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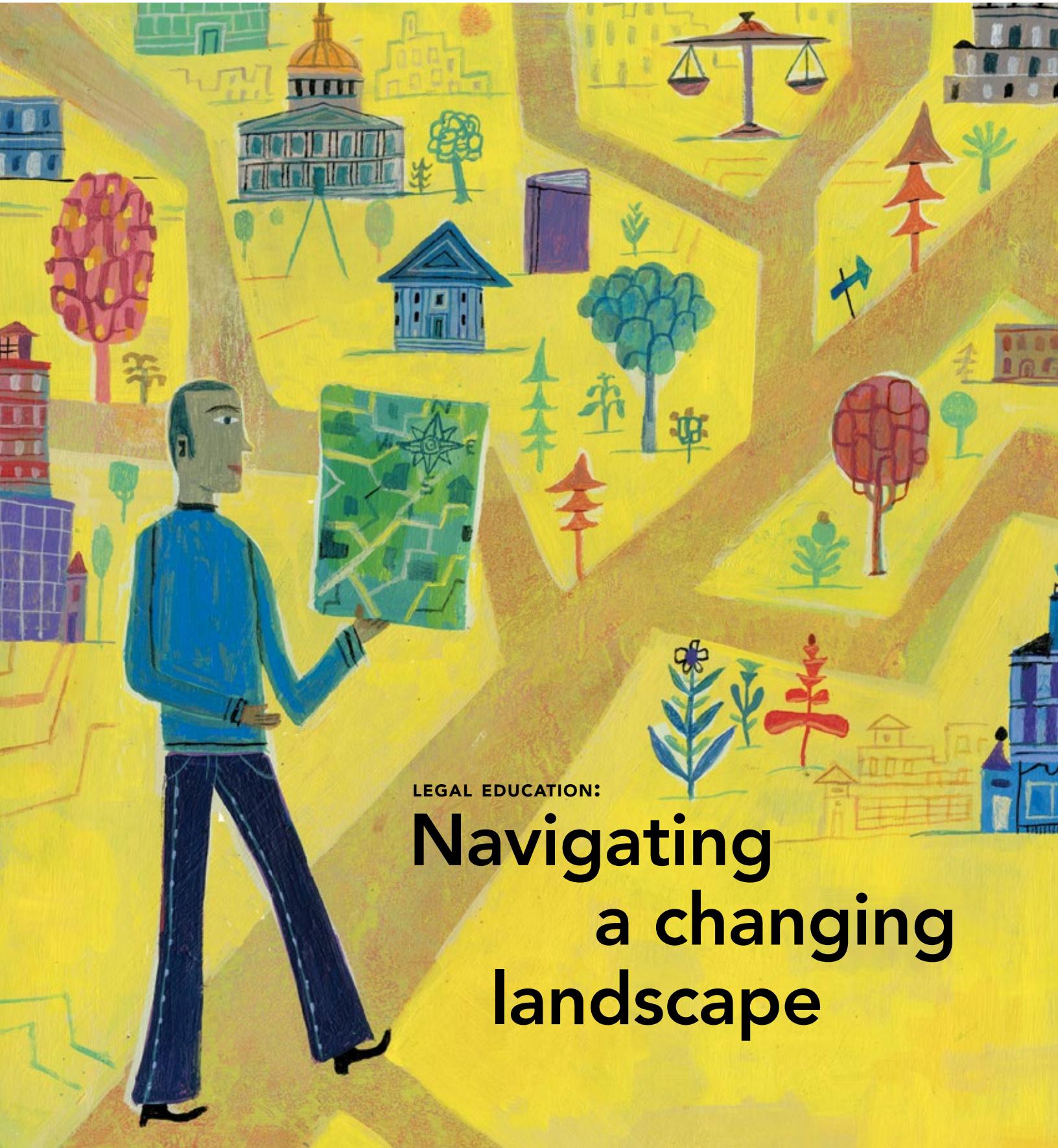
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"I like to look forward, to take risks. I like that Georgia State is that kind of law school ... always pressing its face into the wind, being the visionary, reimagining legal education and engaging the community in new ways. From an architectural perspective, I love the soaring, glass-enveloped modern lobby juxtaposed against the sixth floor reading room, which overlooks historic Woodruff Park ... the design acknowledges the city's historic past, while looking toward the university's future."

Carrie Christie (J.D. '89)
Rutherford & Christie LLP

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5,000

number of glass panels (approximate)

10,000

number of limestone tiles (approximate)

200,000

number of construction hours as of May 1, since ribbon cutting in September 2013 (approximate)

SAVE THE DATE

The College of Law will celebrate the opening of its new building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at **2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9**, at 85 Park Place, Atlanta.

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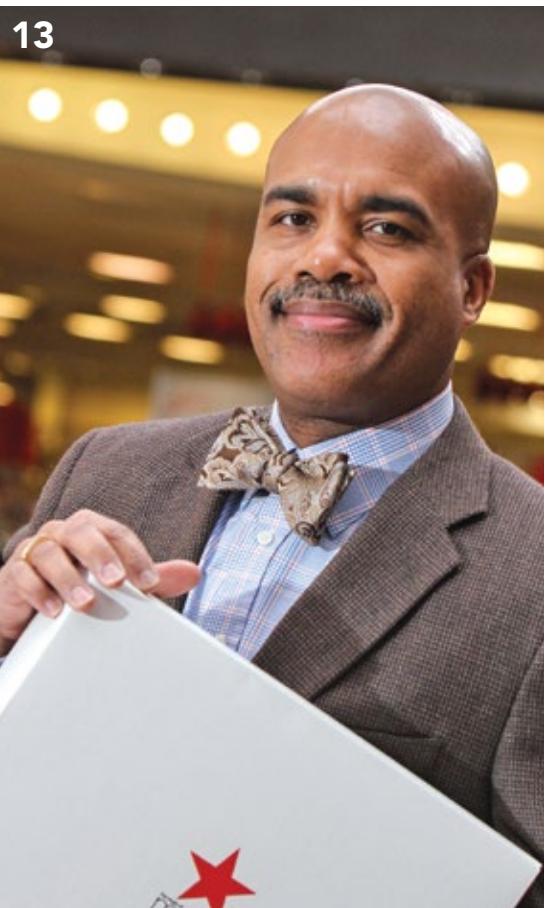
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From the Dean

LAW SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE ARE AT A CROSSROADS. The profession is in the midst of a change more profound than any seen in 100 years. Many schools are struggling to shift to meet the needs and expectations of today's law students and their employers, struggling to move beyond teaching only the theory and philosophy of law.

Being student-focused means providing superior legal preparation in a community that offers flexibility, affordability, access and relevance. It also means developing curricular pathways

to facilitate studying for practice areas. The college has earned a reputation for excellence in developing well-rounded graduates with the skills and the knowledge to excel in any professional setting.

Our faculty members are committed to providing the best possible legal education and ensuring its relevance. They are active in shaping legal scholarship, practice and policy through their research, service and outreach. In this issue, we explore our new strategic plan and its impact on what we do as a college, including our growth in blended courses that integrate doctrine and hands-on learning. Georgia State Law is fortunate. We are a relatively young school in the middle of a dynamic metropolitan area, with a strong foundation of preparing our students to practice law. However, we do have work to do.



The 2014 – 2020 Strategic Plan provides the framework:

- We will continue our innovative, entrepreneurial approach to preparing lawyers and advancing legal education.
- We will be more intentional about ensuring hands-on experience for every student while still offering flexibility in academic exploration.
- Leveraging the new building, we will become the hub where our alumni, stakeholders and communities come together to effect change in law and public policy.
- We will expand our students' opportunities for truly international experiences and perspectives.
- We will actively address and anticipate additional changes in the legal profession and in legal education to ensure that Georgia State Law remains relevant and delivers impact.

The strategic plan provides a vision for achieving greatness in a changing profession. It helps chart the college's course in turbulent times as we build on the momentum created in the last 33 years. It will guide us when we evaluate new, unforeseen opportunities against established priorities to maximize our resources. We cannot achieve the plan in one year, but with this plan we will be able to work together for the next seven to better position the college for the future. Join us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven J. Kaminshine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Steven" and "J." being more stylized and "Kaminshine" being more clearly legible.

Dean Steven J. Kaminshine

Briefs

GEORGIA STATE LAW UP EIGHT IN U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

Georgia State Law rose eight spots to No. 56, out of 198 ranked schools in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* graduate rankings, released March 10. The college was at No. 64 last year.

Georgia State Law's highly regarded Center for Law, Health & Society ranked No. 3, up from No. 8 in 2014. This is the ninth consecutive year it has been named one of the top 10 health law programs by *U.S. News*. The college's part-time program remains No. 14 in the nation.

The college again was included among the most diverse law schools in the nation by *U.S. News*. In addition, Georgia State Law consistently has been ranked a best-value school by *National Jurist* and *Pre-Law* magazines.



STLA wins William Daniel title

The Student Trial Lawyers Association team of **Kyle Jackson (J.D. '15)**, **Kevin Coleman (J.D. /M.B.A. '15)**, **M. Binford Griffin (J.D. '16)**, **Christian Dennis (J.D. '16)** and **Ashley Warmack (J.D. '16)** won the 15th annual William Daniel Mock Trial Competition on Nov. 23 in Atlanta.

The team beat the University of Georgia School of Law team after going undefeated the entire weekend. Georgia State Law beat teams from St. Mary's, Widener and Florida State universities. **Alison Burleson (J.D. '00)** and **Kristen Spires (J.D. '12)** coached the group.

The problem involved a vehicular homicide case in which the defendant was charged with hitting and killing a jogger after a holiday party in a Brookhaven neighborhood and fleeing the scene, said Griffin, who played the defendant.

With six weeks to prepare, the team practiced 10 to 11 hours each weekend, Coleman said.

The players credit their coaches for their success. "They kicked our butt left and right on a weekly basis and really imparted the importance of sweat equity when it comes to trying a case," Jackson said.

Southern Center for Human Rights Honors Davis (J.D. '02)

The Southern Center for Human Rights honored **Mawuli Mel Davis (J.D. '02)** with its inaugural SCHR Luminary Award at its annual Justice Taking Root Benefit Reception on Tuesday, May 12.

The award recognizes a person who inspires and influences others by his or her fearless and relentless efforts to advance the cause of social justice. The center is honoring Davis for his work holding police accountable for misconduct and acts of violence.

In a letter to Davis about his award, Sara Totonchi,



executive director, wrote, "There have been so many times in recent years that we have been so inspired by your leadership, your fearlessness and your steadfastness in taking on many social justice issues. Your work shines as a beacon of hope in an otherwise bleak political atmosphere. We admire your tenacity and take inspiration from your success."

Learn more >> law.gsu.edu/SCHRhonors



CLASS OF 2014 SWORN IN

“You regard yourselves as lawyers, but I want you to think of yourselves as a special kind of lawyer — a Georgia State Lawyer,” said Roy Sobelson, associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law, to the Class of 2014 as it was sworn in on Nov. 21.

Former Judge **Cynthia “C.J.” Becker (J.D. ’87)**, led the oath for 112 recent alumni. The Class of 2014 finished strong on the July bar examination with a pass rate of 92 percent for first-time takers, well ahead of the state rate of 84.5 percent.

Incredible experience yields 5–4 Court decision

In December, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 in favor of the clients of **Nowell Berreth (J.D. ’98)** in *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Company LLC v. Brandon W. Owens*.

Berreth, a partner with Alston & Bird in Atlanta, argued for the defendants in a putative class action over oil and gas royalty payments. A key issue in the case centered on the federal Class Action Fairness Act, which creates federal jurisdiction over a class action if, among other requirements, there is more than \$5 million at stake.

In the majority opinion by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Court agreed with Berreth that a defendant’s notice of removal “need include only a plausible allegation that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold” and that evidence can come later.

Berreth described arguing before the Court as an incredible experience, adding that most of the justices engaged him with questions. “It was an active bench. I fielded about 50 questions in an argument that lasted a little less than 30 minutes.”

Berreth said that just hearing the chief justice call his name was quite an honor. “It was a remarkable, high-level academic discussion about the issues in the case with a little humor thrown in at appropriate points by the Justices,” he said. “It’s an incredibly affirming experience that I believe helps confirm that our legal system is something to be proud of. It’s a great thing for the law school as well, a remarkable honor.”

—*Jay Ingram (J.D. ’16)*

Learn more >> law.gsu.edu/berreth

IP COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Honoring those who get the job done

The 2014 Intellectual Property Community Service Award recipients are:

- **Elizabeth Lester (J.D. ’05)**, with Sutherland, volunteers with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Team In Training where she helps to raise funds for blood cancer research, education and patient services. Since 2009, Lester has raised \$17,500 for the society.
- **Patrick Flinn** with Alston & Bird’s IP Litigation Group serves on Georgia Legal Services board of directors, where he assists low-income individuals in obtaining legal services. Flinn also coaches law students and attorneys in representing adolescents of this population.
- **John Harbin** of King & Spalding also works with juveniles. He has been involved with tightening penalties when it comes to trafficking minors, and he is a member of the board of directors for Voices for Georgia’s Children, a nonprofit child policy and advocacy organization. During his 30-year career, he has accumulated more than 5,600 hours of pro bono service.
- **Mark VanderBroek**, a partner at the Atlanta office of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough LLP, mentors at-risk high school students. Honored to receive the award, he spoke specifically to young law students.

Law school unplugged

C heck out the new behind-the-scenes admissions blog, law.gsu.edu/law-school-unplugged.

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LAW, HEALTH AND SOCIETY LECTURE

“When I was young, I thought everybody processed information the way I did. I didn’t know I was different,” said bestselling author Temple Grandin, professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University and an autism advocate. “I was not allowed to become a recluse.”

Diagnosed with autism at the age of 4 when the condition was considered a form of brain damage, Grandin reflected on her experience on Nov. 11 as part of the 10th anniversary lecture series for the Center for Law, Health & Society.

Grandin pioneered practices for the humane handling of cattle and other livestock. Her life became the subject of the 2010 Emmy-award winning HBO film starring Claire Danes.

The autism spectrum is big — at one end there is Albert Einstein and at the other are people who can’t dress themselves, Grandin said, but diversity in cognitive styles can encourage collaborative problem solving to today’s real-world issues.

As an example, Grandin explained, “my thinking is bottom up. I think visually. I have no working memory.” This kind of thinking helped in her pioneering design work for handling cattle.

For those with autism, Grandin stressed the importance of developing strengths and offered ideas of where education falls short.

