walk by raising over \$7,500. Children at Hughes Spalding Hospital enjoyed the Halloween treat bags our students delivered to them. During Law Week, students collected donations for "My House," a non-profit organization that cares for medically fragile abandoned babies. Other activities included reading books to students at Wadsworth Elementary School and participation in a mock trial presentation to elementary students.

Our tradition of outreach to the state and legal profession continued with the annual publication of the *Law Review's* Peach Sheets. Students enrolled in the Legislation Clinic aided state legislators by writing legal commentaries on various initiatives, including proposals for higher ethical standards in the operation of state government, the repeal of the premarital blood test, and authorization for counties to collect franchise fees.

The law school also continued its tradition of state and local problem-solving assistance. Professor Mark Kadish served as a member of a blue ribbon panel that studied the operations of the Atlanta Municipal Court and the Atlanta Traffic Court. The panel's well-documented study provided a blue print for major reforms in Atlanta's municipal court system that are now being implemented.

These numerous volunteer and service activities demonstrate our commitment to serve the community and our belief that public service is a vital aspect of the legal profession.

*Janice C. Griffith*

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have limited access to wireless networking.

Various other changes have enhanced the library's appearance. The teal green carpet, well worn with age, has been replaced throughout the second floor. A light colored carpet and better lighting give the library a nice bright look.

Soon wired carrels will be added and the upper level will be complete. Most books on the upper level have been relocated, so head librarian Nancy Johnson advises you to roam the stacks and become familiar with the location of the various subject areas. Of course, the library staff will be happy to show you around the new area.

Future plans include carpeting the first floor of the Law Library during the winter holidays. During this time, the library will be closed. Since all the offices, computer lab, and Law Review space will be re-carpeted, it will be a time-consuming task to move every desk and computer to a temporary location. All of the expansion, renovation and upgrades will provide a new clean look throughout the entire library and Law Review offices.

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## Starr and Hazard featured at Fall Miller Lecture

**T**he Miller Lecture took a different approach this fall. Instead of the usual lecture format, the evening featured a debate on "The Regulation of Judicial Campaign Speech" with Geoffrey C. Hazard Jr. and Kenneth W. Starr.

The debate was scheduled for Thursday, October 2 in the Urban Life Center Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. It was a lively and thought-provoking event.

## Hooding Ceremony 2003



*Congresswoman Denise Majette addresses the class of 2003 as guest speaker at the College of Law's Hooding Ceremony on May 9, 2003.*

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## Zoo Outing Fun For All Ages



*Children of College of Law graduates enjoyed a visit from Zhu Zhu, the panda, at Zoo Atlanta on May 17, 2003. The older generation participated in an auction which benefited the 20th anniversary scholarship fund.*

Check the College of Law's website at <http://law.gsu.edu> for updates on the Dean's search, special events and items of interest about activities at the law school.

# Associate Dean Leaves Georgia State for a New Teaching Career

**O**n April 15, 2003, the College of Law honored Bob Shuford as he stepped down from his leadership position as the law school's Associate Dean for Administration. Bob has already made a transition to his new teaching career at Georgia Perimeter College.

At the reception in his honor, Dean Janice Griffith thanked Dean Shuford for his 32 years of dedicated service to the University and praised his many accomplishments. She spoke of Bob's great talents as a problem solver. "He is a financial and human resources wizard who knows how to get the job done quickly and efficiently," she said. "He has had a hand in all of the college's great accomplishments during his 16-year tenure here." For example, Griffith pointed out that the college went through the technological revolution over the last decade with hardly a hiccup and emerged as the 11th most wired law school in the country. "Bob worked with both faculty and staff members to make this



*Bob and most of his staff members. (l to r) Anjelica Nation, VaShunda Lathan, Paulester Jefferson, Ken Walsh and Valencia Lewis at his retirement party at the Commerce Club.*

happen," she said.

"Bob understands the importance of motivating our staff members to improve their skills and expand their knowledge," Griffith said. "Dean Shuford has been a superb mentor to staff members who have embraced his values—commitment to excellence, dedication to the college, integrity, loyalty to each other, and respect for different points of view."

We will all miss Dean C. Robert Shuford. We wish him great success and happiness in his new endeavors.

