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Helping Victims of Trafficking



ATLANTA (Sept. 26, 2013) — The Institute of Medicine and National Research Council released its “Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States” study Wednesday calling for the development of collaborative, multisector responses to prevent, identify and respond to these abuses of children.

“No one sector can solve this problem on its own,” said Jonathan Todres, associate professor of law at Georgia State University College of Law. “A joint effort that takes advantage of the skills and expertise of law enforcement, social services, health care professionals, educators, the private sector and others is what will ultimately ensure progress on this issue.”

Todres served on the study committee, which was commissioned by the Department of Justice.

“There’s a real urgency here,” Todres told Reuters newswire on Sept. 26. “We need to recognize as a nation that these children are victims and survivors of violent crimes and abuse, and they should not be treated as criminals.” To date, a small but growing number of states have enacted laws that divert exploited children away from

prosecution toward services.

Strengthening the law is a key component of the committee’s recommendations, as is the need for greater public awareness. The report also recommends that all professionals who interact with children be trained on how to identify and respond effectively to both child victims and others at risk of harm.

The report was issued as New York became the first state in the nation to begin creating a system of special courts for hearing these types of cases. In addition, in early September, a new Georgia law took effect, requiring a range of businesses to post hotline notices for human trafficking victims.

Todres said that this is a significant issue that affects communities across the nation, including in Georgia. He added, “Child sex trafficking is a serious crime. Yet it remains largely hidden, much like its young victims.”

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- Georgia State Law offers 10 degrees: **J.D.**; **Bachelors/J.D.** with the Honors College; **J.D./M.A.** in law and philosophy with the College of Arts and Sciences; **J.D./M.B.A.**, **J.D./M.S.H.A.**, **J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A.** and in law and health administration, and **J.D./M.P.A.** in professional accounting with J. Mack Robinson College of Business; **J.D./M.P.A.** in public administration with Andrew Young School of Public Policy; **J.D./M.P.H.** in public health with the School of Public Health; **J.D./M.C.R.P.** in urban planning with Georgia Institute of Technology

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Wolf, Rencher Suggest Changes to Research Common Rule

ATLANTA (Oct. 23, 2013) — An article published in the *American Journal of Public Health* recommends changing the federal regulations that govern oversight of human subjects research (“the Common Rule”) to address continued underrepresentation of minorities in research studies.

Co-written by Bill Rencher (M.P.H. '12), health access program director of the consumer advocacy non-profit Georgia Watch, and Leslie Wolf, Georgia State University professor of law, the article, “Redressing Past Wrongs: Changing the Common Rule to Increase Minority Voices in Research,” is part of a special issue on the Ethics of Human Subjects Research in Minority Populations. The article responds to the underrepresentation of African-Americans and other minorities in research, an important public health problem because numerous diseases and health conditions, regardless of income, age, or gender, disproportionately affect these populations. Without adequate representation of minority populations in research, these health disparities will likely persist.

There are many reasons for the underrepresentation of minorities in research. Many point to the Tuskegee study in which the U.S. government followed hundreds of poor, rural African-American men with untreated syphilis for 40 years as a cause of mistrust in research.

However, “the history of medical and research abuses dates to slavery,” Rencher says. “African-Americans may be disinclined to participate because of long-standing suspicion with the medical establishment.” They also may lack access to care, which means they are not asked to participate in the first place, and see few minority physicians or researchers.

“We recommend treating minorities as a



vulnerable population for regulatory purposes, as is done for children, prisoners and pregnant women,” Wolf says, “to focus the attention of those overseeing the studies. We continue to have problematic studies involving minority populations. Our hope is creating special regulatory provisions will focus attention in ways that eliminate these problematic studies.”

The article also suggests greater community consultation and increasing minority representation on Institutional Review Boards, organizations charged with reviewing research studies, to better provide greater minority input into the research oversight system.

Rencher and Wolf hope more attention to the concerns of communities affected will facilitate research that can find solutions to the health inequities that persist in the United States.

“The changes we’re recommending alone are not going to solve the problem. There need to be other structural changes, such as more minority researchers and physicians. But we hope our article gets the conversation started,” Rencher says.

The collaboration with Wolf on the article resulted from taking her human subject research course, which Rencher, an attorney, took as an elective for his master of public health degree through Georgia State’s new School of Public Health.