“Kids today do not have enough free play,” Grandin said. “Taking hands-on classes out of schools is really bad. Classes such as welding, sewing, cooking and auto shop teach resourceful thinking and problem solving. ... The world needs both the visual thinkers and the detail thinkers.”

IP WRITING COMPETITION

Joseph Lingenfelter of Boston University School of Law is the top winner of Georgia State Law's third annual Intellectual Property Student Writing Competition. His article, “Putting the

‘Public’ Back in ‘Public Use’: Interpreting the 2011 Leahy-Smith America Invents Act,” was presented at the 2014 Corporate IP Institute and will be published in the Georgia State University Law Review. He received \$3,000.

Second place: Reid Dodge from Indiana University Law received \$2,000 for his report on “Reasonable Royalty Patent Infringement Damages: A Proposal for More Predictable, Reliable and Reviewable Standards of Admissibility and Proof for Determining a Reasonable Royalty.”

Third place: Shannon Flynn Smith from Michigan State University College of Law wrote on “Virtual Cloning: Transformation or Imitation? Reforming the Transformative Use Test for Rights of Publicity” and received \$1,000.



GIRTH RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On April 2, Emory University School of Law's *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* honored **Marjorie Girth**, professor and dean emerita, with its annual Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement.



The award recognizes Girth's numerous accomplishments during her career as a practicing attorney and scholar in bankruptcy law—a field she fell into by chance while studying at Harvard Law School.

"I did not decide to pursue bankruptcy law," Girth said. "I needed a summer job after my second year of law school when many firms were concerned with how their clients would respond to women attorneys. A private practice specializing in bankruptcy law took a chance on me, so I worked there for a summer, then went back after graduation."

Through the practice, Girth learned that bankruptcy law could be helpful to many individuals and families—providing relief to help solve financial problems.

"Some may view filing for bankruptcy as a failure, but those who practice in the field enjoy the opportunities to assist people in a new phase of their lives," Girth said. "Bankruptcy law also allows companies that would otherwise go out of business to reorganize and continue to operate."

In 1971, Girth began her teaching career, joining the all-male University at Buffalo's law faculty. She taught courses in bankruptcy, contracts, commercial law and women's rights until 1991, when she became a visiting professor. She joined Georgia State Law in 1992 and served as dean until 1996 before she returned to full-time teaching.

Throughout her career, Girth has written numerous articles and books on bankruptcy and consumer bankruptcy reform. The Supreme Court of Georgia appointed Girth to its Commission on Access and Fairness in the Courts in 1993, and she provided expert testimony before the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on consumer bankruptcy and the Bankruptcy Reform Act.

"I certainly appreciate that the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* is acknowledging the efforts I made throughout a long professional career with this lifetime achievement award," Girth said.

Health Law Partnership receives Outstanding MLP Award

The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Advisory Council 2014 Awards committee recently awarded the Health Law Partnership with an Outstanding MLP Award at the 2014 MLP Summit.

HeLP is a partnership among Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc., Georgia State Law, Emory University School of Medicine and Morehouse School of Medicine.

HeLP stood out from the other applicants, impressing the MLP advisory council with its 10-year track record of excellence as a medical-legal partnership, particularly in building the evidence base for such partnerships being an important part of health care.

HeLP has provided invaluable assistance to patients requiring legal services to improve health outcomes. The organization has excelled in both medical and legal education and promoted successful policy changes to improve population health. As a result of its excellence, HeLP also was named one of the most innovative law school clinics in the nation by National Jurist's *preLaw Magazine*. The clinic was one of 10 runners-up.

Bratton (J.D. '03) appointed to bench

Shawn Bratton (J.D. '03) refers to Georgia State Law's three-year program as a "lawyer's boot camp." He says the program has equipped him with important skills like critical thinking, researching and writing.



He now can use these fundamentals to hear legal matters as a Gwinnett County State Court judge, appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal in August.

"The most fundamental skills developed in law school are researching and writing. Those are skills that every lawyer must use ... they will be equally vital in my judicial capacity," Bratton said.

Bratton will hear all legal matters for State Court, including non-felony criminal cases and civil issues.

Judge **Randy Rich (J.D. '92)**, a former professor who taught Bratton's Courtroom Evidence class, vacated the position when he was appointed by the governor to the state Superior Court earlier last year.

"During my third year, Randy Rich offered me a job back home in Lawrenceville. He ended up running for office and I wound up in the Walton County District Attorney's office. There is a certain serendipity to being able to now take over his State Court trial division. It's just the greatest honor for me given our background and history," Bratton said.

Building corner



85 Park Place: Landscaping begins

AND THEN THERE WERE TREES...

Trees line the construction zone at the new building, waiting to be planted.

You know we are getting close to moving into the new building when the trees and shrubs go in. McCarthy Building Co. workers started planting trees around the perimeter of the new building in late April.

The decommissioning of the construction trailers in March made the landscaping possible. The construction company now operates out of the new building, which has had electricity since mid-March.

Plans call for:

- 7 willow oak trees along John Wesley Dobbs Avenue
- 6 willow oak trees along Park Place in front of the building
- More than 60 shrubs in a planter along John Wesley Dobbs Avenue
- 11 trees behind the building and within the new parking lot
- 11 shrubs to help screen the parking lot
- 6 fringe trees next to the front of the building
- More than 20 purple pixie loropetalum shrubs in the front of the building
- Liriope grass in the front of the building to fill the base of the trees
- 2 electric car charging stations in the parking lot

By the numbers

36,000

square feet of cast-in-place terrazzo flooring material on the interior

2,444

number of exterior zinc panels

70,000

square feet of glass windows

998

tons of reinforcing steel

19,000

square yards of carpet

1.07 million

square feet of drywall

COUNTDOWN TO OPENING

In the home stretch...

On any given day, upwards of 300 people across all trades work hanging sheetrock, painting walls, installing carpeting and other flooring, and working on the mechanical systems, such as the plumbing, heating and air conditioning.

Mid-February to March

- ✓ McCarthy construction crews work day and night to coordinate schedules for all the different finishing trades (carpeting, painting, electricians, etc.).
- ✓ Exterior work continues with the installing of glass and limestone panels.
- ✓ Crews deliver and install the first sections of compact shelving for the new library.
- ✓ Crews begin to finish out the classrooms.

Spring Break: Packing begins in library, including the removal of shelving that will be repurposed in the new building and save roughly \$100,000.

May 11: Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued.

Mid-May to Mid-June: New furniture delivered and installed. Finishing touches on building and installation.

Early June: College of Law offices and departments pack for the move.

Mid-June: Official moving and unpacking.

August: Fall semester classes begin at the new building.

Sept. 9: Ribbon-cutting and building dedication ceremony.

"Learning doesn't stop after the pomp and circumstance of the hooding ceremony, the exhilaration of passing the bar, or the honor of being sworn in as a lawyer."



Carrie Christie (J.D. '89)

Your clients are some of the world's largest brands in their sectors. Does that visibility play a role in how you prepare for trial?

Absolutely. Everything we do during our involvement in a case has the opportunity to reflect on the brand. We are acutely mindful of that when addressing counsel or other parties, the judge or our jury. In preparing for trial, we keep in mind that our

TRIAL PREPARATION

clients have already won the devotion of a large sector of the American public. We want to enhance that experience during the trial process through our professionalism, dedication to the interest of the client, and advocacy on our client's behalf.

What do you consider the most important element of your trial preparation?

Knowing every element of the plaintiff's claims and of our client's defenses. To skillfully cross-examine the plaintiff at trial, and thus defeat the plaintiff's ability to prove a necessary element of their case, you must know their prior deposition testimony cold and be immediately ready to produce documents and witnesses that contradict or impeach that testimony. This allows an attorney to obtain a defense verdict by showing the jurors during closing

argument that the plaintiff is unable to meet their burden of proof.

What advice do you have for law students interested in pursuing a career as a litigator?

It is important to observe and learn from more experienced lawyers during the rest of their career. Georgia State Law provides a well-rounded and rich educational experience, but learning doesn't stop after the pomp and circumstance of the hooding ceremony, the exhilaration of passing the bar, or the honor of being sworn in as a lawyer. The law is complex, and practicing law is challenging. I wholeheartedly encourage students to serve as an associate in a firm with a strong litigation practice. They should find an experienced trial lawyer within the firm, watch what they do, listen to their advice, volunteer on projects that provide trial exposure, and ask questions. I also encourage enrolling in a program like the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Trial Academy, where participants observe experienced defense lawyers and then practice those skills in breakout sessions with faculty observation and feedback. Of course I'm a bit partial ... I serve as a faculty member!

Carrie Christie (J.D. '89) is a partner with Rutherford & Christie LLP.

"The energy to succeed was palpable."

Linley Jones (J.D. '92)

How did Georgia State Law prepare you for a career as a trial lawyer?

As a second-year in 1990, I decided to try for *Law Review*. I spent weeks researching my topic, carefully crafting each sentence and shepardizing each citation. The night before the 9 a.m. deadline, I spent the evening on my massive Mac polishing and proofreading my paper.

I don't recall what happened next, but for whatever reason, my paper was gone. The file simply wasn't there. Before the Cloud, before automatic backups, it was lost. The Mac's clock still worked and displayed midnight.

I'm not ashamed to say I cried. I wailed. I started to turn in for the night, bemoaning my lost opportunity.

Then I realized: It wasn't over. I thought of the seemingly lost cases—and the lawyers who didn't give up—that I learned about in Anne Emmanuel's criminal law class. I thought about the fair shot I had at my new, egalitarian law school. I gathered my handwritten notes and began again.

For the next eight hours, I wrote frantically. At 9 a.m. I turned in my new paper. I never had the nerve to read it again, but it was enough to get me on *Law Review* as the political editor. More importantly for me as a

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trial lawyer, it taught me not to give up if you still have a chance.

When I started at Georgia State Law, we were a new school. My classmates and I—at all ages and from all walks of life—were there to learn the law and meet our own expectations. There was a determination to prove ourselves and the merit of our fledgling law school. We were blessed with inspiring, creative professors who brought fresh perspectives to the classroom. The energy to succeed was

palpable. It was that energy that kept me writing all night ... and that same energy has fueled my successes and pushed me through my losses. I am deeply grateful for Georgia State Law and the people who made it possible.

Linley Jones (J.D. '92) is president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association.

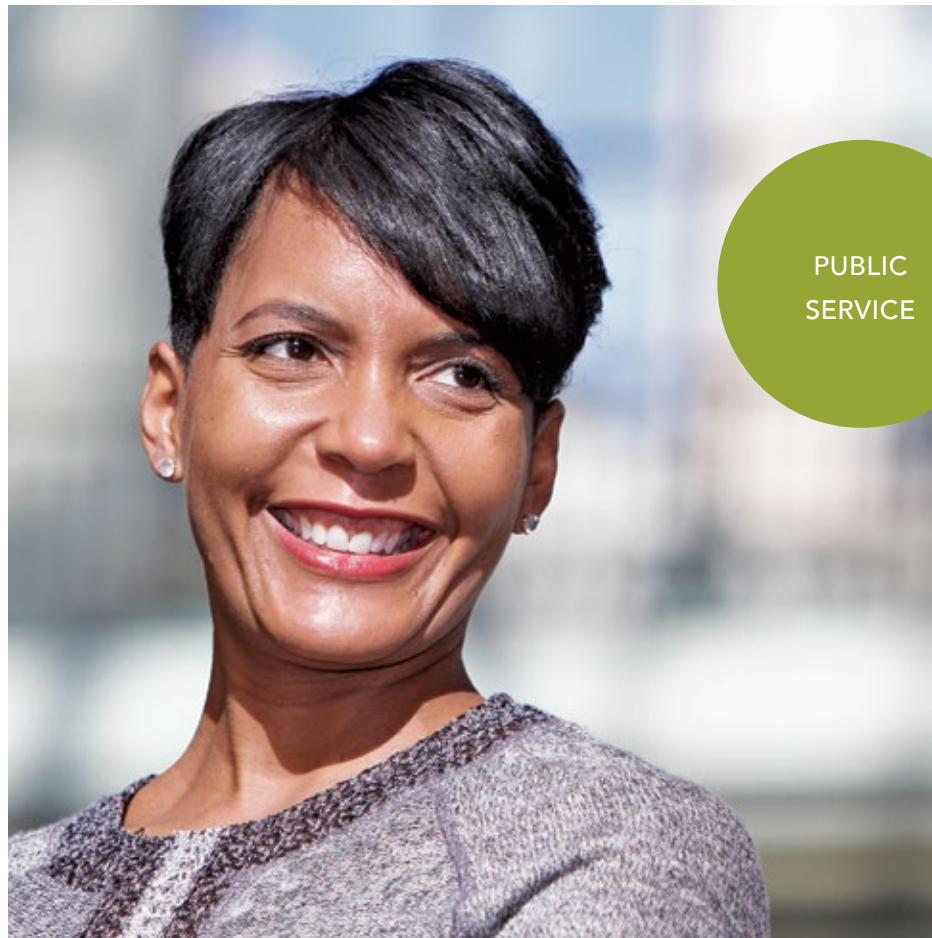
"Don't let the parameters of what you think a lawyer should be stop you from exploring new opportunities."

**Keisha Lance Bottoms
(J.D. '94)**

What led you to pursue a career in public service?

I pursued a countywide office in 2008, which gave me the opportunity to visit many neighborhoods across Atlanta. It was eye-opening to see

the difference that is made when community engagement is coupled with strong leadership. A year later, when my city council representative announced his retirement, I decided that as someone born and raised in Atlanta, serving on city council would be an incredible opportunity to make a difference in my community.



