

Dean's Report 2014



Dean Rebecca Hanner White

Dear alumni and friends,

As I am sure you are aware, last spring, I announced my decision to step down as dean, with the goal of having a successor in place by January 1, 2015. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your law school's leader for the past 11 years. When I took over as dean in 2003, I pledged to leave our institution better than I found it. Together, we have done that, and we have made a good law school even better. We have an outstanding student body, taught by a talented faculty and supported by a dedicated administrative team and staff. Our school enjoys strong support

from you, our alumni and friends, as well as from the university's administration – presently led by 1980 Georgia Law alumnus Jere W. Morehead.



Bo Rutledge, the holder of the Talmadge Chair of Law and associate dean for faculty development, will become dean of Georgia Law on January 1.

I am pleased Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge, a scholar in the fields of international dispute resolution and arbitration, will become dean on January 1. Bo, the Herman E. Talmadge Chair of Law, has served as our associate dean for faculty development since 2013. He is a former Fulbright Scholar, and his scholarship includes two books and nearly 40 articles and book chapters. Bo earned his bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from Harvard University,

his master of letters degree from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland and his J.D. with high honors from the University of Chicago, where he served as executive editor of *The University of Chicago Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. In addition to clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, he served as a judicial clerk for Chief Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court

of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. I know you join me in welcoming and supporting Bo in his new leadership role at the law school.

When looking back over the past year, there are many high points to be shared. Starting with our faculty, six professors received promotions. Erica J. Hashimoto was named the Allen Post Professor of Law, while Usha Rodrigues was awarded the M.E. Kilpatrick Chair of Corporate Finance and Securities Law. Associate Professor Matthew I. “Matt” Hall was granted tenure, and Mehrsa Baradaran, Timothy “Tim” Meyer and Logan E. Sawyer III were promoted to associate professor.



Post Professor Erica Hashimoto

Erica joined the Georgia Law faculty in the fall of 2004, and she currently leads courses in criminal law, evidence and sentencing. Also, she oversees the school's Appellate Litigation Clinic, which had impressive results this past year (and are detailed later). Her articles have been published in the Boston

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University, Northwestern, Washington and Lee, and William and Mary law reviews.



Kilpatrick Chair of Corporate Finance and Securities Law
Usha Rodrigues

Usha has been a member of the law school faculty since 2005. She teaches Corporations, Contracts II, Lifecycle of the Corporation and Business Ethics. Her scholarship has appeared in the *Emory Law Journal*, the *Fordham Law Review*, the *Minnesota Law Review*, the *University of Illinois Law Review*, the *Virginia Law Review* and the *Washington and Lee Law Review*.

Specializing in the areas of federal jurisdiction and civil procedure, Matt came to Athens in 2009. His courses include Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, and the Law and Ethics of Lawyering. He has authored articles appearing in the *Fordham Law Review*, the *George Washington Law Review*, the *Stanford Law Review Online* and the *UCLA Law Review*.



Associate Professor
Matt Hall

Mehrsa became a faculty member at Georgia Law in the fall of 2012. Teaching in the areas of contracts and banking law, her scholarship has been published in the *Emory Law Journal*, the *George Washington Law Review*, the *Harvard Law Review Forum*, the *Notre Dame Law Review* and the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.



Associate Professor
Mehrsa Baradaran

Since 2010, Tim has taught International Business Transactions, Constitutional Law, International Environmental Law and International Trade at the law school. His work has appeared in the *California Law Review*, the *Chicago Journal of International Law*, the *Harvard International Law Journal* and the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.



Associate Professor
Tim Meyer



Associate Professor
Logan Sawyer

Logan also arrived in Athens during 2010. He leads courses in the areas of American legal history, corporations and legal ethics. With academic interests in the relationship between law and political institutions in American history, Logan's scholarship has appeared in the *American Journal of Legal History*, the *Law and History Review* and the *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*.

Other notable honors bestowed on our faculty during the past year include Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann serving as the Distinguished Discussant for the 16th Annual Grotius Lecture at the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting. Her talk was titled "The Post-Postcolonial Woman or Child."

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and holder of the Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism Lonnie T. Brown Jr. received the Student Bar Association Professionalism Award in the spring.

