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Student Bar Association Welcomes New Students

On behalf of the SBA, I am excited to welcome our **new students** to the GSU College of Law. You can look forward to a real adventure over the next few weeks, as you learn a whole new language and begin the process of "thinking like a lawyer". A few suggestions to make life a little easier -- don't forget to check the assignment boards for you first week's reading assignments, and get in the habit EARLY of reading the Docket and the numerous bulletin boards for up-to-date announcements.

The SBA is here to serve the student body and act as an advocate on their behalf. We are the student affiliate of the ABA, and all registered students are automatically members. Our Board members are either el[illegible]d or appointed, and several op[illegible]unities for student participation exist. Elections for 1L Senators will take place in September, so we hope that you will consider becoming involved!

In the meantime, the SBA is ready to assist you in a number of ways by providing many different services and programs, including :

* the Used Book Exchange, where you can buy "previously owned" casebooks and study aids at significant savings -- don't buy your books without checking here first! (office hours are posted on the door, or call 651-1749 for a message);
* coffee service, for convenient, inexpensive satisfaction of your caffeine deficit;
* T-shirts and hats for sale, so that you can proudly advertise your future alma mater;
* this newsletter, THE DOCKET, which provides timely and comprehensive information about upcoming programs and opportunities;
* the "Buddy system", which matches up fi[illegible]d second year students; and
[illegible]formation on student organizations, the American Bar Association, and resources for answering almost any question about GSU and the College of Law.

Over the first few weeks of classes, student volunteers representing the school's many student organizations will be wearing beige nametags and will be available to assist you in many ways. Please don't hesitate to ask questions -- if we don't know the answer, we'll find out!

Finally, the SBA office is located on the second floor, Room 225, which is where both the book exchange and coffee service can be found. Any suggestions or comments should be dropped into our suggestion box, located on the coffee service table. For more information, you can call the office (651-1749) or SBA Vice-President Sue Gordon at 432-6121.

The SBA also welcomes back returning students, and hopes that your summer was both restful and productive. We've been very busy over the past three months preparing for a productive and eventful fall semester. We hope you will see some positive changes in our services, and a new attitude of "customer" service.

For the record, the SBA has been meeting with the faculty, administration, student organizations, and a variety of other GSU officials to address the concerns most often expressed over the past year. We are actively pursuing additional funding sources that can be used to enhance the quality of life for the College. As always, if you would like to participate, or have suggestions, please give me a call or leave a message at the office.

Don't forget -- if you haven't already dropped off your first and second year books to our office, please do it ASAP. Remember that 1L's begin buying their books well in advance, so don't miss this chance to earn some extra money!

Hope you enjoy the remaining lazy, hazy days of summer!

Vicki Bell, SBA President
426-7181 H, 703-2985 Pager

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Get involved! Participation in a student organization is a great way to meet upperclass students, develop leadership skills, and become a well known figure among your classmates. Remember, most organizations require minimal time input from their members. Of the 19 organizations listed below choose one that interests you and sign up by dropping by their office.

Due to space limitations, the following are only brief descriptions of GSU Law School student organizations. For further information, please refer to prior mailings, student handbook, and your orientation materials.

GO AHEAD!
TAKE THE LEAP.
IT'S NOT THE END OF
THE WORLD!

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAW STUDENTS

AIMS: to provide students a support network and a forum for issues surrounding age, parenting, and discrimination in the legal profession

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: mentoring program, arranging child care during first year Saturday tutorials

UPCOMING: forum on domestic violence (early September)

CONTACT: Stephanie Duncan-Brent, Pres. 962-3793, Box 146, 227 Urban Life Bldg.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA)

Open to all students.

AIM: To promote the interests of black law

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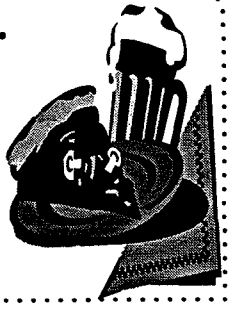

students at GSU.
ACTIVITIES: Survival skills program, Minority Bar Reception, annual picnic, informal study groups, tutorials, volunteer program.
CONTACT: Maureen McLeod, President. Tel. 719-0823.
OFFICE: Room 227, Urban Life Building

CHRISTIAN LAW SOCIETY

AIMS: to address the challenges of being a Christian law student and attorney and developing a Christian approach to the tough issues raised in the practice of law.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: weekly meetings to enjoy Christian fellowship, topical discussions, guest speakers.
CONTACT: Tom Nunnallee, Pres. (912) 742-6650, Box 404, 228 U.L.