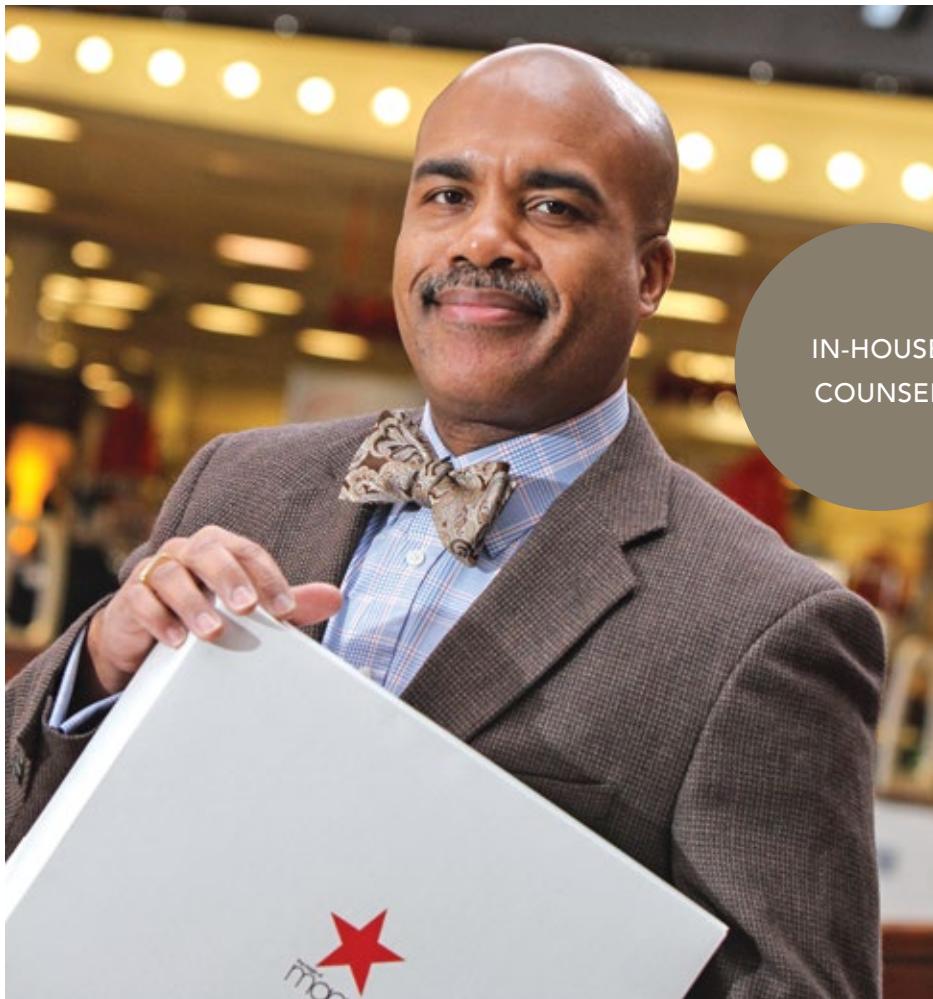
How important is your legal background to drafting legislation?

Writing, voting on and enacting laws has given me a completely different perspective on having a law degree. I view and use it much differently than I did during more than 20 years practicing law. I analyze issues through a different lens than my colleagues on the council who are not trained in the law. I give attention to details with a perspective of legal challenges that may arise, which ultimately helps makes the legislation stronger and the city better.

You've served as corporate counsel and as a judge and maintained your own practice. What advice do you have for those considering a legal career in a non-firm setting?

There is inherent value in having a law degree, and often attorneys are most valued in non-firm settings. My advice is to fully embrace the training you have as an attorney and not be afraid to apply that skill set in nontraditional settings.

Keisha Lance Bottoms (J.D. '94) serves as Atlanta City Council Member in District 11. She has been appointed executive director of the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority.



"I like that I help to create change at the company."

Shaun C. Willie (J.D. '97)

You began your professional life as an engineer, worked in a firm for several years, and have spent the last 12 years at Macy's and MARTA. What attracted you to these roles outside of law firms?

I clerked at Troutman Sanders, but I realized early on that I wanted to work as an in-house counsel. I was seeking a work-life balance because it

was very important to me. Early in my legal career, I started as an engineer at MARTA while maintaining a law practice. I then transitioned to MARTA's law department. At MARTA, 80 percent of my work was with contracts. That experience allowed me to move to Macy's, where I've spent the last eight years. Initially my focus was contracts, but my role has expanded. I still prepare, negotiate and manage contracts, but I'm now also Macy's lead counsel for the Americans with Disabilities Act and Occupational Safety and Health Act and am responsible for loss prevention and other matters.

What is most rewarding about your legal work?

I'm working to protect the brand, but overall, I love that I'm doing something positive by ensuring Macy's is addressing all ADA and OSHA matters. I like that I help to create change at the company. To make the shopping experience more inviting, including to those with disabilities, I help to ensure that we understand and apply all relevant code requirements. Helping our employees see on the front end that keeping merchandise out of the way and still visually appealing makes me feel like I am contributing to the overall image of our company.

What do you think is the forecast for roles as in-house counsel at companies or agencies? Is this a good path for law students?

It's a great path for law students. I highly recommend it. I'm a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel. Every summer we identify law students to work 10 weeks in an in-house law department. I was able to get Macy's to participate, and several Georgia State Law students have come through this program, which is a great way to make contacts. But I know that in-house jobs are more difficult to obtain. At Macy's we do 95 percent of our work in-house, which saves money for the company. We have our own litigation department. If anything, we've increased the number of in-house attorneys. If more corporations adopt Macy's approach, I would say the outlook is bright for in-house counsel positions.

Shaun C. Willie (J.D. '97) is senior counsel at Macy's.

Law schools in the U.S. find themselves at a crossroad:

Adapt or decline

by Deb Hammacher

The legal profession is transforming; yet the way law schools teach students has changed little in 100 years. The Socratic Method still rules. It is possible to graduate from a top-ranked school with little hands-on preparation to practice law.

Legal education is at a crossroad, yet Georgia State University College of Law is better prepared than many to adapt to the rapid change underway. The college was created in 1982 to provide a first-rate legal education tailored to meet the needs of its students. The majority of faculty members have practiced law. As a result, the college has earned a reputation for excellence in developing students who are well-rounded professionals ready to perform.

Nonetheless, Georgia State Law needs to adapt to better prepare its students. The college's relative youth enables it to be nimble. Yet, it must have a long-range plan to guide it.

A team of faculty and senior staff, led by Wendy F. Hensel, associate dean for research and faculty development and professor of law, crafted a strategic plan to guide the college through 2020.

"Where is the ball going to be in five, 10, 20 years? That's what this plan is about," Hensel says. "This is an entrepreneurial law school with an intense focus on students and the practice of law. We've always done things differently."

One example is the faculty's focus on practical research and connecting theory and practice.

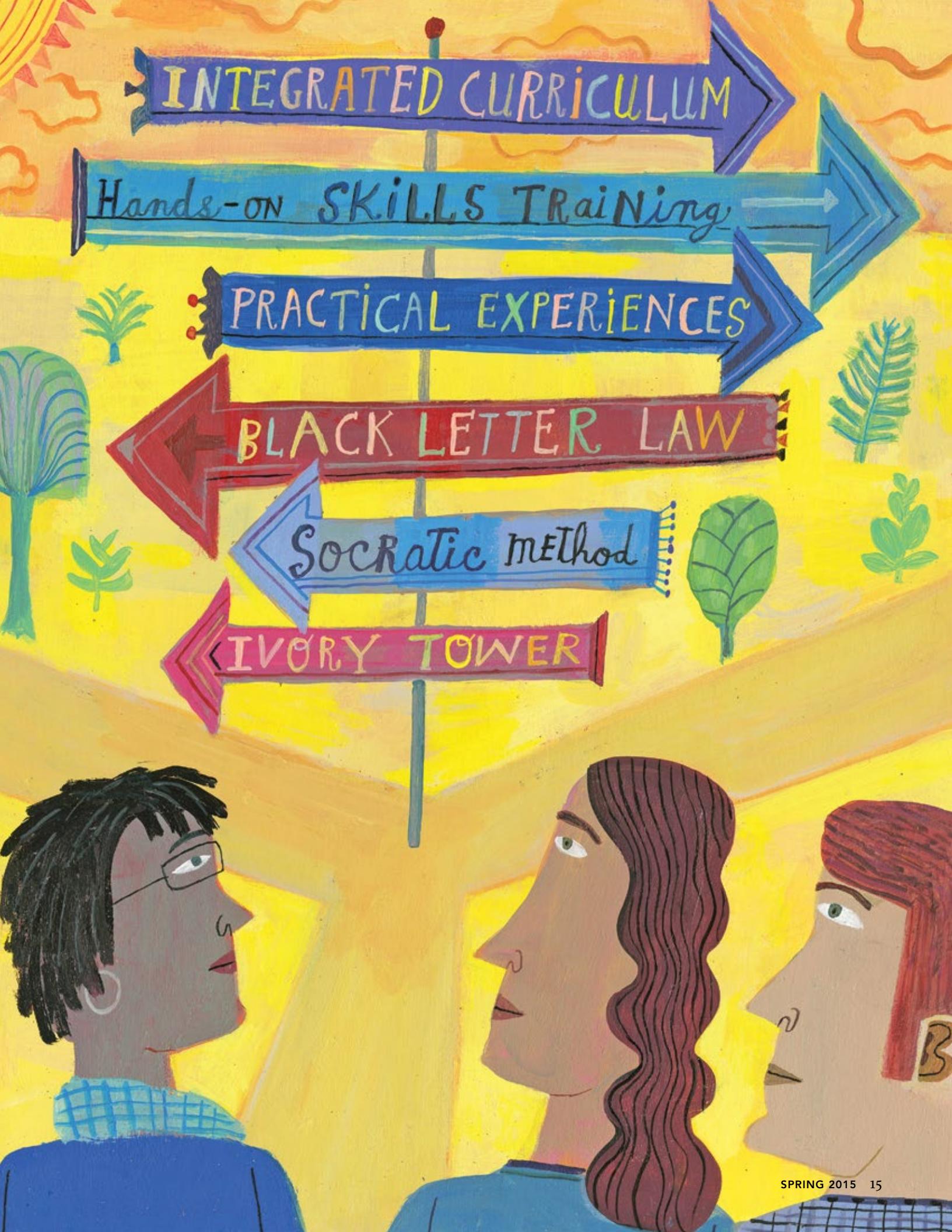
"We conduct research to advance the profession, and that connects back to teaching and preparing practitioners for the profession," Hensel says. "It's not research for the sake of research."

The plan is about focusing on a few areas of excellence and taking a systematic approach to legal education, Hensel says. "We will ensure that we provide a clear ladder of progression, that students have a clear roadmap to pursue their law school goals. It sounds so obvious, but it is oddly revolutionary."

This includes the certainty that a Georgia State student will be taught the skills, knowledge and values to practice law.

"We provide students an opportunity to fail in a safe setting," Hensel says. Through hands-on learning experience in classes such as Jessica Gabel Cino's bankruptcy course, students work with clients collaborating with a practicing attorney.

The strategic plan establishes five goals, each with a handful of initiatives:



INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

Hands-on SKILLS TRAINING

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

BLACK LETTER LAW

SOCRATIC METHOD

IVORY TOWER



Goal 1: Be a national leader in preparing students for success in rapidly changing professional environments by infusing the curriculum with innovative teaching, hands-on experience and professional development. Three initiatives foster innovative teaching, increase the options for practical experience and provide a clear course sequence and robust advising for students.

Goal 2: Enhance the college's research output that advances law and public policy. Five initiatives seek to nurture topical research, publicize that research more broadly, employ scholarship and academic expertise for the public good (see sidebar on veterans' clinic), grow the number of endowed professorships and boost externally funded research and scholarly collaborations outside of the college.

Goal 3: Serve as a dynamic hub that connects diverse communities to advance law and public policy. Five initiatives are intended to increase public awareness of and access to legal services. These include expanding public programming on topical law and policy issues, enhancing the online capacity for public engagement, improving capacity to assist underserved populations,

creating a facility within the new building for national and international dispute resolution (see sidebar on new center), and strengthening alumni engagement and identification with the college.

Goal 4: Enhance the college's engagement with — and graduates' competence in — a global legal environment. Three initiatives will broaden international perspectives and courses throughout the curriculum, expand collaborations with top international law schools and establish a successful LL.M program for foreign-trained lawyers.

Goal 5: Take steps to anticipate significant changes affecting legal education and mitigate their impact on the College of Law and its students. Four initiatives include establishing a roundtable on trends in legal practice and education, new job placement strategies for students, new recruitment strategies for prospective students and new revenue-generating programs beyond the J.D.



Accreditation changes call for more classroom creativity

Students and faculty of Georgia State Law will soon feel the effects of sweeping changes to the American Bar Association accreditation standards. According to Bucky Askew, the former director of the Office of Bar Admissions and legal education consultant for the ABA, the six-year overhaul results in three major overarching changes to the standards:

- the shift to student learning outcomes
- added emphasis on experiential learning
- encouragement of experimental curricula

Designed to better prepare students for life after law school, the ABA changes aim to ensure that students understand and retain the information and skills learned in each

course. Roy Sobelson, law professor and associate dean for academic affairs, says that because of the subjective nature of exams, the faculty has "adjusted the curriculum and is thinking of creative ways to present course materials that allow students to test their skills by using materials in a way that can be evaluated against a specific standard of competence."

Georgia State Law intends to remain a leader in experiential learning, according to Sobelson, by continuing to create an atmosphere that offers professors incentives to innovate with experimental education to make students as practice-ready as possible and better assess student performance and progress.

—Sarah Brooks (J.D. '15)

COLLEGE LAUNCHES LANDLORD-TENANT MEDIATION CLINIC

Georgia State University Law is expanding its student clinics to six with the addition of the new Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic at the Fulton County state and magistrate courts. The new clinic will open this fall.



"The comprehensive 28-hour training students receive to be certified as third-party neutrals in the state of Georgia and the hands-on training they receive by mediating hundreds of cases over the course of a year provide a deep learning experience," said Lisa Radtke Bliss, associate clinical professor and director of experiential education and co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic.

Bonnie Powell (J.D. '99), director of Fulton County's Landlord Tenant Mediation Program since 2004, will lead the clinic. More than 4,000 cases are mediated annually, with the majority of work being handled by students from

Atlanta law schools. About 115 Georgia State Law students have participated in the program since it began in 1995.

"This clinic is but one example of Georgia State Law's commitment to preparing our students in alternative dispute resolution as well as litigation," said Doug Yarn, professor of law and director of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.

"After participating in our clinic, our student-mediators will be extraordinarily well-prepared not only to mediate but also to represent clients in this process."

The mediation clinic will handle civil cases, particularly small claim issues, such as disputes between neighbors, consumers and businesses, and creditors and debtors.

"This is going to be a great addition for the college," Powell said, adding the opening will coincide with the opening of the new building.

VOLUNTEER CLINIC FOR VETERANS OPENS

Georgia State University supports its student veterans in numerous ways, including the new GSU Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans, created by the College of Law with the State Bar of Georgia and the Georgia State Army ROTC.

The clinic, located in the campus ROTC office, provides help to student veterans with issues such as disability and pension claims with the Veterans Administration, discharge records and employment law related to veteran status. Unlike most clinics though, they also advise on wills or domestic matters.

The college was approached by Norman Zoller, a liaison to the military and veterans section of the state bar and himself a veteran, about establishing a clinic. He and local volunteer lawyers, such as **Cary S. King (B.A. '63)**, **Patricia Shewmaker (J.D. '08)** and **Steven Shewmaker (J.D. '05)**, work to establish satellites and recruit volunteer lawyers.

