

Batten becomes instructor-in-residence in Atlanta

The School of Law is pleased to share that Judge Timothy C. Batten Sr. (J.D.'84) of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia will serve as an instructor-in-residence at the school's facility in Atlanta beginning with the fall 2018 semester. He will teach the required introductory course on the American legal system for the school's Master in the Study of Law degree.

This position is part of the law school's effort to expand its footprint in the state's capital city and add courses that will apply to the M.S.L. program, which offers a greater understanding of the legal system and/or legal expertise in a particular area related to an individual's professional interests.

"In today's highly regulated, legislated and litigated work environments, there is a growing need for a broader understanding of the law," Dean Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge said. "By offering portions of the M.S.L. degree in Atlanta, we provide a valuable, yet affordable, option for those working in the metro area whose careers would benefit from a greater familiarity with legal principles but for whom commuting to Athens for every class would be a barrier to pursuing an M.S.L."

Offering courses in Atlanta also benefits Juris Doctor students as they can more easily pursue full-time externships in the government, nonprofit and

corporate sectors in the state's largest employment market while working toward their degree requirements.

"We believe this is a natural growth both of our programming in Atlanta and our role as the flagship provider of legal education in our state," UGA Law in Atlanta Director Hillel Y. Levin said.

"Learning from Judge Batten will add an exciting experience for our students," Levin added, "as it will be an opportunity to learn firsthand from a prominent jurist who is also a law school alumnus."

Batten was nominated to the bench by President George W. Bush in 2005 after working in private practice for 22 years.



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Third-year student Ryan Swindall (left) and second-year student Alex Weathersby presented oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit as part of the law school's Appellate Litigation Clinic.

Appellate clinic expands to Ninth Circuit

Last year, the law school's Appellate Litigation Clinic, under the direction of Thomas V. Burch, increased its reach and took on a record-number of cases.

The clinic, which has primarily worked on cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Eleventh and D.C. Circuits, expanded for the first time to the Ninth Circuit. Students currently have oral arguments scheduled or have already completed oral arguments in each of these courts.

The clinic also took on seven new cases this year, more than the three to four that it has historically taken. With an increase in caseload, the clinic enrolled more participants, giving more law students more real-world practice opportunities.

Additionally, the clinic welcomed Cary Berkeley Kaye in January as its counselor-in-residence for a one-year term to assist Burch and the students with the increased caseload. Kaye previously served as a Fellow in the Appellate Litigation Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center, and she earned her law degree from Yale University.