Associate Professor Elizabeth Chamblee Burch was the recipient of the law school's 2014 John C. O'Byrne Memorial Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Student-Faculty Relations.

Associate Professor Harlan G. Cohen was elected to serve as a member of the American Law Institute, an organization that is dedicated to producing scholarly work to help clarify, modernize and improve the law.

Assistant Professor Jaime L. Dodge presented "An ADR Process Approach to Article III Tribunals" at the Sixth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Court Workshop, which pairs a senior scholar with a panel of junior scholars presenting works-in-progress. Twenty junior scholars were chosen to participate from nearly 50 submissions.

Post Professor Erica Hashimoto was selected by the student body to receive the 2014 C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Distinguished Research Professor and Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law Walter Hellerstein presented the paper "Jurisdiction to Tax in the Digital Economy: Permanent and Other

Establishments” at the “Base Erosion and Profit Shifting: A Roadmap for Reform Conference” held at the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich, Germany. He was one of approximately 40 of the world’s leading academics and practitioners in the field of international taxation who were invited to advance the debate toward legislative solutions both at the national and international levels.

Associate Professor Tim Meyer testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the possible ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Associate Dean Bo Rutledge testified at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing titled “The Federal Arbitration Act and Access to Justice: Will Recent Supreme Court Decisions Undermine the Rights of Consumers, Workers and Small Businesses?” In addition, he has been named to the advisory board of the Social Science Research Network, which is devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research.

Martin Chair James C. “Jim” Smith was named president-elect of the Association for Law, Property and Society, which is an organization for scholars conducting interdisciplinary scholarship on all aspects of property law, policy and theory.

Alan Watson, retired Distinguished Research Professor and former holder of the Rogers Chair of Law, received an honorary professorship from the University of Edinburgh, where he will give lectures and seminars as part of his new designation.

Law Library Director Carol A. Watson (J.D.’87) received the Southeastern Association of Law Libraries Service Award, which recognizes a chapter member who has made special, significant and sustained contributions. Also, she and Faculty Services Librarian Thomas “T.J.” Striepe published chapters in *Law Librarianship in the Digital Age*, which was awarded the American Association of Law Libraries Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award.

Associate Professor Sonja R. West was named chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools Mass Communication Law Section for the 2014-15 term.

Importantly, our professors take great pride in contributing to scholarly dialogue and debate on timely and significant legal issues. Since 2013, they have published more than 75 articles appearing in journals

associated with top universities such as Chicago, Columbia, Emory, Harvard, Michigan, Northwestern, Pennsylvania, Stanford, Vanderbilt and Virginia as well as New York University and Washington University in St. Louis. Moreover, our faculty has authored 20 books and 21 book chapters that have been released by leading publishers such as Aspen Publishers, the Cambridge University Press, Kluwer Law International, the Oxford University Press and the Yale University Press.

The law school’s untenured faculty has helped contribute to this impressive record. Mehrsa Baradaran has a forthcoming book by the Harvard University Press titled *How the Other Half Banks*. Assistant Professor Kent Barnett has a forthcoming article in the *New York University Law Review* titled “Codifying Chevmore” (a version of which was selected as one of four winners of the 2014 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference Call for Papers Competition). Assistant Professor Jason A. Cade published “Policing the Immigration Police: ICE Prosecutorial Discretion and the Fourth Amendment” in the *Columbia Law Review Sidebar*. Assistant Professor Nathan S. Chapman has published “Disentangling Conscience and Religion” in the *University of Illinois Law Review*. Jaime Dodge’s article “Disaggregative Mechanisms: Mass Claims Resolution Without Class Actions” published in the *Emory Law Journal* served as the keynote article of a dedicated volume on complex litigation and disaggregative mechanisms. Tim Meyer is coauthoring a forthcoming book by the Oxford University Press titled *Goldilocks Globalism: The Rise of Soft Law in International Governance* (which served as the focus of a Temple University roundtable conference earlier this year). And Logan Sawyer published “Constitutional Principle, Partisan Calculation and the Beveridge Child Labor Bill” in the *Law and History Review*.