"I am very proud to be at the beginning of this great clinic; the real history is that this country is able to rise above its differences and recognize the value of veterans," said Steven Shewmaker, a former Army Infantry officer.

The college employs a law student veteran to be a scheduler, who receives the initial phone call, does minor screening and tries to figure out what kind of problem it is, said Roy Sobelson, professor of law and associate dean for academic affairs. The student then brings in a lawyer triage team.

"We may well tell somebody there's nothing I can do, or that there's something that can be done, and that you can do it yourself, and here's how to do it," Sobelson said. "Maybe there's something that can be done and we can do it together. So we each take responsibility. And it may be so complicated that the lawyer will take it on his or herself. But there's one place the student veteran can go to ask his or her questions."



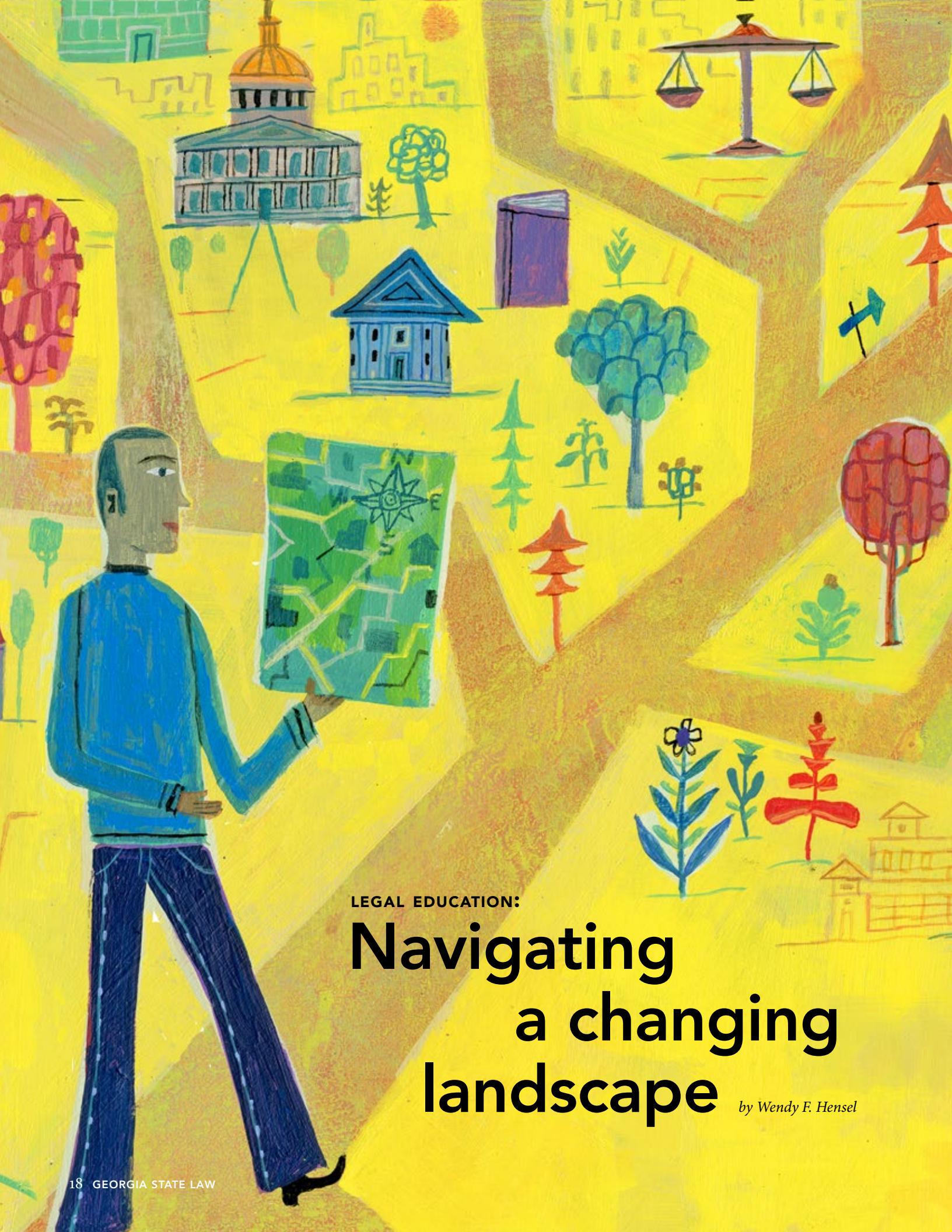
ATLANTA: A NEW HUB FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

The Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation "will help put Atlanta on the map as a hub for international commercial disputes," says Professor Douglas Yarn, executive director of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. The center will compete with established venues in Paris, London, Switzerland and Singapore as well as New York, Miami and Houston. Yarn says that Atlanta's easy access, affordability, local expertise and favorable commercial arbitration laws are a draw.

"The arbitration center is great for the local community," says Shelby Grubbs, the center's inaugural executive director, "because it will bring an enormous amount of talent and resources to Atlanta as well as enhance the city's brand." Arbitration centers are lucrative and will increase money spent on accommodation, transportation and food. The center, a college partnership with the Atlanta International Arbitration Society, will also serve law students by providing an opportunity for hands-on experience with skilled attorneys, arbitrators and mediators.

Housed in the new law building and expected to open in late summer 2015, the center is designed to best fit the needs of the arbitration process with state-of-the-art technology, conference and meeting space and access to Georgia State's outstanding law library.

—Sarah Brooks (J.D. '15)



LEGAL EDUCATION:

Navigating a changing landscape

by Wendy F. Hensel

WE ARE LIVING IN A TIME OF MAJOR CHANGE to both legal education and the practice of law. It is equally exciting and daunting to operate in an environment that has evolved more in the last 10 years than in the past 100. While this evolution poses many challenges to the profession, it also presents unprecedented opportunities to those of us passionately engaged in educating future lawyers.

Above all, there has been a demand that law schools be far more responsive to the needs of students and legal professionals than historically has been the case. It is no longer enough to plan a course of study that is consistent with current conditions in the market. Instead, the pace of change requires that we ask where the market will be in 20 years and prepare our students for a seamless transition to this new reality. We must identify and impart the knowledge, skills and judgment that students will need to operate as legal professionals in rapidly changing environments.

Fortunately, this approach is consistent with the entrepreneurial spirit that has always been pervasive at Georgia State Law. Because we are a relatively young school, we are consistently on the cutting edge of legal practice and less entrenched in the status quo.

We have a long-held reputation of preparing “practice-ready” attorneys and have never been content to merely convey the blackletter rules to our students, devoid of context. Instead, from the beginning, we have invested time and resources to engage students in the legal skills and values that every attorney needs to be successful. In some respects, other schools are simply catching up to the reality that we have always known — it is not enough to teach theory and philosophy of law without practice preparation.

My own experience as a law student exemplifies the need for this transition. Harvard Law School, while an outstanding institution, was not then known for emphasizing skill and knowledge development in a professional context. Instead, the focus primarily was on policy exploration and theoretical inquiry because of the standard belief that law firms would perform the “on the ground” training needed for the practice of law.

To put it plainly, those days are over. Law school



graduates now are expected to hit the ground running and be able to contribute from day one. It is the indisputable job of law schools to create an environment in which that is possible.

We at Georgia State Law have and will continue to step up our game in all respects to meet these challenges for our students. Our recently developed strategic plan highlights our curricular initiatives and focus on the future. We have added numerous clinics, externships, capstone courses and experiential simulations to allow students to act as legal professionals in meaningful settings prior to graduation.

In some respects, other schools are simply catching up to the reality that we have always known — it is not enough to teach theory and philosophy of law without practice preparation.

We are changing our definition of success to focus less on the resources and inputs we put into our curriculum and more on the demonstrable knowledge, skills and values students possess when they leave our classrooms. We are set to occupy a new building that is strategically equipped with the latest technology and resources to move our students to the next level of practice-readiness.

And, significantly, we are actively partnering with our alumni and the Georgia bar to create exciting, synergistic opportunities for our constituencies. We are committed to ensuring that everything we do is relevant and responsive to the ever-changing “real world” practice of law.

These indeed are exciting times at the College of Law. We welcome and encourage everyone to get involved with us as we move forward to meet the challenges of practicing law in the next 100 years.

Wendy F. Hensel, associate dean for faculty development and research and professor of law, chaired the college's strategic plan committee. She teaches and writes about disability discrimination in American society and its intersection with education, employment and tort law. Hensel graduated from Harvard Law School with honors and practiced labor and employment law for several years with the law firm of Alston & Bird, where she litigated disability discrimination cases and counseled Fortune 500 companies on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tips for practitioners

Avoiding ethical problems in social media

by Nicole G. Iannarone, Assistant Clinical Professor, Investor Advocacy Clinic

Did you hear about the lawyer who was suspended for responding to a client's review on Yelp? Or the lawyer who lost her job after posting a photo of her client's courtroom attire on Facebook? Avoid these pitfalls by following five simple rules:

Know your jurisdiction.

Not all bar regulators agree about how the ethics rules apply to social media. Read the ethics rules in each jurisdiction where you are licensed. Then, look for ethics advisory opinions on social media in those jurisdictions. If you are licensed in more than one jurisdiction, follow the most stringent rules. Beware of opinions outside your licensing jurisdiction—for example, while the American Bar Association issued several opinions on social media, those opinions aren't binding and are based upon rules that might differ from your licensing jurisdiction(s).

Remember confidentiality.

The confidentiality rule is much broader than most lawyers think. In Georgia, "all information gained in the professional relationship" is confidential. The American Bar Association says similar language means that even a published opinion is confidential and cannot be disclosed without the client's informed consent (a defined term in the rules). Before you mention anything about a client's case, ask for permission after discussing the pros and cons of posting. If you aren't comfortable asking for permission, you probably shouldn't post it.

Tell the truth.

Advertising rules apply to lawyers' social media use. Most jurisdictions, including Georgia, require all advertising be truthful and not misleading. Making up a story or embellishing or omitting unflattering details could earn you a disciplinary complaint.

Nothing is private.

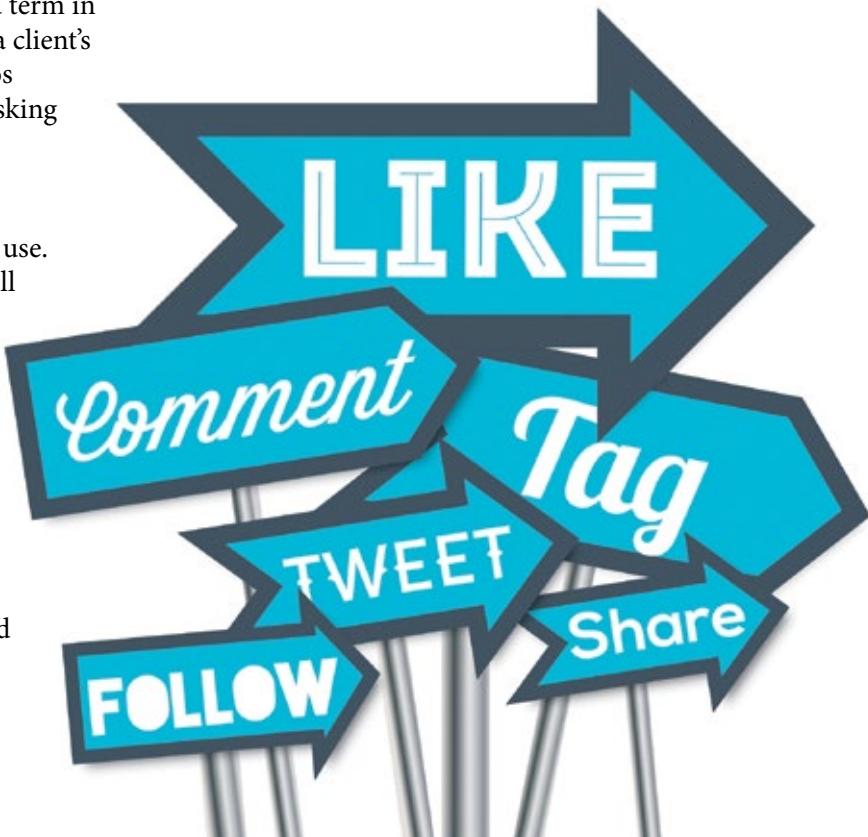
Keeping close tabs on your friends, restricting access to your accounts and having separate professional and personal accounts won't keep you out of hot water. The lawyer fired

for posting a photo of her client's courtroom attire used a personal Facebook page limited to a few friends. One of those friends rightfully reported the misconduct to a judge. Assume everything is public and follow the rules whether using your personal or business accounts.

Stop and think.

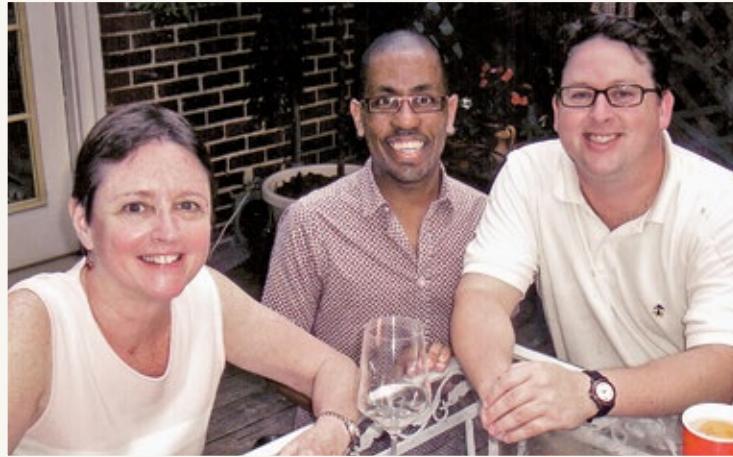
A thoughtless click of a mouse is all it takes to create exhibit 1 to a disciplinary complaint and ruin your reputation. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to remove information once posted. Use common sense and ask yourself a few questions before you post: *Does this reflect who I strive to be as a lawyer? Will my colleagues, peers and potential clients view this positively? Will I still want to post this next week?* If the answer to those questions is no, don't post it, no matter how funny or interesting the item is.

Nicole G. Iannarone, assistant clinical professor, oversees the Investor Advocacy Clinic, where she helps provide students with an opportunity to represent small investors with claims against their brokers before FINRA and to help educate potential investors.



Beloved mentor of other librarians

by Ron Wheeler



Nancy with Ron Wheeler (center) and Terrance Manion (J.D. '02) (right)

Nancy P. Johnson (J.D. '86) was the associate dean for library and information services and professor of law at Georgia State University College of Law until her retirement in 2012.