## Dean Search Underway

**A** Dean Search Committee has been formed and charged by the Provost with searching and screening potential candidates for the dean position when Dean Griffith returns to full-time teaching and scholarship in July, 2004. Co-chaired by Professor Douglas Yarn and Dean Lauren Adamson, GSU College of Arts and Sciences, the 14-member committee has begun soliciting nominations for and applications from promising candidates; it hopes to forward its recommendation to the Provost before January 2004. The Committee seeks the advice of the College of Law's graduates and all those interested in the future of the College. Graduates Kim Dammers and Cathy Henson are serving on the Committee, and the search was discussed at the Graduate Leadership Council's September 4th meeting. Look for information about the search on the College's website or contact Professor Yarn at [dyarn@gsu.edu](mailto:dyarn@gsu.edu) or (404)651-2147.

## College of Law Welcomes New Member

**B**ill Prigge joined the law school as the college administrative officer in August 2003. In this role, he is responsible for all of the administrative functions, including finance, human resources, facilities, and information technology that support the College of Law's faculty, staff and students. He brings to this role a wealth of administrative and operational experience, along with a passion for his work.

Prior to joining the College of Law, Bill was the chief operating officer for the Georgia Centers for Advanced Telecommunications Technology (GCATT), a program of the Georgia Research Alliance based

at Georgia Tech, which fosters technology-based economic development across the state by partnering with industry, government and academia.

Bill Prigge has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alabama and an M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in administration, curriculum and instruction with an area of specialization in educational leadership and higher education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through its distributed education program.



# CLASSACTIONS

**1987**

**Harold S. Gulliver** was a recipient of the *What's the Decision's Case of the Year* Award for Yancy v. State.

**Aasia Mustakeem**, a partner at Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy, has been elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the only Georgia attorney to be elected this year. In addition, Aasia has received the "Outstanding Woman in the Profession" award from the Atlanta Bar Association.

**Jim Weidner** was elected to the Habersham County Board of Education in November. He opened his practice in Clarkesville in March 1998.

**1988**

**Ruby J. Thomas** is serving as a pro hac vice judge in Recorders Court in DeKalb after 14 years of private practice. She also serves as a pro tem in Juvenile Court. In addition, Ms. Thomas has started a violence prevention program for elementary and middle school students based on her extensive experience as an attorney for delinquents and parents in deprivation cases.

**1990**

**Scott Bailey** has left Alston & Bird to form Huff Powell & Bailey, a seven-lawyer litigation boutique.

**1991**

**Sandra Corry Gerald** and her husband Ron welcomed their third daughter, Lily Catherine, in August. Sandy continues as a sole practitioner in Gwinnett County and is a founding member of the Georgia Innocence Project.

**1992**

**Randy Rich** is seeking to replace Gwinnett State Court Judge David Fuller, who resigned amidst recent controversy. The Judicial Nominations

Commission meets this fall to recommend candidates to the Governor.

**1993**

**Chandra Carter Tutt** and her husband Charlie had their first child, Charles Stewart Tutt III, in May.

**1994**

**Isabel M. Alcocer** is a partner in the firm of Hayes Schloss & Alcocer. She and her husband Keith Bycholski welcomed their first child, Evan Keith, in June.

**1995**

**John Pope** has been elected secretary to the State Bar of Georgia for 2003-2004.

**Michael J. Tempel** has joined the firm of Needle & Rosenberg, focusing on intellectual property law with an emphasis on the preparation and prosecution of patents in electrical and electromechanical arts.

**John Ware** has been appointed as a special assistant United States Attorney to the Department of Justice in the prosecution of criminal street gang RICO violations.

**Amy Wolverton** is the associate legal counsel and director of the Washington D.C.-based Legal Center's new media program. The program seeks to shape political broadcasting policy by promoting awareness and enforcement of political broadcasting laws through rulemaking proceedings, congressional action and public education.

**1996**

**Douglas M. Isenberg** has joined the firm of Needle & Rosenberg as of counsel in their electronics/software patent practice.

