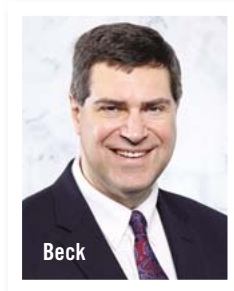




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18 Conference spotlights advocacy for abuse survivors



Beck



Lanier



Weeks

22 Beck, Lanier and Weeks become associate deans

4 **2017–18 Advocacy Season: Three national titles and coveted state trophy**

School of Law advocacy teams continue to build on the school's tradition of excellence. During the 2017–18 academic year, law students captured three national championships and one state crown.

5 **New legal clinic: Assisting Georgia veterans**

The Veterans Legal Clinic has opened its doors to provide former service men and women in Georgia with legal assistance they might not otherwise have access to or be able to afford. Major funding was provided by Jim Butler (J.D.'77) in memory of his U.S. Navy fighter pilot father.

6 **Benham Scholars Program to enhance diversity in legal education and the profession**

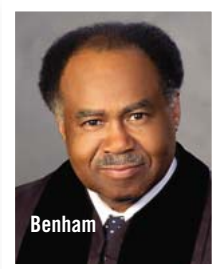
Named in honor of Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham, who was a UGA School of Law first-year law student 50 years ago and became the law school's second African-American graduate in 1970, the law school has created the Benham Scholars Program, which seeks to enhance diversity in the legal profession and to recruit students from underserved parts of the state.

7 **Committed to preparing legal leaders**

From leading the state in bar exam passage rates to being considered one of the best returns on investment in the nation for a legal education, the School of Law is committed to preparing the next generation of legal leaders. This page provides a few key indicators of success.



Butler



Benham

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35 Alumni/Alumnae awards

8 Students answering public service call in record numbers

This summer 48 students worked in public interest settings around the globe with the assistance of more than \$83,000 in grants. This total more than doubles the number of participants from two years ago.

16 2018 Commencement

A photo essay of this special day.

18 Wilbanks CEASE Clinic makes history

In May, the Wilbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation Clinic won the first case tried to verdict under Georgia's Hidden Predator Act.



23 School of Law welcomes new profs

Associate Professor Melissa J. Durkee and Assistant Professor Lindsey Simon join the law school's faculty this fall. Durkee will teach in the areas of international, transnational and business law, while Simon will lead courses in bankruptcy and secured transactions.

28 Dean Rusk International Law Center celebrating 40 years of excellence

The Dean Rusk International Law Center expands its influence on international law and policy education, scholarship and collaboration as it reaches the four-decade mark.

ABOUT THE COVER:

The School of Law opened its much anticipated Veterans Legal Clinic during the summer of 2018. The clinic will be directed by Professor Alex Scherr (second from left). He is photographed with three veterans who have just completed their first year of law school – Andy Bastone (left), Nick Mugge and Chase Keith (right). Each of these students received some monetary support for their education from the fund that supports the Veterans Legal Clinic. Photo by Dennis McDaniel.