I am happy to report that Larry D. Thompson is returning to the law school’s faculty this spring as the Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law. Larry was on temporary leave from Georgia Law for the past two years as he rejoined PepsiCo as its executive vice president of government affairs, general counsel and corporate secretary. He is the former deputy attorney general for the United States, and he will lead a course this spring in business crimes, co-taught with Donald F. “Don” Samuel (J.D.’80), for our upper level students.

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With the retirement of Rosemary Myers Bowen and the movement of Allison G. Hale (J.D.'89) to serve as the law school's Academic Enhancement Program director as well as faculty adviser for the new Master in the Study of Law degree, I am pleased to share we hired two new legal research and writing instructors this fall. They are Patrick D. Conner (J.D.'98) and Susannah P. Mroz. Additionally, both will teach document drafting, concentrating in contracts and litigation.



Legal Research & Writing Instructor
Patrick Conner
(J.D.'98)

Patrick has 14 years of experience as an attorney at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, D.C., where he was promoted to partner in 2007. At the firm, he specialized in high-stakes litigation and regulatory investigations and served as chair of the professional development committee, which provided training and professional development instruction to more

than 100 associates. He earned both his bachelor's degree, *cum laude* and with honors, and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from UGA.

Most recently a law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Karla R. Spaulding of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Susannah also worked for six years as a lawyer specializing in labor and employment law. She practiced with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart and Ice Miller, both located in Indianapolis. She earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Indiana University – Indianapolis, where she served as executive articles editor of the *Indiana Law Review*. Her bachelor's degree is from Calvin College.

This fall, our faculty was enriched by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. He co-taught a federal common law course in September that focused on theories of federal common law, the social forces that led to its development, major Supreme Court cases including *Erie v. Tompkins* and the residual role of federal common law following *Erie*. During his visit, Justice Thomas also



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas

met with various student groups in small and large settings, talked with faculty and held a question and answer session for students and faculty. We are very thankful this sitting Supreme Court justice has been able to come to Georgia Law six times since 2003.

Also joining us this fall as a visiting professor was William B. Chandler III, who previously served as the chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery. He taught Advanced Corporations. Additionally, Oren Perez led a class titled Regulation, Politics and the Environment. He was here as part of our ongoing faculty exchange with Bar-Ilan University in Israel.

For the 2014-15 academic year, David Fontana, who is an associate professor at George Washington University, will be assisting with the law school's Washington, D.C., Semester in Practice Program. And former president of Furman University, Rodney A. Smolla, is teaching in the areas of legal ethics, payment systems, higher education law and remedies.

Additionally, this coming spring, we will welcome William R. Corbett, who serves as the Maraist Professor and the Malone Professor of Law at Louisiana State University and who will lead courses in employment law and employment discrimination.

One of the distinct advantages of having a strong academic reputation is being able to attract nationally known and worldwide leaders in the legal profession, the business world and academia to campus. Our students, as well as our professors, gain a great deal from the exposure to differing perspectives and the unique experiences these individuals share during their time in Athens. Some of the more notable guests over the last year include:



Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens served as the keynote speaker for a daylong conference held last November titled “The Press and the Constitution 50 Years after *New York Times v. Sullivan*.”



University of California President Janet Napolitano (former U.S. secretary of homeland security)

Janet Napolitano, the former U.S. secretary of homeland security and the former governor of Arizona, who presently serves as the president of the University of California system, delivered our fall Sibley Lecture. And John C.P. Goldberg, the Goldston Professor of Law at Harvard University, discussed

how tort law has little patience for excuses while criminal law is more forgiving as our spring Sibley Lecturer.

International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda delivered the keynote address at the “Children and International Criminal Justice” conference held in late October. Woodruff Chair Diane Marie Amann was instrumental in the hosting of this event.



International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda

Former U.S. Ambassador Lee A. Feinstein, who also served as the Sanders Political Leadership Scholar last fall semester, presented on the changing notions of international law in light of the experiences of recent humanitarian interventions.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Egypt and Maghreb Affairs William V. Roebuck Jr. (J.D.'92) gave a talk titled “From Law School to Diplomacy in Libya: Threading a Path Through the Foreign Service” during the spring.