Nancy began her career at Georgia State Law as the director of the Law Library in 1982. For the next four years, she attended the evening program, earning her J.D. Upon her graduation, she joined the faculty, teaching alongside the professors whose classes she had taken.

Nancy was loved by her students, the faculty, law librarians and staff whom she directed. Indeed she taught and/or mentored an entire generation of lawyers and law librarians. Nancy was an icon of the profession of law librarianship, developing particular expertise in the area of federal legislative history research. Nancy produced important scholarly works throughout the

past 30 years, focusing on legal research, legal research instruction and academic law libraries. Noteworthy publications also include *Legal Research Exercises*, a legal research workbook, with an accompanying instructor's manual in its 11th edition; *Winning Research Skills*, a book co-written with Robert Berring and Thomas Woxland in its sixth edition; and *Georgia Legal Research*, co-written with Elizabeth G. Adelman and Nancy J. Adams, which has become the "go-to" text for those attempting to resolve state-specific legal research questions in Georgia. Her 2009 article, "Best Practices: What First-Year Law Students Should Learn in a Legal Research Class," earned Nancy the ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award for 2010, and *State Documents Bibliography: Georgia*, co-written with me, was released in December 2012.

Nancy had a reputation for developing librarians who became directors, associate directors, federal court library administrators and more. Several enjoy jobs at schools like the Howard University School of Law, Suffolk University Law School, Charleston School of Law, University at Buffalo School of Law and one who returned to Georgia State Law to succeed her.

Nancy was an accomplished and devoted teacher. She taught legal research since 1983 and taught various subjects in library schools at the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science and the University of Washington Graduate School of Library Science. There are hundreds of practicing attorneys and law librarians who studied under Nancy and benefited from her legal research expertise. Nancy empathized with students in the *(continued on page 23)*

Nancy Patricia Johnson (J.D. '86), age 65, died Dec. 13, after a seven-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, as well as a highly respected and devoted librarian, professor, mentor and legal scholar.

Born in Chicago to Jim and Marie Reilly in 1949, she graduated in 1971 with a B.A. from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. She earned her master's in library science from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in 1974 and a J.D. from Georgia State Law in 1986.

Johnson worked in a variety of libraries, ranging from Chicago inner-city bookmobiles in the 1960s, to law schools at the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois in the 1970s, to Georgia State from 1980 to 2012.

A tremendous loss to law librarianship

by Kristina L. Niedringhaus

Many alumni remember Nancy P. Johnson (J.D. '86), associate dean for library and information services and professor of law emerita, through her role teaching legal research and directing the Law Library and her commitment to the College of Law and its students.

She was an integral part of the development of the college and the Law Library. Her impact began with the earliest students and continues through the design of the new building.

While Nancy was important to the Law Library and the college, she also had a profound influence on the profession of law librarianship. Throughout her career, and even after retirement, Nancy inspired and nurtured entire generations of law librarians. She mentored law librarians on research, teaching, scholarship, management and personal life issues.

A prolific scholar, Nancy wrote more works than can be detailed here. Perhaps most famous among law librarians is Nancy's *Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories: A Bibliography of Government Documents, Periodical Articles, and Books*. This work, considered seminal in the field, made finding compiled legislative history sources accessible to countless researchers. First published in 1979 and updated throughout the years, the resource is a key component of HeinOnline's U.S. Federal Legislative History Library.

One of the early founders of the CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, Legal Research Community Authoring Project, Nancy envisioned the possibility of self-paced, interactive, online legal research training. Nearly 150 legal research classes across the country utilize CALI lessons to support student

understanding of research concepts.

Nancy's work with CALI was in accordance with her dedication to teaching. She began teaching legal research in 1983 and continued throughout her career. In addition to teaching the first-year and advanced legal research classes, Nancy taught in several library schools, including Clark Atlanta University's School of Library and Information Studies.

Nancy was a highly regarded presenter at professional conferences and committed many volunteer hours to numerous professional organizations. A testament to her service to the profession, she won nearly every major award in law librarianship. She received the 2014 inaugural

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Law Libraries and Legal Information Award for "outstanding contributions to teaching and scholarship." Nancy also received the AALL Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, the AALL Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Libraries, and the SEAALL Life Member Award and was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame.

Perhaps Nancy's greatest impact was through her commitment to mentoring law librarians. She always volunteered in the AALL mentoring program, supervised numerous library internships and practicums, and nurtured a host of future leaders in law librarianship. Nancy often co-wrote works with less experienced librarians. Through these experiences, she could mentor budding scholars and give them a publishing opportunity they may not have secured on their own.

Similarly, she sought out speaking opportunities for librarians she mentored, boosting their profile in the



Back row: Beth Adelman, Terrance Manion, Nan Adams. Front row: Karen Douglas, Qian Cui, Nancy Johnson, Kris Niedringhaus

profession. Nancy also focused on developing librarians to take on increased responsibility. Many librarians mentored by Nancy speak of how she not only helped them develop as librarians, scholars and teachers but also provided great support and empathy through difficult personal trials.

Nancy was an amazing and passionate librarian, teacher and mentor. Her excellence was made all the more remarkable for her humor, kindness, humbleness and generosity of spirit. She leaves behind a legacy of librarians who strive to follow her example. The profession could ask for nothing more.

Kristina Niedringhaus, associate dean for the library and information services and associate professor of law, served as associate director from 2001 to 2003 under Johnson.

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evening program and insisted on teaching her Advanced Legal Research course at night. She remained committed to providing educational opportunities to students attending school at night just as she, herself, had done.

Perhaps most importantly, Nancy was an understated, kind, compassionate and giving professional colleague. Her warm, benevolent personality earned her literally hundreds of real friendships with law librarians all across the nation. Mention her name to any law librarian and you will hear comments like, "really nice, friendly, truly caring and just so smart."

The depth of her caring is evinced by the details she remembered about the suffering of others. She made a point of calling or emailing people she knew had been ill. In particular, her battle with ovarian cancer made her determined to be a resource for those living with cancer. She never hid her struggle, and when she heard of another's cancer-related struggle, she would reach out with words of encouragement and optimism, and she would generously share the details of her experience.

Ron Wheeler, director of the Law Library and information resources and associate professor of legal research at Suffolk Law School, served as associate director under Johnson.

Royalties to Law Library

Nancy Johnson's love for the Law Library continues. Her family has donated the annual royalties from her book, *Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories*, to the library.

"My son and I decided that Nancy (J.D. '86) would be delighted to know that the royalties from one of her books is dedicated to the ongoing support of Georgia State Law," said William Johnson, Nancy Johnson's husband of 44 years.

First written in 1979, she compiled the legislative history of every bill "since the first Congress," Johnson said. "Well, I say every bill, but that is my non-law understanding. I am sure that nearly every law school and law library continues to buy both the hard copy and the digital subscription.

"Nancy was dedicated to law librarianship," he said. "She recognized the importance of legal scholarship and understood documents and how to use them. She was committed to the profession from both a research and a legal research education standpoint.

"The cancer, especially toward the end, did not stop her from writing articles or updating that book," Johnson said. "In fact, the latest edition arrived the week Nancy died. The publisher has told me the high demand book will continue. In fact, another author is picking up her work. I believe the new author has an affiliation with Georgia State, which is nice."

The royalty payments will help the Law Library better serve students and the profession, said Kristina Niedringhaus, Nancy Johnson's successor.

"Nancy's royalties will help support library outreach and training for students and faculty," Niedringhaus said. "The royalties will also help support the professional development of librarians in areas such as teaching legal research, an area that Nancy was quite passionate about."

She was blessed to work with and mentor many young librarians, Johnson's husband said. "She loved the Law Library. It was a chance for her to build a new library and get to know the faculty. Even though she was a student, they treated her as a colleague."

"Nancy loved her job and the people she was working with," Johnson said. "She loved all the deans, particularly Steve Kaminshine. She definitely worked with him longer than most."



Creating a community-based firm

by Jaya Franklin

When Mawuli Davis (J.D. '02) and Robert Bozeman (J.D. '01) created a law firm in Decatur seven years ago, they wanted more than a traditional atmosphere. They wanted one committed to advocating for their community.

The business partners take pride in being familiar faces in the community. The Davis Bozeman Law Firm is considered a household name in South DeKalb County. In fact, the motto for the firm is "Your Attorney, Advocate and Friend."

"We were inspired to build something in our community, to become great lawyers with great reputations and to just get things done the right way," says Davis, who offered free representation to Atlanta protestors over the Michael Brown shooting that took place in Ferguson, Missouri.

Davis and Bozeman became friends working together as members of the Black Law Students Association. After graduation Davis accepted a position at Troutman Sanders LLP and Bozeman took a job with King & Spalding.

In 2004, Davis decided to open the doors of his solo practice. Two years later he reunited with Bozeman to build a joint practice focusing on personal injury, criminal defense, wrongful death and civil rights.

"It was interesting because when I left Troutman, I got so much support from the Georgia State Law faculty. They were very encouraging," Davis recalls. In 2007, the partners started with just two employees. Now their staff includes about 16 people total.

The firm also contains a community affairs department, proving that the Davis Bozeman Law Firm caters to the community beyond just legal representation. They host self-defense classes for women and a mentorship program to guide young black males. The firm also designs literature to inform members of the public on different situations that they may encounter, like what they should do if they are in an accident or stopped by the police.

The lawyers have been featured in local news outlets for their legal expertise, and for their hard work in the courtroom and on the street. In 2007, Davis was listed as one of 15 Lawyers Under 40 "On the Rise" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*.

The attorneys take their cases personally, and they attribute a great deal of their knowledge and success to the Georgia State Law program, faculty and staff.

"There were no lawyers in my family. I didn't even know a lawyer until I attended law school," Davis says. Bozeman agrees, saying things were pretty much the same for him until he became acquainted with a few lawyers at his church that influenced his ultimate decision to attend law school.

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—Mawuli Davis (J.D. '02)

Now he's taking the advice he received and sharing it with aspiring lawyers: "Find a mentor in your area where you're trying to work; don't worry about pay because the money will come," Bozeman says. "Figure out as quickly as you can the type of law you want to practice."

Bozeman says it is important for law students to learn to write. He believes that this skill will have a greater impact on a person's success as an attorney.

A nontraditional path to law

by Jaya Franklin

Nowadays, the life of Claudia Adkison (J.D. '91) includes one of her favorite pastimes: walking her pet poodle, Enzo, and teaching him tricks. Traveling with her husband also rates. They were looking forward to a safari adventure in Tanzania in April.

But more than 20 years ago, Adkison's life was nothing more than late nights and early mornings. In her 16th year as a professor at Emory University School of Medicine, she decided to "shake things up a bit" and pursue her juris doctorate at Georgia State University College of Law.

She would get up at 4 a.m. to read law, then study for her class lecture, which would take place a few hours later at Emory. At 6 p.m. she headed to Georgia State Law until 10 p.m., when she would return home.

"I got home at 11 p.m. or midnight. It took me four years to complete my degree instead of three years," says Adkison, who served as a professor and a full-time researcher.

In her 16th year as a professor at Emory University School of Medicine, Claudia Adkison (J.D. '91) decided to "shake things up a bit" and pursue her juris doctorate at Georgia State University College of Law.

"Part of the Georgia State University College of Law's mission is to create a place for working individuals to be able to juggle. ... When you've experienced the world, you have a different level of appreciation," Adkison says. "From the minute I stepped into Georgia State, I loved it. I thought the professors were outstanding. It was a wonderful experience."

After completing her law degree, she decided to leave teaching to become an intellectual property lawyer dealing mostly with biotech patents and copyrights. Adkison did not expect to return to academics; however, an offer to come back to Emory's medical school as an executive associate dean five years later changed that.

"I was number two in charge, so it was a tough decision to leave the law practice and to return to the medical school. But I was in charge; I had authority. I was able to use all of my professional experience and apply it," she says.



Her law degree definitely helped in dealing with employment law to reading contracts. "Most of the time you have to call a lawyer for these things. I felt that I brought value to the school," Adkison says. "I couldn't have done it without that combination."

Adkison says the law has always sparked her interest. "Reading the newspaper, I was always interested in cases, rules and policies. I like how they bring order to chaos. I wanted to do something that requires a lot of thought and problem solving."

The Georgia State Law alumna retired two years ago from Emory. Now she serves as an international consultant helping medical schools worldwide with policies and procedures to assist them in developing better health care professionals.

Adkison says now she has a new business venture to explore, thanks to her love for travel. "I'm thinking of becoming an international travel agent, dealing only with high-end travel," she says.

Faculty news

PRESENTATIONS

Courtney Anderson, assistant professor of law: Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, the Health Law Professors Conference, and Study Space VII in Barcelona.

Lisa Radtke Bliss, associate clinical professor of law, director of experiential education and co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic: a panelist on "Teaching Professional Identity," convened at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference in August. Invited speaker among "Leading Voices of the Future in Legal Education" at a symposium on Legal Education and the Practice of Law held to inaugurate the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business and Technology at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law in September. Southern Clinical Conference at William and Mary Law School on "Self-Directed Learning: Exploring the Potential of Journals and Other Written Reflection to Help Students Become Lifelong Learners."

Mark Budnitz, professor of law emeritus, presented at the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

Sylvia Caley (J.D. '89), associate clinical professor of law: two national webinars, one for the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership on "Codifying Medical-Legal Partnerships Through State Legislation as a Sustainability Strategy," and one hosted by the American Health Lawyers Association to educate members about the mission and benefits of medical-legal partnerships.

Russell Covey, professor of law: co-organizing a discussion group on innocence in criminal law at the 2015 meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, where he plans to present his research. He presented a draft of the article, "Rules, Standards, Sentencing, and the Nature of Law," to colleagues at the College of Law's faculty workshop series.

Yarn trains mediators in Turkey

Professor **Douglas Yarn** conducted mediation training for law students at Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi in Istanbul in summer 2014. His training coincides with Turkey's recent adoption of new laws for mediation and restorative justice in both minor criminal matters and civil disputes.

"Our consortium follows and monitors legislation in restorative justice around the world but mostly in the U.S.," Yarn says. "Turkey's legislative recognition of mediation to achieve restorative justice in criminal justice reform is more sophisticated than most legislation in the United States, certainly more so than anything in the South." Turkey is new to mediation and doesn't have a large pool of trained mediators — thus the need for training.



Under restorative justice, offenders are not excused of crime or let off the hook. Rather, crime is viewed as a violation of people and relationships and creates obligations. Processes are designed to heal and reconcile by including victims, community members, law enforcement and sometimes corrections officials in dialogue with the offender.