**1997**

**John Arth** went into private practice in October. His area of specialization is residential real estate.

**1998**

**W. Kent Davis** left King & Spalding to take a position as attorney-advisor with the new Department of Homeland Security and was promoted to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He and his wife Lisa recently had their second child, a son named Turner.

**Amy Panessa** has left King & Spalding to serve as of counsel at Turner Broadcasting System Inc.

**Sanford Posner** has joined Elarbee Thompson Sapp & Wilson as an associate.

**2000**

**Suzanne M. Hovastak** has been promoted to Assistant General Counsel of Novoste Corporation, a publicly traded medical device company formed to develop and commercialize a high technology therapeutic cardiology device.

**Sandi Lilly** has become in-house litigation counsel for Peachtree Settlement Funding, handling all aspects of collections litigation. She has formed Lilly's Law, P.C., which primarily does pro bono work, but also handles real property, bankruptcy and criminal defense issues.

**2002**

**Harold Buckley, Jr.** has recently passed the American Institute of Certified Planners certification examination. He currently practices zoning and land use law as an associate at Alston & Bird.

**Sheree K. Davis** is a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Robert J. Castellani of the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

**2003**

**Erin Baird** was recognized as an outstanding law student for her academic work and service to the community at Georgia Association for Women Lawyers' 2003 annual dinner on May 21. Close to 150 women attorneys were in attendance.

## IN MEMORIAM

Johan Eduard Droogmans, class of 1992, was killed in an automobile accident on September 4, 2003. A partner at Alston & Bird, Johan chaired its International Practice Group. His practice areas were international mergers and acquisitions, international venture capital and biotechnology. Johan was a native of Belgium and held degrees from several institutions there as well as an LL.M. from the University of Georgia School of Law. He was an advocate of giving students exposure to business practices and office management training and expressed the view that international transactional work will continue to grow. He will be greatly missed.

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# FACULTY BRIEFS

**Mark Budnitz** published an article, "Consumer Payment Systems: New Products and Services, New Laws and New Problems," in *Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report*. He also published a new supplement to his book, *The Law of Lender Liability*. He presented a paper, "The High Cost of Consumer Arbitration: Green Tree and Its Aftermath" at a symposium, The Coming Crisis in Mandatory Arbitration: New Perspectives and Possibilities, sponsored by Duke Law School. He submitted an article on the cost of consumer arbitration to *Law and Contemporary Problems*. Budnitz also presented "No Access to Lawyers or Courts: A Significant Cause of Poverty" at the Atlanta Conference on Poverty. He co-chaired meetings of the Working Group on Consumer Protection of the American Bar Association's Cyberspace Law Committee.

**Clark D. Cunningham** has published three articles so far in 2003: "How to Explain Confidentiality?" 9 *Clinical Law Review* 579; "Speciality Certification as an Incentive for Increased Professionalism: Lessons from Other Disciplines and Countries," with Adrian Evans, a law professor at Monash University in Australia, 54 *South Carolina Law Review* 987; and "Lessons on Affirmative Action from India," 1 *The Subcontinental: A Journal of South Asian American Political Identity* 51 (Special Issue on Affirmative Action). Cunningham made presentations to the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism, the Committee on Professionalism of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education, the annual meeting of the Hispanic National Bar Association, and the American Council of Chief Defenders. He was an invited speaker at recent conferences at Duke Law School; the New College Law School in San

Francisco; Emory Law School; Washington University in St. Louis and in Vancouver. He has been appointed to the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and was asked to provide expert consultation to the Chief Justice's Commission on Indigent Defense on the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Alabama v Shelton* in Georgia. He also made a presentation on affirmative action at the 2003 Teachers' Day in Court sponsored by the Cobb County Superior Court.

**Andi Curcio** recently published an article in the *Nebraska Law Review* entitled "A Better Bar: How and Why the Existing Bar Exam Should Change." She also was the principal author on the Society of American Law Teachers' (SALT) Statement on the Bar Exam which was published in the *Journal of Legal Education* this spring. In the spring, she completed her work as a reporter for the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Equality and drafted "Report of the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Equality: The Georgia Justice System's Treatment of Adult Victims of Sexual Violence: Some Problems and Some Proposed Solutions." This summer, she was on a panel discussing reforming the first year curriculum at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference. She currently is working on planning for the SALT bar exam conference scheduled in October.