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- Georgia State is home to the only **public School of Public Health** in Atlanta and one of the largest accredited public health programs in the Southeast.
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Segall Named Ashe Professor

ATLANTA (Nov. 22, 2013) — Eric Segall has been named Kathy and Lawrence Ashe Professor of Law after recent approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

“This is a fitting testament to Eric’s lifelong dedication as a teacher and scholar and his nationally acclaimed body of work on the role of the Supreme Court in our society,” says Steven J. Kaminshine, dean and professor of law. “I know Eric is particularly proud to hold a professorship endowed by Kathy and Lawrence Ashe, a sentiment shared by all of us at the College of Law.

“Quite simply, it’s an honor to receive such generous support from Kathy and Lawrence, and we greatly appreciate their decision to help us support and retain outstanding faculty,” Kaminshine says.

Kathy and Lawrence Ashe created the endowed professorship in 2009 and fulfilled their pledge recently. Kathy Ashe served as a Georgia legislator for more than 21 years, while Lawrence Ashe is an acclaimed employment and civil rights attorney.

“Kathy and I are pleased and privileged to be able to make this gift to Georgia State Law,” says Lawrence Ashe, senior counsel with Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP. “We are especially gratified by the selection of Eric for this professorship. He is an outstanding legal scholar and deservedly exceptionally popular professor. Equally, he is an outstanding person.”

Segall joined Georgia State Law in 1991 after clerkships with Charles Moya Jr., chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and Albert J. Henderson, judge for the Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He also worked for Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and the U.S. Department of Justice.

“Both Lawrence and Kathy Ashe have contributed in many important ways to the city of Atlanta,” says Segall. “It is a great honor to have their names associated with my career. I am extremely proud, flattered and humbled to hold the Ashe



professorship.”

Author of “Supreme Myths: Why the Supreme Court is not a Court and its Justices are not Judges,” Segall’s articles have appeared in many publications, including the Stanford Law Review, the UCLA Law Review and others. He is a regular contributor to the Huffington Post and the Los Angeles Times and appears frequently on StandUp! with Pete Dominick on XM Radio to discuss the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Ashe family’s connections to Georgia State Law run deep. Kathy Ashe served on the College of Law’s Board of Visitors, and she did post-graduate studies at the College of Education in the early 1970s. Lawrence Ashe is a longstanding master of Georgia State Law’s Bleckley Inn of Court executive committee. Their son, Robert L. “Robbie” Ashe III (J.D. ‘09), and his wife, Blake Eno Ashe (J.D. ‘07) are both honors graduates with Robbie Ashe finishing first in his class.

Eno Ashe served as the editor in chief of the Georgia State University Law Review and won the Georgia Intrastate Moot Court competition. She is at home with children, Oscar and Julia. Robbie Ashe was the law review’s legislative editor and is an associate with Bondurant Mixson & Elmore LLP. He serves as a barrister and on the executive board of the Georgia State Law Bleckley Inn of Court.

“Our ties are close with the college,” Lawrence Ashe says. “Both our son and daughter-in-law graduated and benefitted from the excellence of its education.”

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Georgia State Law Fares Well In July Bar Results



ATLANTA (Oct. 30, 2013) — Georgia State University College of Law's Class of 2013 fared well on the state bar exam in July, yielding a passage rate of 94.7 percent for first-time takers, well ahead of the 88.8 percent statewide average.

Overall, the college fared well with a 94.1 percent rate among all applicants, compared with the 86.2 percent statewide.

The college will honor the class and other alumni with a Swearing-In Ceremony and Breakfast at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15. Alumni will be sworn in with the Georgia State Bar and Georgia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Georgia. Learn more about the ceremony.

"Once again, our students have demon-

strated their high level of intelligence, hard work and dedication to the task by doing so well on the bar exam," says Roy Sobelson, associate dean for academic affairs. "These qualities translate well to the work world, and the legal community clearly recognizes that."

Georgia State Law's passage rate has remained steady – and above the state's average – for first time takers of the July state bar exam since 1999. The college also continues to be a nationally ranked school among U.S. News & World Report and other rankings. U.S. News also ranks Georgia State Law's part-time program as No. 16. The Health Law program is ranked No. 3 by the same publication.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Georgia State Law is the only public law school in the state to offer a part-time program.
- For 2014, U.S. News & World Report listed Georgia State Law's part-time program as the **16th** best in the country out of 85 schools.
- Georgia State Law's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth works nationally and internationally to solve land use and resource problems.

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Skinner (J.D./M.C.R.P '14) Helps Write Land Use Book



ATLANTA (Dec. 13, 2013) — Georgia State University College of Law's Urban Fellow Jill Skinner (J.D./M.C.R.P. '14) can now count a published book among her accomplishments. Through her research assistant position at Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco she co-wrote *Zoning and Land Use Law in Georgia* along with Seth G. Weissman and G. Douglas Dillard.

The book was published by the Council for Quality Growth this month.