Former Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Marsha Ternus and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge David B. Sentelle both delivered keynote addresses at the 14th Annual Legal Ethics and Professionalism Symposium titled “Who Are They to Judge? – Ethical and Professional Issues Facing the Bench.” This February event was organized by Associate Dean Lonnie Brown.

U.S. Representative David Scott spoke earlier this year on international finance, particularly as it relates to the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.



PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi

In October, PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi gave a presentation on the role of a corporation in the modern age.

Home Depot Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Teresa Wynn Roseborough presented “It’s Time to Try Defying Gravity – One Woman’s Thoughts on Having it

All” as the 32nd Edith House Lecturer during the spring.

Jack L. Rives (J.D.'77), executive director and chief operating officer of the American Bar Association, served as the featured speaker at the law school’s commencement ceremony in May.

Bennett Freeman, the senior vice president for sustainability research and policy at Calvert Investments, delivered the keynote at the “The New Roles of Corporations in Global Governance” conference that explored ways in which businesses are redefining the nature of international regulation.

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Middle Eastern scholar Ramin Jahanbegloo spoke on democracy and nonviolence in Iran during April.

Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens shared insights into his role as the state's top attorney with our students during the spring.

Moreover, I am pleased to share that late last year the school's Criminal Defense Clinic Director Russell C. Gabriel (J.D.'85) organized an important conference marking the 50th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright* that was titled "Honoring Gideon's Promise, Rallying Gideon's Army" and that focused on our state's public defender system.

In addition to co-sponsoring many of the speakers on international topics mentioned earlier, the Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy put together the "Cybersecurity and National Defense: Building a Public-private Partnership" conference, which convened experts from the executive branch, Capitol Hill, the corporate sector and academia during March to explore international cybersecurity law and policy issues.

Earlier this fall, your law school hosted the Seventh Annual Junior Faculty Federal Court Workshop. As referenced previously, this forum pairs senior scholars with junior scholars presenting works-in-progress on topics relating to the federal courts, civil rights litigation, civil procedure and other associated topics. Professors Kent Barnett and Matt Hall were key figures in bringing this gathering to campus.

Furthermore, the law school plans to host the Association for Law, Property and Society Annual Meeting in May. This event, which will be spearheaded by Martin Chair Jim Smith, will bring to Athens scholars from many countries who are conducting interdisciplinary scholarship on all aspects of property law, policy and theory, including real, personal, intellectual, intangible, cultural and other forms of property.

Our students also organized conferences and events over the past year covering relevant topics such as: the diversity of our state's judiciary, the intersection of public health and environmental law (the Red Clay Conference), the ever-evolving music scene and how to create a more sustainable music ecosystem (the Protect Athens Music Conference), practical approaches to lawyering that promote social justice and the protection of human rights (Working in the Public Interest Conference) and current issues facing

our state including election scheduling, probation system privatization and cityhood initiatives (the Georgia Association of Law and Politics Symposium). Additionally, our students partnered with UGA's Music Business Program to present the May Day Festival and Music Business Expo.



With 13 experiential learning opportunities, Georgia Law students receive practical skills training in a variety of areas. Here, Criminal Defense Clinic Director Russell Gabriel (J.D.'85) talks with students outside a local courthouse.

Experiential learning opportunities add to the intellectual vibrancy of the law school as well. With 13 such programs, our students are able to receive practical skills training in a variety of areas. This year, the Community Health Law Partnership Clinic was created to supplement our other civil offerings - the Appellate Litigation Clinic, the Business Law Clinic, the Civil Externships, the Corporate Counsel Externship, the Environmental Practicum, the Family Violence Clinic, the Mediation Practicum, the Public Interest Practicum and the Washington, D.C., Semester in Practice Program. Our criminal offerings include: the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Prosecutorial Clinic and the Capital Assistance Project.

Our service-learning programs benefit various segments of our society from the indigent to the small business owner and from domestic violence victims to those with environmental concerns. Our students' efforts greatly enhance our local community but, importantly, they also reach far beyond to the state, regional and national levels.