**Marjorie Girth** has been reappointed to Georgia's Supreme Court as a member of its Commission on Equality. The Law School Admission Council also reappointed her to a two-year term on its Audit Committee.

**William Gregory** taught corporations and securities regulation at Vitiates Magnus University School of Law in Kaunas, Lithuania, for four weeks this summer.

**Janice Griffith** co-authored an article with John L. Lahey, President of Quinnipiac University entitled, "Recent Trends in Higher Education: Accountability, Efficiency, Technology, and Governance" that was published in the *Journal of Legal Education* (December 2002). In the spring she gave a presentation on "The Urban Environment: Economic, Political and Social Forces at Play" at a program co-sponsored by the University of Cincinnati Department of Economics and the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

**Lynn Hogue** just published a new edition of *National Security and Military Law* in a Nutshell (Thomson/West, 2003) which he co-authored with Professor Charles Shanor of Emory Law School. This third edition of the book, previously entitled *Military Law in a Nutshell* reflects significantly expanded coverage in the area of National Security Law. The book includes coverage of the war against terrorism, the U.S.A. Patriot Act, national security trials including military tribunals, and updated and expanded treatment of the international law of armed conflict. It also includes a new chapter on the history of military law and up-to-date treatment of military law and procedure under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Manual for Courts Marital.

**Nancy Johnson** was elected president of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Nancy, along with her co-author, Susan Phillips, published the eighth edition of *Legal Research Exercises* (West Publishing Co.). During May, Nancy presented at

Key Cite inside Look, West Information Center, Atlanta.

**Julian Juergensmeyer** spoke at the Graduation Ceremonies for the Center for American Law Studies at the Faculty of Law and Administration of Warsaw (Poland) University. He was honored as one of the co-founders on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Cooperation between the University of Florida and Polish Legal Institutions. West Publishing Group published his new treatise (co-authored with Thomas E. Roberts of Wake Forest Law School) entitled *Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Law* as part of its Practitioner Treatise Series. West also published an abridged version of the treatise in its Hornbook Series. During the fall semester last year, Professor Juergensmeyer made three presentations at the National Impact Fee Roundtable held in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Steve Kaminshine** was recently re-elected as an officer on the Board of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS). He attended the SEALS annual conference in July 2003 where he moderated a panel about the implications of the tobacco litigation on other mass tort cases. In September 2003, he discussed recent Supreme Court Labor and Employment Cases at the annual Supreme Court Update sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia.

**Marjorie Knowles** received the Shining Star award from the Atlanta Women's Foundation and hosted Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's student question- and-answer session during Justice Ginsburg's visit to the law school. She has also been appointed to the ad hoc committee on TIAA-CREF Corporate Governance.



# FACULTY BRIEFS

**Charles Marvin** received sequential Fulbright Senior Specialist Grants in March and May/June 2003 to teach Public Interest Law and Legal Theory courses at the Riga Graduate School of Law in Latvia. As Co-Chair of the ABA International Law and Practice Section Central and Eastern Europe Committee, he moderated a panel and spoke on Recent Legislative Changes in the Baltic States and Russia at the Section's Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Ellen S. Podgor** recently published two articles: "Defensive Territoriality: A New Paradigm for the Prosecution of Extraterritorial Business Crimes," 31 *GA. J. Int. & Comp. L.* 1 (2003) and Extraterritorial Criminal Jurisdiction: Replacing "Objective Territoriality With Defensive Territoriality," 28 *Stud. L., Pol., & Soc'y* 117 (2003). She also authored an article titled "The 'USA Patriot Act' and Computer Crimes," that appeared in a Symposium issue on "Justice in the Balance: The Aftermath of 9/11" in 17 *Crim. Justice* 61 (2002). Along with three co-authors, Professor Podgor completed the second edition of the book *White Collar Crime: Law and Practice* and a new *Statutory and Documentry Supplement* that now accompanies the book. She also completed a 2003 Supplement to her *International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials* book that now includes materials on enemy combatants. She moderated panels on "Representing Indigent Defendants," "Using Technology in Teaching Law" and "Gideon at 40: Facing the Crisis, Fulfilling the Promise." In addition to her continuing service on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), she is serving on the Members Consultative Group of the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code: Sentencing Project, on the Board of Directors of the International

Society for the Reform of Criminal Law and on the Executive Board of the International Association of Penal Law-American National Section.