DELTA THETA PHI

AIM: To encourage high levels of academic excellence.
SERVICES: Scholarship program, Bench & Bar lecture series, comprehensive file of class outlines.
ACTIVITIES: Race Judicata (5K)
CONTACT: C. Robert Hilliard, President. Tel. 373-8228
OFFICE: Room 226, Urban Life Building

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Law Students' Newspaper
CONTACT: John Creasy, Editor (264-9576)
OFFICE: Room 225, Urban Life Building

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY

AIM: To increase environmental awareness
ACTIVITIES: Environmental moot court competitions, clean stream project. wilderness outings, lecture series, recycling projects.
CONTACT: Mack Tallent, President. Tel. 409-8318. Box #456.
OFFICE: Room 229 Urban Life Building

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

AIM: to broaden the parameters of current public policy/legal debate to include conservative/libertarian analysis.
ACTIVITIES: Speakers, Discussion & Debate, 2 Nat'l Conventions featuring nationally prominent figures from academia, politics, private legal practice, and public policy research.
SERVICES: National Membership includes receipt of The Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy.
CONTACT: Chuck Shrake, Pres. (659-2279) or John Creasy, VP (264-9576)
OFFICE: 228 U.L.

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW SOCIETY

AIMS: to assist members in getting involved in the international bar and to promote awareness of international legal issues.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: speakers from fields of international law, participation in international law conferences, providing support and assistance to Jessup International Moot Court Team in preparing for their annual competition
UPCOMING: first meeting date and Jessup Team tryouts will be announced during first few weeks of classes.
CONTACT: Carolyn Vingery, Pres. 816-4316, Box 484, 229 U.L.

JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

AIM: To provide a forum for those who share an interest in Jewish legal and social issues.
ACTIVITIES: Sponsors travel to National JLSA annual conference, informal social events.
ELECTIONS: End Sept./Early Oct.
CONTACT: Richard Genirberg, President. Tel. 377-9999
OFFICE: Room 226 Urban Life Building

LAW REVIEW

PURPOSE: to publish articles and other materials for the benefit of the legal community and to improve the legal writing and research skills of the students selected for law review membership.
MEMBERSHIP: new members, called candidates, are selected based on academic standing or performance in the annual writing competition.
FURTHER INFO: stop by the Law Review office in the library or call Laura Story, Editor-in-chief, or Faison Middleton, Managing Editor, at 651-2047

LESBIAN AND GAY LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

AIM: to provide a support and advocacy group for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people at Georgia State Law School.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: mentoring,

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r orking with local attorneys, education on legal and social issues which affect lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, guest speakers, participation in forums, social events, conferences.
UPCOMING: attending Alliance Theatre's production of Angels in America (in September).
FIRST MEETING: will be announced by orientation week .
FURTHER INFO: stop by table at orientation or call Mimi 872-8102, or Kenn 888-5137, Box 379, 229 U.L.

MOOT COURT BOARD

Not open to 1Ls.
AIM: To improve research and advocacy skills.
ACTIVITIES: Participation in National and Regional Moot Court Competitions, members also act as judges and brief graders in the Appellate Court competition.
CONTACT: Bryon Sanford, President. Box # 429
OFFICE: Room 140A Urban Life Building (and Moot Court Courtroom)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS (NACDL)

AIM: To develop courtroom skills for those interested in criminal law.
SERVICES: Newsletter, Electronic Bulletin Board, Free Champion magazine for members
ACTIVITIES: Mock Trial Competitions (Not open to 1Ls). 1Ls can get involved by acting as witnesses for team members. If interested attend meeting on Thursday, August 25 at 2:30 p.m. Room to be announced, check office for details.
CONTACT: Paul Vignos, President. Tel 897-1050.
OFFICE: Room 155 Urban Life Building

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG) / ACTIVATING AWARENESS FOR CHOICE AND EQUALITY

NOTE: this past spring, these two groups merged in light of their overlapping interests in several areas.

National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

DESCRIPTION: a national organization dedicated to helping the underrepresented, providing legal support for all kinds of struggles for economic, social, and political justice.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: participation in effort to help Haitian refugees obtain asylum, mentoring program for law students to volunteer with local attorneys in representation of homeless people.

Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality (AACE)

DESCRIPTION: initially founded with a pro-choice stance, AACE aims to inform GSU law students as to different positions on current controversial issues so that they may make educated decisions in their political views.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: forums on topics such as gays in the military, changing the Georgia state flag, abortion under the proposed health care plan, and sexism in the classroom.
UPCOMING: the first AACE/NLG meeting will be announced within first few weeks of classes.
CONTACT: Heidi Geiger, 261-1232, Box 303, or Christine Koehler, 414-8814, Box 350, co-presidents of AACE and NLG, 229 U.L.

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PHI ALPHA DELTA

DESCRIPTION: largest international legal fraternity with over 169 law school chapters and over 110,000 members.
AIMS: to offer both educational and social programs for its members.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: sponsoring topical speakers on significant legal issues, hosting fundraising events for local legal organizations.
UPCOMING: several rush events (open to all interested students) will be held in the fall
CONTACT: Jaime Wingler, Pres. 351-5138, Box 699, 226 U.L.

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AIM: To promote professionalism and a high standard of ethical behavior amongst its members.
ACTIVITIES: Community Service Projects, lectures, social activities.
CONTACT: Bill Little, Magister. Tel. 333-7964. Box # 007 or Lorraine Sanchez, Vice-Magister Box # 655
OFFICE: 226 Urban Life Building

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ASSOCIATION (PILA)

AIMS: to increase student awareness of opportunities in public interest law fields.
SAMPLE ACTIVITIES: spring auction to raise money for summer fellowships for students working in public interest law, speakers on topics of public interest law.
UPCOMING: plans to create job bank to connect students with organizations needing volunteers.
FIRST MEETING: Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 12 noon & 5:30 pm
CONTACT: Nancy Turner, Pres. 438-0557, Box 687, 228 U.L.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Student government association of the College of Law.
SERVICES: Buddy system, 2nd hand bookstore, coffee services, social events such as the annual Barristers' Ball.
CONTACT: Vickie Bell, President. Tel. 426-7964
OFFICE: Room 225 Urban Life Building

STUDENT TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

AIM: To develop courtroom skills and provide an opportunity for students to participate in trial competitions.
ACTIVITIES: Closing argument competition for 1Ls in Spring., annual mock trial competition, trial skills program.
CONTACT: Paul Vignos, President. 897-1050
OFFICE: Room 155 Urban Life Building
N.B. A meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 2:30 for 1Ls interested in acting as witnesses for upperclass students participating in trial competitions. Check office door for information.

NEW FACULTY

Several new faculty are joining us a t Georgia State College of Law this year. A visiting faculty member is Jerry Sherk, who taught Environmental Law (Law 5200) this summer and will also teach Environmental Law in the Fall and Spring. Mr. Sherk will also offer courses in Energy Law and Natural Resource Law.

After being graduated from the University of Denver College of Law in 1978, Jerry Sherk spent a tour with the Department of Energy in the South Pacific in Samoa. After this hardship tour he worked in the field of water and energy with the National Conference of State Legislatures Office of Water Policy. He also has trial experience as trial attorney with the Justice Department, Department of Natural Resources. He has most recently been involved in private practice as well as teaching. Last year he was a visiting scholar at the University of Wyoming.

The emphasis in his understanding of environmental and resource law is a balance of policy. Environmentalists must come to understand and appreciate the legitimate private concerns of commercial interests and labor. Perhaps even more importantly, American industry must consider long-term environmental costs, which ultimately translate into economic costs, and no longer operate exclusively for short term gain. All sides must operate from a realistic perspective and not encourage hysteria. Persons studying and practising environmental law must also recognize the different value bases the different persons and parties operate from. Without an understanding of the different theological/philosophical worldviews involved there may never be an understanding of another party's perspective.

Mr. Sherk is never happier than when he is outdoors, especially when he is in the water. The Docket staff and GSU student body welcome Mr. Jerry Sherk. We welcome Andi Cursio, Steve Friedland, Natsu Jenga, Arnold Lowie, and Doug Yarn as new members of the GSU College of Law faculty team. The Docket will bring you more information on new faculty in coming issues.

Forrest Shealy

DOCKET LAUREATE
by Arturo Corso

Pay careful attention to the creations you will see unfold in this section of the Docket over the coming year. This is one of few places that we will have the opportunity to be creative, capricious, and just plain crazy in the midst of some, eh-em, very serious students!