Zoning and Land Use Law in Georgia lays the foundation for practitioners to make better land-use decisions. It is written for planners, developers, government officials and lawyers to help ensure land-use ordinances, laws and regulations are written clearly and thoroughly enough to pass judicial muster if challenged in the courts.

"My favorite part of writing this book was seeing how our laws have changed over time to adapt to new challenges such as

rapid urbanization and explosive population growth," Skinner says. "I also enjoyed researching the complicated relationship between local, state and federal governments in the areas of land use and zoning."

As a student in the joint J.D./Masters in City and Regional Planning program, Skinner has developed her unique skill set and deeper understanding of the issues land use lawyers face each day in practice.

"Through my education, work experience and writing this book, I have become very familiar with the land mines that exist in litigating a zoning case in Georgia," Skinner says. "These experiences will make me a stronger advocate for my clients and allow me to work with local governments to update outdated and rigid zoning laws to better reflect the changing needs of communities."

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- Georgia State Law's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth works nationally and internationally to solve land use and resource problems.
- More than 170 students assist state and federal agencies, courts and nonprofits through our Externships Program each year.
- Georgia State Law's mock trial teams took a national title and were finalists in two other national competitions, as well as quarter-finalists in three more competitions in 2012-2013.

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Hogue Co-Writes Fourth Edition of Military Law in a Nutshell



ATLANTA (Oct. 11, 2013) — Georgia State University College of Law professor L. Lynn Hogue and Emory University School of Law professor Charles Shanor have published the fourth edition of *Military Law in a Nutshell* (West Publishing, 2013).

The book, published in September, is a reference targeted to law students, judges, lawyers practicing military law, service members, civilians and anyone else who needs a concise background to military justice or a guide to the latest information on statutes and cases in military law.

“It is important,” Hogue says, “to have available a current, concise and authoritative source of information about the substantive and procedural content of military law, one that can provide an analytical framework that is at once comprehensible to civilians and also useful to those with an intimate knowledge of the armed services.”

What’s new this time around is that the book does not include national

security law. Instead, that will be handed separately in a separate volume to be published next year on national security and anti-terrorism law.

“Both fields have grown immensely,” Hogue says. “It made sense to split off national security and deal separately and exclusively with military law and justice issues.”

The military has long been known as a “society apart from civilian society,” with its own laws and processes. The new book serves as a companion to casebooks in military law and supplements classroom study materials.

Hogue spent 21 years as a lawyer in the U.S. Army Reserves. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2000. Shanor is co-director of a volunteer clinic for military veterans at Emory Law. The first edition appeared in 1980. Hogue joined Shanor in 1996 for the second and all subsequent editions.

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Thomas Jefferson Student Wins National IP Writing Contest



ATLANTA (Sept. 19, 2013) — Daniel Dowling of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego took the top honor in Georgia State University College of Law's second annual Intellectual Property Student Writing Competition from a field of more than 30 entries.

Dowling will receive \$3,000 for his "Covenant with Quality" paper and will present his winning article at the annual Corporate IP Institute, which this year will be held on Nov. 4-5. The institute is collaboration between Georgia State Law and the J. Mack Robinson College of Business. The upcoming two-day networking event attracts in-house IP professionals for panel discussions of current issues and trends.

Second prize went to University of Miami Law School student John Eagen, who won \$2,000 for his piece on "The Bacardi

Bill." Joe Grdinovac from the University of Houston Law Center, won third place and \$1,000 for his "The Impact of Community Property Laws on the Ownership and Transfer of Patents."

Interest in the competition, now in its second year, has taken off, says Michael Landau, professor of law at Georgia State Law.

"This competition is popular because there are so few IP Writing contests for students while in school," Landau says. "Students are very enthusiastic about the contest. It's open to students from all law schools."

Co-organizer Yaniv Heled, assistant professor of law, says, "The fact we received so many submissions from students from 25 different law schools is testament to the traction that this competition has received since its establishment two years ago."

LAW REVIEW PEACH SHEETS

The fall issue of *Georgia State Law Review* features an annual legislative review known as the Peach Sheets. This review provides the legal community with an in-depth look of the Georgia General Assembly's activities and the legislative intent behind significant bills.

- Eighteen bills are covered for the 153rd session.
- All second-year Law Review members partner to write on each bill; about 32 members write on a bill each year.
- The first Peach Sheets were published by the Law Review in 1985.
- Peach Sheets have been cited in judicial opinions in Georgia, including the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Each Peach Sheet includes a comprehensive overview of any legislative reports, committee hearings and floor debates to capture the legislators' viewpoints at the time of the bill's passage.

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