**Mary Radford** has been appointed Reporter of the Trust Code Revision Committee of the Fiduciary Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. She is also the Reporter for the Guardianship Code Revision Committee, which presented a comprehensive revision of Title 29 of the Georgia Code to the state legislature in January, 2003. Professor Radford is co-chair of the Legal Education Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), program chair for the SE Regional ACTEC meeting to be held in Savannah in October, chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Donative Transfers, Fiduciaries, and Estate Planning and program chair for that section's program for the AALS annual meeting in Atlanta in January 2004. Professor Radford has given the following presentations: "Construction and Interpretation of Wills;" "Use of Disclaimers;" "Recent Developments in Georgia Fiduciary Law;" and "The Changing American Family and Its Effect on Probate Law." Professor Radford's article on recent developments in wills and probate was published in the *Mercer Law Review* in December 2002. She also completed a 2002 supplement to her treatise, *Redfearn's Wills and Administration in Georgia*.

**Charity Scott** published an article entitled "Should Professors Profess in the Classroom?" in the *Law and Bioethics Report*, and also organized and moderated a plenary panel session on the same topic for the annual Health Law Teachers Conference sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine and

Ethics in June 2003 in Wilmington, Delaware. As Chair of the ABA Health Law Section's Interest Group on Medical Research, Biotechnology, and Clinical Ethics, she organized and moderated a program entitled "Human Research Subjects: Assessing the Adequacy of Protections and the Need for Reform," at the Section's 4th Annual Mid-Year Conference on Emerging Issues in Healthcare Law in February 2003 in Miami. Professor Scott was invited to participate in a two-day workshop at Northeastern University in April 2003, to examine ways to improve nationally legal education in public health law. On a related note for the spring semester, she helped to facilitate a new course offering at the College of Law on public health law, taught by distinguished faculty from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In June 2003, she was appointed to Chair a university-wide Blue Ribbon Committee on Human Subjects Protections at Georgia State. Professor Scott was honored by the Student Bar Association's "Outstanding Professor of the Year" award in April 2003 at the College of Law.

**Jack Williams** spoke on excessive compensation before the Annual Meeting of the Society of Business Editors and Writers in Boston. He also spoke on consumer bankruptcy law, bankruptcy taxation, and the role of financial advisors in bankruptcy at the Annual Meeting of the American Bankruptcy Institute in Washington, D.C. Professor Williams was an invited speaker on business ethics and recent developments in bankruptcy at the annual meeting of the Association of Commercial and Finance Attorneys in Kiawah, South Carolina. During the summer, he briefed the Department of Homeland Security, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the

Central Intelligence Agency on his research in strategic threat assessment and Islamist terrorism.

**Douglas Yarn** was an invited speaker at the 2nd Annual Conference on Neuroesthetics at UCLA-Berkley where his topic was Neurobiology and the Aesthetics of Justice. He participated in a symposium at Penn State law school on Dispute Resolution and Capitulation to Routine: Is there a Way Out. His symposium paper, The Death of ADR: A Cautionary Tale of Isomorphism Through Institutionalization, will be published in the next *Penn State Law Review*. Another article, Evaluative Dispute Resolution under Uncertainty: An Empirical Look at Bayes' Theorem and the Expected Value of Perfect Information, co-authored with CNCR Research Fellow and GSU graduate Gregory Jones, will appear in the upcoming issue of the *University of Missouri-Columbia's Journal of Dispute Resolution*. Professor Yarn's traditional Irish music and ceili band, Banish Misfortune, won the Athens' Battle of the Bands in May.

**Patrick Wiseman's** course on Law and the Internet, and the technology he developed to deliver it, is a featured case study in the new book, *Distance Education: The Complete Guide to Design, Delivery, and Improvement*, by Judith L. Johnson, Director of the Office of Institutional Research at the University of Southern Maine, a nationally recognized expert in distance education.