Studies show the effectiveness of the process in reducing recidivism because offenders realize the effect of their act, internalize it and gain empathy for victims, show remorse and then act in some way to right their own wrong, Yarn says.

Andrea Curcio, professor of law: on developing culturally sensible lawyers in October at a Society of American Law Teachers conference. She works with SALT as it responds to various proposed changes in ABA law school accreditation standards.

Samuel A. Donaldson, professor of law: 41 professional conferences in the United States in 2014, including the University of Miami's Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, the Southern Federal Tax Institute, the Southern California Tax and Estate Planning Forum, and the Seattle Estate Planning Seminar.

William A. Edmundson, Regents Professor of Law: "Do Animals Need Rights?" at a conference on "The Animal Turn and the Law: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and New Directions in Animal Law," at the Universität Basel, Juristische Fakultät, last April, with EGALS – EuroGroup for Animal Law Studies, and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, in Heidelberg. One paper based on the presentation has appeared in the *Journal of Political Philosophy* and another is forthcoming in the *European Journal of International Law*.

Erin C. Fuse Brown, assistant professor of law, presented her article, "Resurrecting Health Care Rate Regulation," as a 2014 Health Law Scholar at a workshop by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics and Saint Louis University School of Law. She presented her hospital pricing research at the annual meetings of the Law & Society Association, Southeast Association of Law Schools, Indiana University's McKinney School of Law and the University of Houston Law Center.

Yaniv Heled, assistant professor of law, presented his work at the PatCon4 Conference in the University of San Diego, the Governance of Emerging Technologies Conference hosted by Arizona State University, the IP Scholars Conference at University of California-Berkeley, the Workshop on Personalized Medicine and Intellectual Property at Boston University, the Neuro-Intervention and the Law conference at Georgia State University, Redrawing the Public Domain(s) Symposium at Michigan State University, and the Food and Drug Law Institute's annual symposium on Emerging Issues and New Frontiers for FDA Regulation in Washington, D.C., among others.

Wendy F. Hensel, associate dean of research and faculty development and professor of law, presented recent developments in vouchers for students with disabilities to attorney and educator audiences at the Ohio State University Moritz School of Law, the Education Law Association's Annual Conference in Denver and Loyola University in New Orleans.

Nicole Iannarone, assistant clinical professor, spoke on two panels, "Did I Make a Mistake? Disciplinary Situations and Options for Lawyers and Judges" and "Wrap-Up: Where do we go from Here?" She presented "Practice Ready Lawyers Don't Just Represent Clients: Experiential Education for the Business of Law" at Emory School of Law's conference Educating the Transactional Lawyer of Tomorrow, "The Ethical Implications of Social Media and Emergent Technologies" at the Public Investors Bar Association Securities Law Institute, "Hot Topics in Ethics and Professionalism" at the National Bar Association Annual Conference, and "Ethics and Professionalism" for the State Bar of Georgia's YLD Leadership Academy. She moderated "Ethical and Professional Issues in an Electronic World" for the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, "Social

Media: Practice Development Through Verdict" for the Atlanta Bar Association Litigation Section, "The Ethics of Cloud Computing and Modern Technologies" for the YLD Ethics & Professionalism Committee, and "Challenges in the Trial Courts" for the Georgia State Law Review Symposium—"Delayed Justice: The Current Landscape of Civil Litigation." She was a panelist on "Ethics for Corporate Counsel" for the Georgia Chapter of Association for Corporate Counsel, and "Ethics Update" for the Georgia-Alabama Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers.

Julian C. Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law and director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, co-presented "The Rationale for Needs-Based Permitting," at the 2014 Growth and Infrastructure Consortium conference, co-organized and presented at the Inclusionary Housing Legal Status Convening hosted by the Atlanta Regional Commission, and co-presented at the Atlanta Equitable TOD Collaborative and Georgia State College of Law. He co-presented at the Rocky Mountain Institute in Denver

on "Can Government Prevent the Next Bust? The Rationale for Need-Based Permitting," on the ways that local government officials and staff can effectively check potentially unsound development projects. He co-presented: "Can Impact Fees Prevent Sprawl? Yes, but ...," and "The Right Things in the Wrong Places."

Kendall Kerew, assistant clinical professor and externship program co-director, co-presented "Training the People Who Train Our Students: Common Threads and Lessons Learned" and a session for new clinicians, "Seizing on the Opportunities and Challenges of the Field Supervisor Relationship," at the Externships 7 Conference. She presented "Educating Money (and Other Motivators): Teaching Social Justice and Life Balance to Future For-Profit Attorneys," at the 2014 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education and served as a member of the planning committee for the 2014 Southern Clinical Conference.

Timothy K. Kuhner, associate professor of law: audiences at the United Nations, Transparency International, Common Cause,

the Harvard Coop, Columbia University Bookstore and Georgia State Law as part of a book tour.

Michael Landau, professor of law: "Fair Use After Authors Guild v. Google" at the College of Law's Springposium; a University of Indiana at Bloomington Center for Intellectual Property Research conference on Law and the Arts in May; on "Fair Use and Transformative Use at the Hot Topics in IP Law," at Georgia State and was a panelist at the Association of Corporate Counsel in July on "Digital Collaboration, Value Creation and Commercialization."

Paul A. Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law: to the staff of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues in Washington, D.C.; was a visiting professor at the Sind Institute for Urology and Transplantation in Karachi, Pakistan; presented papers at the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities and the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference; gave the 35th Annual Reynolds Historical Lecture at the University of Alabama, Birmingham; delivered

keynote lectures for symposia at the University of Utah College of Law, Medical College of Wisconsin and North Carolina State University program on Genetics and Society; lectured at Grand Rounds for the Department of Psychiatry, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn; gave the Heberden Society Lecture at Weill Medical College of Cornell University; was a respondent at the Yale University School of Law workshop: "Intersections in Reproduction"; presented the University Seminar on Disability Studies at Columbia University; and spoke at the Asian/Pacific/American Institute at New York University.

Lauren Sudeall Lucas, assistant professor of law: the Culp Colloquium at Duke Law School and "Re-Envisioning Race in a 'Post-Racial' Era: New Approaches in Critical Race Theory" at Yale Law School. She was a lead speaker at the Fred Gray Civil Rights Symposium at Faulkner University Jones School of Law; her related piece, "Lawyering to the Lowest Common Denominator: Strickland v. Washington and the Underfunding of Indigent Defense" is forthcoming. She participated in a symposium at the University of Michigan to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Michigan Journal of Race and Law.

John T. Marshall, assistant professor, co-presented "The Rationale for Needs-Based Permitting" at the 2014 Growth and Infrastructure Consortium conference "Bringing it all Together: Fiscally Sustainable Communities" and co-delivered a presentation at the Rocky Mountain Institute in Denver on "Can Government Prevent the Next Bust? The Rationale for Need-Based Permitting," focusing on ways local governments can effectively check potentially unsound development projects. He helped organize and presented at the Inclusionary Housing Legal Status Convening hosted by the Atlanta Regional Commission and co-presented by the Atlanta Equitable TOD Collaborative and Georgia State Law.

Washington: Welfare pipeline to prison

Associate professor **Tanya Washington** addressed racial bias and profiling in the child welfare system during the National Bar Association's Presidential Showcase Panel to discuss racial profiling.

During the keynote event at the association's annual convention in Atlanta, Washington joined civil rights notables the Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson and National Legal Defense Fund Director Sherrilyn Ifill. The panel marked the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act (1964) and the 60th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954).

"The child welfare system supplies the pipeline to prison with a steady supply of black children, who are overrepresented in foster care," Washington says. "Black families are less likely to receive in-home support services to preserve the family unit, and a black child is two times more likely than a white child to be removed from their home and placed in foster care."

According to studies, 26 percent of foster children are black; however, black children only comprise 13 percent of the nation's children.

One in three African-American males have a lifetime likelihood of imprisonment or court supervision, compared with one in six Hispanic males and one in 17 white males.

"How did we get to this point? We need more research focused on how race and class conspire to create this troubling reality for black children," Washington says.

Kristina L. Niedringhaus, associate dean for library and information services and associate professor: the current educational research findings on student success tied to grit, tenacity and perseverance and how to implement these findings in the legal skills curriculum at the biennial Legal Writing Institute and the American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting. At the latter she facilitated a round table on Best Practices for the 21st Century Law Library.

Mary Radford, Marjorie Fine Knowles Professor of Law, spoke about "Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity" at the North Carolina Federal Tax Institute, the Connecticut Bar Association Estate Planning Council, the Fairfield County Community Foundation and the Wilmington Trust Professional Advisors Seminar. She presented "The Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Estate Planning Disputes" at the American Law Institute Seminar on Advanced Estate Planning Techniques.

Ryan Rowberry, assistant professor of law and associate director for the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, is helping to organize Study Space VIII in Warsaw, a weeklong intensive workshop in June in which scholars from around the globe come together with government and private sector professionals in Warsaw, Poland, to discuss and develop solutions to the challenges surrounding city resilience. He spoke on cultural and historic resource issues at the Arts Law Colloquium at DePaul Law School, the 3rd International Conference on Urban Disaster Reduction, the Gas & Preservation Partnership Summit, and the International Municipal Lawyers Association annual conference among others.

Deborah Schander, coordinator of digital projects and outreach, serves as president of the Atlanta Law Libraries Association and chair of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries' membership committee. Last summer, Schander coordinated the "ALL-SIS Legal Research Roundtable" for the AALL annual meeting

Changing the culture

"WE BLAME DOMESTIC VIOLENCE on the woman. Guilt, shame and stigma are ingrained into the center of our being," said **Jessica Gabel Cino**, associate professor of law, during the Women Inspire Speaker Series in November. She kicked off the series with "Despicable She: How Society and the Criminal Justice System Vilify the Domestic Violence Victim."

Gabel told of two women she represented. Both were in abusive relationships and finally fought back.

Each was arrested and charged with domestic violence. She requested counseling but was denied that option for both.

Gabel prepared their cases knowing there were two options: self defense or battered woman syndrome. Stand Your Ground defenses, ostensibly set up to empower women to defend themselves against attackers, do not apply in these cases.

"A woman cannot use force against an intimate partner, even if he has previously beaten her or threatened to kill her, until the moment he actually attacks her," Gabel said.

The battered woman's syndrome defense also has its flaws, said Gabel. "The defense requires extensive evidence, expert testimony and intense scrutiny of my client's life. Her life is served up on a platter, and with that comes lots of judgment.

"The 'despicable she' double standard is not just an artifact of the legal process, it is a societal double standard as well. We, women, need to focus our attention towards compassion and support rather than questioning choices. Let's focus on prevention."

and was a speaker for the "Connecting the Dots: Improving User Experience Through Continuous Feedback and Action" program at the CALI Conference for Law School Computing.

Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law: presentations about a faculty fellowship program at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association and the 2014 Public Health Law Conference. She gave a separate talk at this conference on "Law, Public Health, and the Diabetes Epidemic." She organized two workshops on "Starting, Building, and Fostering Health Law Programs: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know (and Didn't Know Whom to Ask)" at the 37th

Annual Health Law Professors Conference. She was invited to speak on "Ethics Consultations and Conflict Engagement in Health Care," at the Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution Workshop.

Eric Segall, Kathy and Lawrence Ashe Professor of Law: public talks on the Supreme Court. He participated in the American Constitution Society's year-end Supreme Court Review at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Emily Suski, assistant clinical professor: "Cyberbullying, School Authority, and Privacy" at the University of Kentucky Developing Ideas Conference and at the AALS Conference on

Clinical Legal Education. She was a panelist at the AALS Annual Meeting and was elected co-chair of the Poverty Law Section of AALS. She serves as co-chair of the Scholarship Committee of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education and served on the planning committee for the 2014 Southern Clinical Conference.

Jonathan Todres, professor of law: papers at University of Florida College of Medicine, University of Washington School of Law, UC Hastings College of Law, Quinnipiac University, and Indiana University at Indianapolis. Served as chair-elect of the AALS Section on International Human Rights. (see news brief)

Anne Tucker, associate professor of law: at Harvard University Business Law Review Conference on Benefit Corporations, the AALS annual meeting and mid-year meetings, and Law and Society. Tucker's scholarship focused on the controversial Hobby Lobby case heard before the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2014.

Tanya Washington, associate professor of law: at Harvard Law School on the Supreme Court's affirmative action jurisprudence. She was a panelist at the inaugural event for the newly opened National Center for Civil and Human Rights in September, which focused on the rights of children in LGBT families.

Robert F. Weber, associate professor of law: the International Financial Regulation Workshop at Tulane University, the National Business Law Scholars Conference at Loyola Law School, to the faculty of Mercer University School of Law, and the Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law held at the University of California-Davis.

Douglas Yarn, professor of law and executive director of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, chaired a panel for the law review's symposium and presented a paper on evolutionary psychology at the Psychology and Law Conference at UNLV. He presented a paper at the annual conference of the European



Report highlights Todres' children's rights work

A REPORT ON BULLYING by the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council of the National Academies highlights the work of Professor of Law **Jonathan Todres**.

In "Building Capacity to Reduce Bullying," Todres talks of early interventions to combat this long tolerated and common problem, suggesting that creating incentives for positive behavior rather than just punishing bad behavior may be an effective intervention.

Most states have adopted or amended anti-bullying legislation in the past 15 years.

For more than 15 years, Todres has researched and written on issues related to children's rights and child well being, publishing more than 40 academic articles and book chapters.

He provided written testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary during a September hearing. The House committee considered testimony about

Network of Ombudsmen in Higher Education in Warsaw, Poland, and taught for the college's Summer Institute in International Commercial Arbitration in Linz, Austria.

PROJECT LAUNCH

Anderson launched Law and Health Equity in Spring 2014, which paired eight students with four community groups in underserved areas of Atlanta to help mitigate health disparities in these neighborhoods.

COMMENTATOR

Budnitz submitted comments to the Federal Reserve Banks on how to make the nation's payment system faster. He stressed the need to make the system safe and reliable for consumers. He also submitted comments on mobile financial services to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He described some of the risks consumers take when using these services. He advised The Pew Research Center on a study of mobile payments. Budnitz is on the American Law Institute's

consultative group advising the reporters of a "Consumer Contract Restatement."

SPEAKER

Fuse Brown spoke throughout the fall at the College of Law, the Bleckley Inn of Court and the Georgia Bar on the health care implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*. Fuse Brown created and co-taught a Health Care Transactions course with two Atlanta-area health care attorneys, Sidney Welch (partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP) and Kim Roeder (partner, King & Spalding).