Notably, this spring, our Appellate Litigation Clinic received favorable decisions in two cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and one in the 11th Circuit. Victoria A. Cuneo and Steven L. Strasberg (2014 graduates) prevailed in a habeas corpus case before

the 4th Circuit. After briefing and oral argument by the students, the court granted a conditional writ of habeas corpus, holding that the client had established a presumption of judicial vindictiveness by his sentencing judge. In another habeas case, Anne Horn Baroody and Bryan W. Lutz (2014 graduates) submitted briefs and orally argued before the 11th Circuit, ultimately prevailing on their argument that the client's habeas motion was not second or successive and earning a remand to the district court for consideration of the timeliness of the client's motion. Lastly, M. Paula Briceno, Brittany Cambre and Crystal Johnson (2013 graduates) represented a franchisee who filed suit against his franchisor and its former chief executive officer. They briefed and argued the case before a 4th Circuit panel that included retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. This panel certified the case to the Virginia Supreme Court, and a major Virginia law firm presented arguments before that tribunal. The state high court answered both certified questions in the client's favor, and the 4th Circuit then reversed the district court's judgment dismissing the client's case.



Georgia Law continues to provide study abroad opportunities as its students embrace our increasingly globalized society. The Georgia Law Summer Program in Brussels and Geneva continues to be very popular.

International programming continues to be an area of great emphasis for our students as they embrace our increasingly globalized society. The school continues to provide study abroad opportunities in England at the University of Oxford; in Brussels, Belgium, and Geneva, Switzerland; and in two cities in China - Beijing and Shanghai.

This past summer, 16 Georgia Law students participated in the Global Internship Program, gaining legal experience while working in 13 countries for

organizations such as the Human Rights League in Slovakia, UNESCO in France, the Israel Law Center, the Dacheng Law Firm in China and the University of West Indies Cave Hill in Barbados.

Bolstering our school's presence on the international stage are Dean Rusk Center initiatives such as the International Judicial Training Program, which has introduced more than 1,000 foreign judges and court personnel since 1998 to the U.S. judicial system. Another more recently developed offering - the Transnational Law Program - brings foreign law students and junior lawyers to Georgia Law for one week of study on requested areas of international or domestic law. Thus far, we have hosted participants from Argentina, Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

Students serving on the staff of the *Georgia Law Review*, the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law* and the *Journal of Intellectual Property Law* continue to release volumes addressing current topics and advancing scholarly dialogue. Of special note, earlier this spring, the *Georgia Law Review* launched an online companion - the *Georgia Law Review Online* - that features short op-ed length essays from practitioners, judges and professors focused primarily on issues in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. In addition, the journal's staff created the *Eleventh Circuit Blog*, which summarizes relevant cases published by the court.

As you saw on the cover of this year's *Annual Report*, four national championship advocacy trophies were captured by our students this past academic year. Under the leadership of Kellie Casey (J.D.'90) with the assistance of faculty member Thomas V. Burch, the 2013-14 year was definitely one of our school's best (the only other time four national titles were won was during 1996-97). Wins were tallied in the 64th Annual National Moot Court Competition, the oldest and most prestigious moot court competition in the country; the Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, which pits the best moot court programs from across the country against each other based on performance from the previous year; the Third Annual South Texas Mock Trial Challenge; and the 29th Annual Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition.

I am pleased to share the 2014-15 advocacy season is off to a great start with our students bringing home

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another national championship in the first ever National Trial Advocacy Tournament, hosted by the University of Florida. Notably, our students were undefeated in this competition. Additionally, our students took home the trophy in our annual courtroom battle with the University of Florida in the Hulsey/Gambrell Moot Court Competition.



Georgia Law students won the American Bar Association Law Student Tax Challenge, besting approximately 90 teams from law schools across the country. Above, Professor Camilla Watson (left) poses with then third-year student Morgan Klinzig and then second-year student Ben Newell.

Furthermore, for the first time, our students competed in the American Bar Association Law Student Tax Challenge, and they won the national title.

Approximately 90 teams from law schools from across the country participated in this tournament where teams solved a cutting-edge and complex business problem that might arise in everyday tax practice. Our students were coached to this victory by Professor Camilla E. Watson.