## Nominations sought for award

### 2004 Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award

*Nomination Deadline—  
Friday, January 16, 2004*

The College of Law invites you to nominate an exceptional lawyer in the State of Georgia whose life and career reflect the high tradition of selfless public service that our founding dean, Ben F. Johnson, Jr. exemplified during his career. Past recipients include Stephen B. Bright, the Honorable Griffin B. Bell, Clifford Oxford, the Honorable Luther A. Alverson, A. Paul Cadenhead, Randolph Thrower, the Honorable Dorothy Toth Beasley, the Honorable Harold C. Clarke, Donald L. Hollowell and the Honorable Elbert P. Tuttle. Send nominations to Professor Ron Blasi, Georgia State University College of Law, P.O. Box 4037, Atlanta, GA 30302, by fax to 404-651-2794 or by email to [rblasi@gsu.edu](mailto:rblasi@gsu.edu).

## STLA Wins National Trial Advocacy Competition

The STLA National Trial Advocacy Team won the 4th Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition held Oct. 25-26 at Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law. We salute and congratulate team members Mark Issa, Rebecca Davis, Phil Pilgrim and Genevieve Dame!

## Tax Clinic Celebrates 10 Years of Service

The Ten Year Anniversary of the College of Law's Federal Tax Clinic was celebrated with a gala reception and dinner at the Commerce Club on October 30th. Philip Cook, representing the Trammell Foundation, announced the establishment of an annual award to a clinic student, named after the late Senator Paul Coverdell. The Trankina Family Fellowship which will be awarded to a tax clinic student in Summer 2004 was also announced. The next issue of the *Law Letter* will feature photos and more about the celebration.

## Year sees record-breaking giving

2003 Annual Fund  
Law Graduate Gifts by Class Year—Final Report

Year	# of graduates	# of donors	% of donors	total gifts
1984	7	2	29%	\$1,100
1985	55	9	16%	\$3,050
1986	126	20	16%	\$9,922
1987	136	17	13%	\$3,765
1988	159	17	11%	\$2,600
1989	98	17	17%	\$56,455
1990	131	16	12%	\$8,725
1991	165	23	14%	\$28,225
1992	157	26	17%	\$8,105
1993	150	17	11%	\$1,395
1994	173	30	17%	\$5,395
1995	167	24	14%	\$5,260
1996	145	21	14%	\$2,455
1997	199	49	25%	\$4,730
1998	188	37	20%	\$7,455
1999	193	35	18%	\$2,915
2000	179	41	23%	\$3,650
2001	133	26	20%	\$2,015
2002	168	44	26%	\$4,602
2003	160	26	16%	\$622
Totals	2,889	497	17%	\$162,441

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DONOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION**

The Commerce Club  
Wednesday, November 12 • 6:30 p.m.

**NEWLY MINTED LAWYERS****COCKTAIL HOUR**

Brio Tuscan Grill, Buckhead  
Speakers: Professor Roy Sobelson  
and Randy Rich, Class of 1992  
Thursday, November 20  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**GRADUATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL****QUARTERLY MEETING**

King & Spalding  
Hosted by Jill Wasserman  
Thursday, December 4 • 6:30 p.m.

**2004****WATER LAW POLICY SYMPOSIUM**

*Critical Issues in Georgia Water Law  
and Policy*  
Urban Life Auditorium  
Wednesday, January 7  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA SEMI-ANNUAL  
MEETING GRADUATES BREAKFAST**

Sheraton, Colony Square  
Friday, January 16 • 8 a.m.

**LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM**

*"Alternatives to the Bar Examination"*  
Speakers Auditorium  
Thursday, January 29

**BURGE CHAIR ETHICS SYMPOSIUM**

*"Innovative Approaches to  
Teaching Professionalism"*  
Speakers Auditorium  
Friday, January 30

**BURGE CHAIR ETHICS SYMPOSIUM**

Panel on post-graduate  
professionalism programs  
Speakers Auditorium  
Saturday, January 31

**MILLER LECTURE**

Speaker: Dean Stanley Fish  
Student Center  
Thursday, February 26 • 6 p.m.

**GRADUATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Hunton & Williams  
Hosted by Lynn Gavin  
Thursday, March 4 • 6:30 p.m.

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