PUBLICATIONS

Anderson co-wrote a paper on affordable housing in North America for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference and wrote a paper on the reverberating neighborhood effects of public school redistricting.

Cass Brewer, assistant professor of law, co-wrote a BNA Tax

a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution relating to parental rights and how any such amendment would affect both parents and children.

Todres, lead editor of the book "The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: An Analysis of Treaty Provisions and Implications of U.S. Ratification" (Brill Academic Publishers, 2006), briefed the subcommittee on development of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and how it compares to U.S. law. He discussed how the proposed amendment could result in unintended adverse consequences for both parents and children.

"The assertion that the CRC is a threat mischaracterizes both the U.S. approach to international law and the mandate of the CRC," Todres testified. "Parental rights to raise their children are already well protected by multiple Supreme Court decisions."

Potential unintended consequences of a constitutional amendment include limiting the rights of some parents, such as in the case of international child abductions or out of country adoptions.

Management Portfolio, "Social Enterprise by Non-Profits and Hybrid Organizations," the first single-source, comprehensive treatment of the emerging law of social enterprise organizations in the United States. He wrote several blogs on nonprofit organizations as well as social enterprise and is editor of the social enterprise portion of Entrepreneurship.org, a website sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation devoted to academics teaching entrepreneurship in higher education in the United States.

Budnitz wrote the entry, "Payment Protection Advocacy," for a forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Consumer Activism*.

Jessica Gabel Cino, associate professor of law, co-wrote "Shadow Dwellers: The Under-Regulated World of Local DNA Databanks" for the *New York University Law Review*. Her article, "A New Approach to an Old Problem: Realizing Reliability in Forensic Science from the Ground Up," appeared in Northwestern University's *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, and her article, "The Lean Legal Clinic: Cost-Effective Methods of Implementing Experiential

Education," will be published by the *Elon Law Review* this year.

Covey's most recent article on the causes of wrongful conviction, "Abolishing Jailhouse Snitch Testimony," urges lawmakers and courts to ban the use of jailhouse informants. Testimony by such witnesses is demonstrably unreliable and has been linked to scores of wrongful convictions. The article appeared in the *Wake Forest Law Review*.

Curcio co-wrote an article discussing how the false dichotomy between achieving diversity and rewarding merit frequently surfaces in discussions about decisions on university and law school admissions, scholarships, law licenses, jobs and promotions: "Testing Diversity and Merit, A Response to Professor Subotnik and Others," in the *University of Massachusetts Law Review*.

Donaldson co-published the second edition of his casebook, "Federal Income Tax: A Contemporary Approach," (West, 2014) with co-author Dean Donald Tobin of the University of Maryland. He published the 2014 edition of the popular treatise, "Price on Contemporary

Estate Planning," (Wolters Kluwer, 2014) with co-author John R. Price, University of Washington professor emeritus.

Fuse Brown: Her article "Fair Hospital Prices Are Not Charity: Decoupling Hospital Pricing and Collection Rules from Tax Status" is forthcoming in the *University of Louisville Law Review* this year. Her blogs appeared at HealthLawProf Blog, Harvard's Bill of Health Blog and the Center for Law, Health & Society Blog.

Heled: His article "Patenting Human Organisms or How the Abortion Wars Feed into the Ownership Fallacy" was published in the *Cardozo Law Review*. He also co-wrote an article in *Genome Medicine*, which refutes the myth that patents cover a large portion of the human genome. He has these articles forthcoming: "Introducing: Regulatory Competitive Shelters, the New Patents," "Regulatory Competitive Shelters in the Area of Personalized Medicine" and "Regulatory Competitive Shelters in Agro-Biotech." He also published two op-eds: "Patent Trolls as Parasites" in *National Jurist* magazine and the other about tort aspects of autonomous

vehicles in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Hensel published "Recent Developments in Vouchers for Students with Disabilities" in the *Loyola Law Review* and wrote a book chapter: "Righting Educational Wrongs: Disability Studies in Law and Education," edited by Arlene Kanter.

L. Lynn Hogue, professor of law emeritus, co-wrote a chapter for a collection of essays, "Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health," (Oxford University Press 2014). His co-author is his spouse, Carol Hogue, the Jules and Deen Terry Professor of Maternal and Child Health, professor of epidemiology and director, Women's and Children's Center at Emory University.

Juergensmeyer co-wrote an article, "Can Development Impact Fees Help Mitigate Urban Sprawl," in the *Journal of the American Planning Association* and wrote the introduction of *At the Cutting Edge 2014 Land Use Law from the Urban Lawyer*, edited by Dwight H. Merriam and published by the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law.

Kerew is writing a chapter for the latest edition of "Learning from Practice: A Professional Development Text for Legal Externs."

Kuhner published "Capitalism v. Democracy: Money in Politics and the Free Market Constitution" (Stanford University Press 2014). He published articles on political finance and international law in *Salon.com*, the *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, the *Indiana Law Review* and the *Southwestern Law Review*. His work was cited by the Brazilian Supreme Court in a draft opinion that promises to diminish the power of corporations in Brazilian democracy. He is working on a comparative analysis of political finance for *King's Law Review* based at King's College, London.

Professor of Law **Michael Landau's** article, "Have Congress and the Courts Been Singing a Different Tune When It Comes to Music?" comes out in early 2015. He is writing the updates to *Lindley on Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts: Agreements and the Law and Entertainment Law: Revised Edition*.

Sudeall Lucas published "Undoing Race? Reconciling Multiracial Identity with Equal Protection" in the *California Law Review* and an American Constitution Society issue brief, "Deconstructing the Right to Counsel." Her previously published article, "A Dilemma of Doctrinal Design: Rights, Identity and the Work-Family Conflict," was selected for the 2014 edition of *Women and the Law*.

Marshall published with Ryan Rowberry an article, "Urban Wreckage and Resiliency: Articulating a Practical Framework for Preserving, Reconstructing, and Building Cities," in the *Idaho Law Review*'s special edition on resilient cities.

Milich published new editions of "Courtroom Handbook on Georgia Evidence" and his treatise, "Georgia Rules of Evidence."

Niedringhaus wrote the chapter on management of union employees for a book on

Academic Law Library Director Perspectives, to be published in early 2015.

Radford: Updated versions of her three treatises, "Redfearn: Wills and Administration in Georgia," "Georgia Trusts and Trustees" and "Georgia Guardianship and Conservatorship," were published in December.

Rowberry co-wrote the inaugural edition of "Historic Preservation Law in a Nutshell" (West Academic 2014). He published articles in foreign and domestic journals: "Anchoring Memory in the Face of Disaster: Technology and Istanbul's Cultural Heritage Preservation Regime," in dual Turkish/English translation in the *Bahçeşehir University Law Review* (Istanbul, Turkey); "Urban Wreckage and Resiliency: Articulating a Practical Framework for Preserving, Reconstructing and Building Cities," in the *Idaho Law Review* (with John Marshall); "Teaching Legal History Through Digital Sources," in the *American Journal of Legal History*.

Schander wrote "Market Your Library: How to Create a Library Marketing Committee" for AALL Spectrum and is editor of FCIL Newsletter. With Austin Williams, she updated several Georgia-specific research publications, including primary and secondary CALI lessons and the Georgia chapter of State Documents Bibliography for W.S. Hein.

Scott published an article, "Ethics Consultations and Conflict Engagement in Health Care" in the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and was invited to speak on this topic at the Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution Workshop.

Segall wrote op-eds, editorials and essays on the U.S. Supreme Court and constitutional law in the *Los Angeles Times*, SLATE, the Daily Beast, Salon and Huffington Post. His work was cited in the *Washington Post*, *USA Today* and other newspapers. He wrote essays criticizing Justice Scalia's methods of interpretation, which will appear in the *Washington Law Review* and the *Green Bag Law Review*.

Lombardo in documentary

Paul A. Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, is featured prominently in a documentary, "Law and Justice," shown on South Korean public television.

The first documentary hour, "Whose Side is the Law On," begins with an interview of Lombardo. The segment highlights his decades-long research and writings on the historic Carrie Buck sterilization case, *Buck v. Bell*, which reached the Supreme Court in 1927. Lombardo appears on the Georgia State campus and at the historical marker he helped erect for *Buck v. Bell* in Virginia.

Lombardo analyzed the case in his 2008 book, "Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and *Buck v. Bell*." The filmmakers borrowed many details from the book, which outlines the historic Buck decision permitting sterilization of the "unfit," including intellectually disabled people.



50th year of teaching law

Julian C. Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law and director of Georgia State Law's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, is in the midst of 50 years of teaching law this year.

"Julian's track record is inspirational," says Dean Steven J. Kaminshine. "His work on impact fees has redefined land use law and influenced two generations of legal scholars who are better skilled and able to craft laws and implement policies that improve cities and help the environment."

Juergensmeyer, a pioneer for land use law, is among the first to teach the course as a stand-alone subject in a law school. Generations of students and practitioners credit the professor for shaping their minds and enabling them to build strong communities.

Juergensmeyer, an expert in infrastructure finance and impact fees, has written ordinances for local governments across the United States. He is also an adjunct professor of City and Regional Planning at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Suski published an article, "Dark Sarcasm in the Classroom: The Failure of the Courts to Recognize Students' Severe Emotional Harm as Unconstitutional," in the *Cleveland State Law Review*. She wrote "50 Years After the War on Poverty: An Introduction" in the *Boston College Journal of Law and Social Justice*.

Todres: "Advancing Children's Rights and Ensuring the Well-Being of Children" in *JAMA Pediatrics* (online November 2014, print January 2015); "Responding to the Sexual Exploitation of Minors" in *New England Journal of Medicine* in April (with Ellen Wright Clayton); "A Child Rights Framework for Addressing Trafficking of Children" in *Michigan State International Law Review*; "Independent Children

Caley appointed to organ donation committee

Sylvia Caley (J.D. '89), associate clinical professor, director of the Health Law Partnership and co-director of HeLP Legal Services Clinic, was appointed to a four-year term on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation, which assists the secretary of HHS in enhancing the public's trust in the organ donation and organ sharing system and improving access to transplantation.



"This appointment allows me to use all of my skills," Caley says. "Not only do

and the Legal Construction of Childhood" in *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*; "Health and Human Rights" in *Oxford Bibliographies in Public Health* (Oxford University Press 2014); and an op-ed, "The Portrayal of Rights in Children's Literature Teaches Important Lessons" for the *New York Times*.

Tucker published "The Outside Investor: Citizen Shareholders & Corporate Law Alienation," "Teaching LLCs by Design" and "The Short Road Home to Delaware: Boilermakers Local 154 Retirement Fund v. Chevron." Her paper, "The Outside Investor," was selected by peer review for the George Washington Center for Law and Economics Finance Institute's 4th Annual Junior Faculty Workshop. She is co-writing an empirical study to evaluate institutional investors' tolerance of non-shareholder interests in a forthcoming piece in the *Harvard Business Law Review*, "Institutional Investing When Shareholders Are Not Supreme."

Washington published two lead articles in the *Indiana Law Review* and the *Harvard Journal for Race and Ethnic Justice* and a third piece in the *Utah Law Review*. She filed a co-written amicus brief in the same-sex marriage case on appeal in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and she wrote an op-ed article published in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* discussing the Supreme Court's decision not to

review several same-sex marriage cases presented to it on appeal.

Weber published two articles on stress testing of financial institutions in the *Minnesota Law Review* and the *Journal of Corporation Law*. He wrote an article on the Federal Reserve Board's new initiatives to restrict bank holding company dividends.

Austin Martin Williams, coordinator of research instructional services, wrote the "Law" chapter in the 23rd edition of "Magazines for Libraries," and co-wrote the "Georgia Practice Materials: A Selective Annotated Bibliography" chapter in "State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies," with Deborah Schander. He also co-wrote two Computer Assisted Legal Instruction lessons with Schander: "Georgia Legal Research—Primary Source Material" and "Georgia Legal Research—Secondary Source Materials." He wrote a column in *Georgia Library Quarterly* that highlighted the resources and services provided by the Georgia State Law Library.

Yarn wrote a major revision of his treatise, "Alternative Dispute Resolution: Practice and Procedure in Georgia" (Thomson/West 2014). His article "Designing a Conflict Management System for Higher Education: A Case Study for Design in Integrative Organizations" reflects on his 20 years of experience

I have the transplant and organ donation perspective, I have experience around health disparities and trying to improve health outcomes. Organ donation is the gift of life. There are fewer donors than actual people in need."

During the fall 2014 semester, students in her HLA class researched ways to use the law to improve rental housing conditions in order to reduce exacerbations of illnesses such as asthma and sickle cell disease and to improve the overall health of low-income families. The students drafted legislation to create a statutory warranty of habitability. The community partner for this project is looking for a legislator to sponsor the proposed legislation.

overseeing conflict resolution in the University System of Georgia. He and Pam Brannon, Georgia State Law librarian, produced an interactive website on arbitration laws in Africa, arbitrationinafrica.com, in conjunction with the Africa-Atlanta 2014 program on arbitration in Africa.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

Budnitz was quoted on consumer protection in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* and *Palm Beach Daily News*.

Donaldson published crossword puzzles in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post* and other outlets.

Kuhner was interviewed by NPR, Georgia Public Broadcasting, the Daily Report, the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, Northeast Public Radio, the Majority Report and others during the 2014 election season.

Segall appeared on CNN, MSNBC and other television networks for the U.S. Supreme Court coverage and appeared regularly on the national XM Radio show *StandUp* with Pete Dominick and with Michael Smerconish and Jenny Hutt on XM Radio. He wrote op-eds, editorials and essays on the U.S. Supreme Court and constitutional law in the *Los Angeles Times*, SLATE, the Daily Beast, Salon and Huffington Post.

Tucker wrote several op-eds and blog pieces and gave interviews to media outlets.

Washington did interviews about rights of children in LGBT families on NPR, Georgia Public Radio, Creative Loafing, The Daily Report and 11 Alive. She wrote an op-ed article published in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* discussing the Supreme Court's decision not to review several same-sex marriage cases presented to it on appeal.

Hogue co-writes chapter

L. Lynn Hogue, professor of law emeritus, collaborated with his spouse, Carol Hogue, Emory University's Jules and Deen Terry Professor of Maternal and Child Health, professor of epidemiology and director of the Women's and Children's Center, to contribute a chapter to a collection of essays, "Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health."

Their chapter, "Anthony Comstock: A Religious Fundamentalist's Negative Impact on Reproductive Health," traces two themes with important public health consequences.

The chapter documents how Anthony Comstock, a 19th-century activist, was able to mount a religious crusade, ostensibly to protect children, which harnessed congressional power to regulate the mail, thereby suppressing circulation of information about sex and human sexuality.