On the negotiation competition front, our students performed well, finishing as quarterfinalists in the Fordham National Basketball Negotiation Competition and as semifinalists in the Southeastern Regional Competition of the National Transactional LawMeet, which was hosted by the law school during the spring. Business Law and Ethics Program Instructor Carol Morgan (J.D.'79) oversees our teams in this area.

Students seeking admission to Georgia Law do so for a variety of reasons. Some make us their first choice due to our challenging and varied curricular and co-curricular offerings, while others seek our outstanding faculty, our collegial atmosphere or

our greatly improved facilities. However, one very influential factor is cost. I am very proud to report that Georgia Law continues to be recognized as one of our nation's "best value" law schools. Obtaining a legal education is a considerable investment in one's future and being able to deliver an outstanding education at a reasonable price is tremendously important on the recruitment front.

Class of 2017 Academic Credentials

	LSAT Score	Undergraduate GPA
75th Percentile	164	3.8
Median	163	3.7
25th Percentile	158	3.4

In August, we welcomed the academically talented Class of 2017, which is composed of 185 students. These students boast an impressive median Law School Admission Test score and undergraduate grade point average of 163 and 3.7, respectively. They come from 23 states and 70 undergraduate institutions. The most popular universities were: UGA, Georgia State, Clemson, Georgia Southern and Auburn. Additionally, 56 percent of the class is male, and 18 percent indicated they are members of a minority group.

We also enrolled 15 lawyers from around the globe in our Master of Laws program. They come from the countries of Argentina, China, Egypt, Germany, Guyana, Malaysia, Nigeria, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe.

You may recall the law school launched a new degree - the Master in the Study of Law - this fall. Currently, we have three students in the program, which is designed for professionals and recent college graduates seeking to increase their knowledge of law relevant to their career or academic discipline. One student is in the United States as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant and is studying administrative law and education law and policy. Another is concentrating on regulation and legislative matters, and the third is focusing on contract and business law.

The M.S.L. is offered on a full- and part-time basis, so if you are aware of any individuals who want to increase their knowledge of the law, but not practice law, this may be an ideal educational and professional opportunity.

Helping our students to secure employment after graduation remains a top priority at the law school. Despite the challenging job market, 88 percent of the Class of 2013 accepted employment offers or were pursuing an additional degree nine months after graduation as reported to the American Bar Association. While the majority of our recent alumni secured positions in private practice, a variety of legal settings and career opportunities in Georgia and around the country are attractive to our student body.

In recent years, the interest in judicial clerkships has grown. This perhaps has been fueled by the success of our graduates in obtaining coveted U.S. Supreme Court clerkships. (We have had six graduates serve justices at our nation's highest court in the past nine years.).

Earlier this year, Georgia Law was ranked 10th nationally for the number of its employed 2012 graduates working at judicial clerkships with federal judges (*U.S. News & World Report*) and in the top 7 percent of law schools based on a three-year average that was calculated for federal clerkships obtained by the graduating Classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013 (determined by American Bar Association data that was compiled by a Pepperdine University law professor). For the Class of 2013, there were 22 federal and 11 state judicial clerks.

To date, Georgia Law's greater alumni body has included 11 governors, numerous U.S. and state senators and representatives as well as scores of distinguished federal and state judges, prominent attorneys and corporate leaders. As members of this talented and accomplished group, you should feel proud.

Two fellow alumni who should further bolster your sense of pride are UGA President Jere Morehead and Augusta attorney Wyckliffe "Wyck" A. Knox Jr. (LL.B.'64). Both received the Law School Association's most prestigious honor - the Distinguished Service Scroll Award - during June. They were recognized for demonstrating exceptional service and dedication to the legal profession and the law school.

Jere became UGA's 22nd president in 2013, having previously served as the senior vice president for



2014 Distinguished Service Scroll Award recipient - UGA President Jere Morehead (J.D.'80)

academic affairs and provost since 2010. He is the first UGA alumnus to be named president since Fred Davison in 1967, and he is the second Georgia Law alumnus to serve as the university's leader. Jere remains as the Meigs Professor of Legal Studies in the Terry College of Business, where he has held a faculty appointment since 1986. He directed the law school's Advocacy Program from 1986 to 1995, during which time the moot court teams he coached won international, national, regional and state championships, including the National Moot Court Competition and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The school's overall record during his leadership of the program was 288-103.