Comstockery, as the movement became known, "had profound implications for human reproduction and reproductive health in the United States. There are three necessary conditions for effective family planning: the will to control fertility, appropriate contraceptive technology to avoid conception, and information about how to access and use that technology."

The chapter's second theme is the constitutional deconstruction of the legal framework supporting Comstock's fundamentalist religious project, including its far-reaching negative public health consequences.

In a series of cases, courts — particularly the U.S. Supreme Court — accepted the idea that a physician, guided by the primary consideration of a patient's health, would be justified in prescribing even prohibited medical devices such as contraceptive drugs.

"Putting the health of a woman first produced a groundbreaking medical exception to the Comstock laws that at least allowed birth control clinics to function," the Hagues write. "That medical exception for the health of the patient would resonate importantly in later abortion rights decisions."

"In today's global village, 220 million women seek contraceptive services that they cannot obtain due in large measure to the ongoing, corrosive influence of religious fundamentalism on unwilling non-adherents through state coercion," the authors conclude.

APPOINTMENTS

Sudeall Lucas was nominated to serve as treasurer for the Constitutional Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

Niedringhaus was selected to serve on the Nominations Committee for the American Association of Law Libraries, and in October she completed a three-year term as vice chair of the Society of Academic Law Library Directors.

Williams was selected to serve on the Grants Committee for the Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Budnitz serves on the Advisory Committee of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Law Center, serving on committees for both organizations.

Iannrone is vice chair of the Atlanta Bar Association's Reputation and Public Trust Committee and vice chair of the State Bar's Professionalism Committee. She co-chairs the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism's Aging in the Law Task Force and co-chaired the task force's Convocation on Professionalism.

Milich: more than 20 programs on evidence law for judges and lawyers across Georgia and the Southeast in 2014.

Radford presented "Recent Developments in Georgia Fiduciary Law" at the Georgia Estate Planning Institute, the Georgia Fiduciary Law Institute and the North Georgia Estate Planning Council.

Todres served as a member of the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council Planning Committee on Increasing Capacity for Reducing Bullying and Its Impact on the Lifecourse of Youth Involved in 2014.

Washington was appointed to the Advisory Board of the National Black Law Students Association for her commitment to diversity in law teaching and practice.

Yarn taught mediation at Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi in Istanbul.

PROJECT DIRECTOR

Scott is the project director and lead for the faculty fellowship program "The Future of Public Health Law Education," which has funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She launched the fellowship program with an innovative and intensive 10-day professional development and teaching institute in Park City, Utah, for the 10 faculty fellows and their five faculty mentors, with their deans and leaders in public health law. She oversees the fellows' implementation of their newly designed courses in public health law at their home institutions, which offer a variety of models for best teaching practices, including interdisciplinary teaching, experiential learning and engagement with community partners.

Heled testifies on self-driving cars

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE automated cars show up at your door to drive you to work, take you to the doctor or deliver your groceries and dry cleaning. That's the metro Atlanta picture painted by Assistant Professor **Yaniv Heled**.

He testified before the Georgia House Committee for the Study of Autonomous Vehicle Technology, led by Rep. **Trey Kelley (J.D. '14)**. Heled is collaborating with people from Georgia Tech Research Institute on policy matters.



"All signs indicate that autonomous vehicles are coming," Heled says in his testimony. "They will be part of our reality in the not-so-distant future. If Georgia passes forward-looking legislation, it could be the first state that allows autonomous vehicles."

"So far, laws in other states are limited to the testing of vehicles and nothing else. Google wants to put fully automated cars on the street without steering wheels. They can't do that in California, where they have a fleet of cars ready for testing. Uber wants to automate its entire fleet."

He has researched the legal liabilities of autonomous vehicles and suggested that legislators adopt a no fault rule, in which any car involved in an accident pays damages.

"This is cutting-edge law and technology. Driverless cars will change the way we do a lot of things in ways we can only start imagining."

Protecting cultural heritage from disaster

Cultural heritage around the world faces disasters ranging from cataclysmic natural events to climate change to economic catastrophe, says **Ryan Rowberry**, assistant professor of law and associate director of the college's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth.

The effects of disasters and population growth are affecting cities, including Istanbul, London, Barcelona, Los Angeles and even Atlanta, which lost much of its cultural heritage and historic buildings along Peachtree Street in the wake of economic development through the 1900s,

Rowberry says.



Co-author of "Historic Preservation in a Nutshell," he suggests that cities create online inventories of all historic resources — tangible and intangible — much like SurveyLA in Los Angeles. Then there's The Arches Project, a free, online, open-source inventory for tangible cultural heritage that may be customized for each city.

Tangible artifacts include buildings, archaeological sites, frescoes and monuments. Intangible artifacts include songs and recipes important to the history of a city.

Another important step is the integration of technological preservation strategies into everyday planning. Technologies such as GIS, mapping, laser scanning and Google Earth can take three-dimensional images of all resources and locations so cities know how they looked and where they were located.

Finally, by involving the public in the process, through crowdsourcing and crowdfunding, cities can build archives faster, create a sense of civic pride and community and spend fewer public funds.

Two sides | A faculty member and an alumna on preparing for practice



Kendall L. Kerew

EXTERNSHIPS BRING TO LIFE what students learn in the classroom. By immersing themselves in legal practice, students apply the theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom to "real-world" legal scenarios. They see real people with real problems. They see law being made. They see the rules in action. They see the importance of professionalism. They see ethical dilemmas. *They see lawyering as it really is.* And they learn from it.

An externship transports students outside the familiar law school environment and immerses them in the realities of law practice by positioning them alongside lawyers and judges in diverse practice settings. Through their experiences, students gain insights into how the legal system works, develop the ability to recognize and work through professional responsibility issues, identify their strengths and weaknesses and develop a sense of professional identity.

Student learning in externships depends on the unique collaboration between externship faculty members and site supervisors. In the field, supervising attorneys and judges provide invaluable real-time mentoring, meaningful legal assignments and individualized feedback. In the law school, externship faculty members work to ensure students realize their learning goals, learn from meaningful experiences and work on developing the reflective skills necessary to the practice of law. This collaborative approach maximizes learning.

Kendall L. Kerew, assistant clinical professor, is the co-director of the Externship Program.



Michelli Rivera (J.D. '14)

THE ENVIRONMENT has been the biggest surprise for me as I transitioned from school to practice. Georgia State Law has prepared me the best it could for practice. I believe that the practical learning I received at Georgia State—and the opportunities to obtain experience and exposure—put me in a position ahead of my peers. However, there are some things that even the best law school can't teach you.

In law school, your teachers narrow issues for you, facts are handed to you through case books in an organized manner and teachers know when they hand you an assignment that there is law out there on that issue. In practice, the issues are not always narrowed for you, the facts are jumbled and hard to obtain and there may not be law out there on your issue. You don't have a professor to teach you an area of law you are unfamiliar with; you have to teach yourself.

In school, if you miss a deadline your grade is lowered. In practice, there are consequences for missed deadlines; even if your case is not destroyed, you'll end up with an angry partner or client. Moreover, in law school you work in chunks of time—one semester and then a semester break—for a period of three years. Most attorneys don't have set vacation time. You can't continue to put your spouse, your children or your friends to the side as you may have done in school. Law school can't prepare you for those things.

Michelli Rivera (J.D. '14) is an associate at Burr & Forman LLC in Atlanta.

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ON BEHALF OF the Office of Development and the College of Law, thank you for your tremendous efforts to make this past year a huge success.

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2007

Participation rate: 19%
Funds raised: \$2,750

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2008

Agents:
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Participation rate: 24%
Funds raised: \$4,775

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2010

Agents:
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Jennifer S. Ivey
Sweta Patel
Participation rate: 14%
Funds raised: \$11,042

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2011

Agents:

Maria J. Batres
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Joshua M. Lott
Participation rate: 17%
Funds raised: \$2,990

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Steven A. Wright

2012

Agents:
Jeffrey S. Connelly
Brett A. Switzer
John B. Weitnauer
Participation rate: 27%
Funds raised: \$4,620

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2013

Agents:
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Scott G. DeLay
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Participation rate: 18%
Funds raised: \$1,865

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National Human Genome Research Institute grant

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2014 law firm campaign results

WITH TREMENDOUS SUPPORT from the firm agents at 38 participating companies, organizations and firms and 358 participating alumni, the Law Firm Challenge achieved a 73 percent participation rate and raised more than \$100,000. In addition, 13 companies and firms achieved 100 percent alumni participation and 10 companies and firms increased their overall fundraising totals from 2013.

GROUP 1

3–6 alumni

Andrew, Merritt, Reilly & Smith LLP
Firm agent: Emily Yost (J.D. '05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$225

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP
Firm agent: Kean DeCarlo (J.D. '97)
Alumni participation: 50%
Alumni funds raised: \$650

Bloom Sugarman Everett
Firm agent: Stephanie Everett (J.D. '02)
Alumni participation: 75%
Alumni funds raised: \$1,125

Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair LLP
Firm agent: *C. Joe Hoffman (J.D. '10)
Alumni participation: 25%
Alumni funds raised: \$50

Constangy Brooks & Smith
Firm agent: Steven Hopkins (J.D. '05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$850

Cox Communications
Company agent: Mark Padilla (J.D. '91)
Alumni participation: 40%
Alumni funds raised: \$350

Elarbee Thompson Sapp & Wilson
Firm agent: Tony Ventry (J.D. '04)
Alumni participation: 67%
Alumni funds raised: \$213

Fisher & Phillips LLP (Most Valuable Firm Recipient)
Firm agent: C.R. Wright (J.D. '93)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$2,825

****Gregory, Doyle, Calhoun & Rogers**
Firm agent: *Jeffrey Gaba (J.D. '86)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$350

**KPMG

Firm agent: *Scott Hilsen (J.D. '93)
Alumni participation: 25%
Alumni funds raised: \$200

**The Manely Firm PC

Firm agent: *Michael Manely (J.D. '89)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$595

Strickland, Brockington, Lewis LLP

Firm agent: Peggy Brockington (J.D. '86)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$725

**Warner, Bates, McGough, McGinnis & Portnoy

Firm agents:
*Leigh Cummings (J.D. '02)
*Elinor Hitt (J.D. '07)
Alumni participation: 80%
Alumni funds raised: \$250

GROUP 2

7–11 alumni

**Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz P.C.

Firm agent: *Joseph Delgado (J.D. '96)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$1,945

Bryan Cave

Firm agents:
Kimberly Civins (J.D. '01)
Adwoa Seymour (J.D. '06)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$575

**Cobb County District Attorney's Office

Firm agent: *Charles Boring (J.D. '00)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$265

Coca-Cola Company

Company agent: Lynne O'Brien (J.D. '94)
Alumni participation: 50%
Alumni funds raised: \$2,000

Ernst & Young

Company agents:
Mark Mesler (J.D. '87)
*Joshua Howell (J.D. '10)

Eileen O'Neill (J.D. '10)
Alumni participation: 38%
Alumni funds raised: \$75

Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young

Firm agent: Catherine McCormack (J.D. '03)
Alumni participation: 56%
Alumni funds raised: \$200

Jones Day

Firm agent: Christopher Dillon (J.D. '04)
Alumni participation: 71%
Alumni funds raised: \$1,650

McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP

Firm agent: *Laurice Rutledge (J.D. '10)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$2,440

Ogletree Deakins (Most Valuable Firm Recipient)

Firm agent: Craig Cleland (J.D. '92)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$26,400

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Company agent: Kelly Smith (J.D. '95)
Alumni participation: 14%

Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Firm agents:
Benjamin Briggs (J.D. '98)
Rebecca Davis (J.D. '04)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$25,740

Smith Gambrell & Russell LLP

Firm agent: Jonathan Gallant (J.D. '05)
Alumni participation: 29%
Alumni funds raised: \$300

Sutherland

Firm agent: Chris Chan (J.D. '98)
Alumni participation: 78%
Alumni funds raised: \$2,555

Taylor English

Firm agent: Ramsey Knowles (J.D. '05)
Alumni participation: 70%
Alumni funds raised: \$625

Troutman Sanders LLP

Firm agent: Jaime L. Theriot (J.D. '01)
Alumni participation: 80%
Alumni funds raised: \$1,300

Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial

Firm agent: *H. Dee DeBardeleben (J.D. '07)
Alumni participation: 33%
Alumni funds raised: \$600

GROUP 3

12+ alumni

Alston & Bird LLP

Firm agents:
Nowell Berreth (J.D. '98)
*Suzanne Boyd (J.D. '10)
Cliff Stanford (J.D. '95)
Alumni participation: 75%
Alumni funds raised: \$11,860

Arnall, Golden, Gregory LLP

Firm agents:
Robert Dow (J.D. '92)
Lisa Payrow (J.D. '06)
Alumni participation: 47%
Alumni funds raised: \$1,595

Drew, Eckl & Farnham LLP

Firm agent: Stephen Graham (J.D. '06)
Alumni participation: 50%
Alumni funds raised: \$450

Fulton County District Attorney's Office

Firm agent: Kathleen Giroux (J.D. '93)
Alumni participation: 75%
Alumni funds raised: \$655

Hall, Booth, Smith PC (Most Valuable Firm Recipient)

Firm agents:
Nichole Hair (J.D. '07)
Trey Reese (J.D. '97)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: \$1,610

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

Firm agents:
Corin McCarthy (J.D. '98)
Hillary Rightler (J.D. '10)
Alumni participation: 94%
Alumni funds raised: \$2,485

King & Spalding LLP

Firm agents:
Anthony Tatum (J.D. '97)
Jennifer Wheeler (J.D. '87)
Alumni participation: 34%
Alumni funds raised: \$5,160

**Lueder Larkin & Hunter

Firm agent: *Hillary Shawkat (J.D. '04)
Alumni participation: 85%
Alumni funds raised: \$590

Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers LLP

Firm agent: John C. Hillis (J.D. '04)
Alumni participation: 95%
Alumni funds raised: \$841

* New firm agent

** New firm

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Alan Long (J.D. '16), Clynton Namuo (J.D. '16) and Dixon Revell (J.D. '16), coached by **Edgar Neely (J.D. '15)**, won the annual tournament—the first time a Georgia State Law team has done so since 2005.

Brea Croteau (J.D. '16), Hearons (J.D. '16) and Steven Campbell (J.D. '16), coached by **Wayne Satterfield (J.D. '15)**, were the runner-ups and took home Best Brief.

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Christine S. Lee is Georgia State Law's first dual J.D./M.P.H. graduate. She graduated in December.



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