2014 Distinguished Service Scroll Award recipient - Augusta attorney Wyck Knox (LL.B.'64)

Wyck was a member of the law school's Board of Visitors from 1974 to 1976. He also has served as vice president of UGA's Alumni Association, as director of the UGA Athletic Association and as a trustee of the UGA Foundation, where he was chairman of the finance committee and treasurer for eight years. He has endowed scholarship funds at both the law school and the Terry College of Business. Wyck, who presently serves as of counsel at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, was listed in 2008's *The Best Lawyers in America* under two listings - business litigation and health care law. He has been recognized in the "Most Influential Georgians" listings appearing in *Georgia Trend* magazine and, in 2013, Junior Achievement inducted him into its Central Savannah River Area Business Hall of Fame for his pursuits in business and philanthropy.

Additionally, I want to make sure you are aware that 1975 alumna Julie E. Carnes and 1998 alumna Leigh Martin May were both unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, respectively. Furthermore, Julie and 1985 alumnus John Phinizy Spalding received

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UGA Blue Key Honor Society Service Awards in October. And Gordon R. Smith (J.D.'78) was named UGA's 2014 Bill Hartman Award winner, which recognizes former student-athletes who have demonstrated excellence in their profession and/or in service to others by 20 or more years of superior performance after graduation.

As you know, the importance of service is something that is valued and taught here at Georgia Law. I am very thankful so many of you take the time to make meaningful contributions to your local communities, the legal profession and to your law school.

I truly appreciate the efforts of those who serve on the school's two alumni boards - the Board of Visitors and the Law School Association Council. Their support and advice over the years has been instrumental in the school's continued success. Currently, Kathelen V. Amos (J.D.'82) serves as the chair of the BOV, while Jennifer "Jen" Auer Jordan (J.D.'01) is the president of the LSA.

Our school's progress also relies heavily upon monetary contributions. Each year, this *Annual Report* provides the opportunity for me to publicly thank you for the faith you have shown in your legal alma mater. Private donations from alumni and friends, no matter how large or small, make the difference between being a good law school and an outstanding law school, so thank you for the contributions you make that have resulted in our notable success.

This past year, we raised the second highest yearly total in our school's history. I am grateful for leadership gifts received from Roy E. Barnes (J.D.'72), Gary L. Bernes, Jesse G. Bowles III (J.D.'74), Verner F. Chaffin (LL.B.'42) and Joel O. Wooten (J.D.'75) that helped us to achieve this amount.

Additionally, I am pleased to share the Law School Fund, the school's largest single source of scholarship dollars, reached a new milestone this past fiscal year. For 2013-14, more than \$1 million was contributed by alumni and friends. Besides providing scholarships, this fund enhances every Georgia Law student's experience by making available a wide range of programming and events.

Significantly, members of the graduating Class of 2014 demonstrated their appreciation for the legal education they received at Georgia Law by pledging more than \$60,000 to the school during the commencement ceremony in May.

The winners of the Fifth Annual Firm and Corporation Alumni Challenge, which seeks to achieve 100 percent giving participation from Georgia Law graduates within an organization, were Hulseley, Oliver & Mahar (category A - organizations with more than 10 Georgia Law graduates) and Downey & Cleveland (category B - organizations with five to 10 graduates). Julius M. Hulseley (J.D.'63) and W. Curtis Anderson (J.D.'91) led their firms' efforts, respectively.

This year we introduced the Verner F. Chaffin Society, named after our longtime trusts and estates professor and Georgia Law alumnus. Chaffin Society membership is for all alumni and friends who make a planned gift in support of the law school. Planned gifts come from a variety of sources but the major ones include the assignment of life insurance proceeds, retirement plan assets, charitable gift annuities and testamentary bequests.

Members of the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society (annual donors of more than \$1,000 to the law school) were invited to the house of David S. (J.D.'71) and Elizabeth Golden in Atlanta for the annual Spring Twilight Affair. I thank David and Elizabeth for opening their home for what was a wonderful evening. Gatherings such as this allow us to join together and celebrate the strides our school is making.

It is with tremendous regret that I mention the loss of two giants in the legal profession and the law school community this fall. Dean Emeritus J. Ralph Beard, who passed away August 14, was a revered leader, scholar, teacher and mentor to so many of us. He served as dean of the law school for a total of 13 years and officially served on the faculty for more than 20 years, although he taught at the law school for approximately four decades. Ralph is survived by daughters Carol Beard Welsh and Becky Beard Scarboro, sons-in-law Jack Welsh and Leonard Scarboro, three granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.



Dean Emeritus
Ralph Beard



Former Gov. Carl Sanders (J.D.'48)

Former Gov. Carl E. Sanders (J.D.'48), who passed away November 16, had a relationship with UGA that spanned more than 70 years, beginning with his enrollment in 1942. Known as "Georgia's Education Governor," Sanders oversaw the investment of more than \$2 billion in the state's educational and training programs, including state funding for the

1967 physical expansion of the law school that included a new building for the law library and \$1 million to buy books for the facility. After leaving office, Gov. Sanders made significant personal gifts to the law school, including \$1 million in 2002 to establish an endowed professorship, and the reading room in the law library is named in his honor. This staunch law school supporter and founder of Troutman Sanders is survived by his wife Betty Foy Sanders, two children and five grandchildren.

Georgia Law also said goodbye to former Legal Aid Clinic Director Adrienne R. McFall on March 1. Adrienne led the clinic from 1991 to 1994. She is survived by her son, Nicholas, and two grandchildren.



Former Legal Aid Clinic Director Adrienne McFall

This past year, there were a number of changes to the law school's staff. I am pleased to share with you the additions of Susan J. Wilson (J.D.'89) and Laura E. Woodson (J.D.'90) to our Career Development Office. Susan serves as executive director and oversees the school's legal career services and professional development programs. Shortly after Susan's appointment, Laura was brought on board as an associate director to help provide career counseling and guidance to Georgia Law students and alumni. Susan and Laura join Director of Career Services David P. O'Brien, Director of Student Professional Development Beth Shackelford and Associate Director Kristin Strunk Lowry (J.D.'07) in this very important area of preparing our students for their employment search. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you are seeking additions to your staff. I know they will help you in your quest for a well-qualified Georgia Law student or recent graduate who will suit your needs.

With the departure of Associate Dean for Administration Paul B. Rollins, our admissions team experienced some changes as well. Gregory L. "Greg" Roseboro (J.D.'87) now serves as executive director of law admissions, and Ramsey Henderson Bridges (J.D.'05) is the director of admissions. Joining this pair under the admissions umbrella is Shannon Shipley Hinson (J.D.'06) as the associate director of admissions and Kizmet S. "Kiz" Adams (J.D.'89) as associate director of graduate legal studies, overseeing admissions functions relating to the school's LL.M. and M.S.L. degrees.

We have added Jeremy Headrick to our law school's advancement team, which is under the leadership of Senior Director Gregory C. "Greg" Sowell (J.D.'83). Jeremy came to the law school from UGA's College of Pharmacy development office. He earned his M.Ed. and A.B from UGA, where he was a First Honor Graduate. Jeremy joins a seasoned team of professionals in the vital area of fundraising. Other members of this group are: Annual Giving Director Phyllis R. Cooke, Principal Gifts Officer Anne S. Moser, Stewardship Manager Lara Pulliam, Alumni Relations and Development Coordinator Kate O'Reilly and Annual Giving Officer Julia B. Douglas. Please open your doors to Greg and his colleagues who want to personally highlight the progress your law school is making and to seek your involvement.

Lastly, Lona Panter has joined the Office of Communications and Public Relations as associate director. She is assisting Director Heidi M. Murphy with sharing our school's many accomplishments with our various constituents.

As I said earlier, we have an excellent administrative team in place. I am positive your new dean, Bo Rutledge, will provide strong and effective leadership for our school. Please give him your support as he begins his service in this critical position.

Also please be assured that I am stepping down with confidence in our school's future and with gratitude and appreciation for its past. I am very thankful to have had the privilege to serve as your dean, and I truly believe our law school is poised for an even brighter future.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hanner White
Dean and J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law