I'm looking for anything that is the product of genuine inspiration be it poetry, songs, short stories -- you get the idea. Whether it's an original work or something you picked up along the way, whether its signed or anonymous, just get it to me and maybe you will inspire others, too. Here's my go at it....don't laugh, this is serious.

Were there but one way to
Capture your affections,
Rest assured that it would my Secret
keep. And dole out
Instead, I would, the usual
Confections.

And after years of giving
Thee, chocolate filled tulips
And roses of futile lore,

The trump would fall upon the
Knees of love to reveal its
Honey core.

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So then the sweet drip, drip,
Of fragrance long guarded by
Buzzing Bees,
Would be my Stinger's rapture
Play, upon your honey knees.

-Arturo Corso

"[Justice Black] was attending the funeral of a dignitary whom he had heartily disliked and whose funeral he would not have attended had it not been expected of him. Another judge, arriving late, tiptoed into his place next to Black and whispered, "How far has the service got?" Black whispered back, "They've just opened for the defense."

-Justice Hugo Black

ALL O.J., ALL THE TIME

by Scott Bailey

I saw one of those straw polls on the O.J. Simpson deal the other day. It showed that [illegible] of the people who wasted .50 cents thought the case had gotten too much media coverage. That's funny, because a lot of those people are now qualified to teach criminal procedure this fall because of all the Court TV and CNN they've been watching.

Says her there hasn't been enough O.J. coverage. Lets talk to Ted Turner and get a new cable channel started: OJTV. All O.J., All the Time. Brought to you by Minute Maid. Sure we'll cover all the legal junk just like everybody else, but we'll also bring you the stuff America really wants to see. O.J. the athlete, O.J. the movie star, how to get a job like Kato Kaelin's.

Just imagine, whenever things get a little boring in the courtroom, we go to Chris Berman for commentary on O.J.'s football career, or to John Madden, football analyst and endorsement king, for analysis of O.J.'s career as a rental car salesman. A 1-900 line will be available for those who want to request a favorite touchdown run or Hertz commercial (perhaps the one in which the juice is late for a flight to Chicago.)

Court proceedings only last t or 8 hours a day, you say? No problem, at 6 o'clock, live from Studio 32, it;s "Today in Court" with Bob Costas, a daily rundown of the day's events and highlights, ending with a "litigant of the day" award. "Marcia Clark turned in another strong performance for the prosecution," Bob might say, "going 3 for 4 (four objections, three sustained), but today's star was F. Lee Bailey, who actually contributed to his clients defense instead of just making fun of Dershowitz hair."

For prime-time, we give you "Hold the Phone" with your host Tom Snyder, a live call-in talk show, where you, the people, get to tell America what you think about O.J. and the rest of the cast-er, parties. Maybe you want to reminisce about O.J.'s football days, or tell how much you loved the "Naked Gun" trilogy. This show might get a bit stale what with those same three guys from Buffalo calling every night.

Since O.J.'s trial can only last so long, we need to exploit it as much as possible while we can, so OJTV will only be available on pay-per-view. But we will offer an early subscription bonus— Buy the trial, get the sentencing absolutely free!

Everybodu wins with OJTV. The public gets the oversaturation of coverage they secretly can't get enough of. The lawyers, witnesses, and the judge get a guest spot on Letterman and their own product endorsements, ("Hi, I'm Robert Shapiro for Hawaiian tropic...")

There's just one small problem, though. Since virtually everyone on the planet has been exposes to the nuances of the case, finding jurors may be a little tough. Maybe they could fly in some aborigines from New Guinea to sit on the jury; I don't think they get CNN. On second thought, this case has already had it's share of cannibals.

On Selecting a Bar Review Course

I have some words of warning for fellow law students who run the gauntlet of bar review hawkers as we enter the College of Law main entrance.

Not until after selecting my bar review courses did I find out things I wish I would have known before I made my selection. Because of some unusual circumstances, I signed up for one course from BarBri and one from PMBR (the 6-day overview).

Regarding any bias or prejudice regarding these bar review companies, I didn't work for either of them. I've had no affiliation with either one, nor have I had best friends that worked or works for either of them. I really don't care about either one, but based on my experience, I recommend signing up with BarBri and I recommend avoiding PMBR. The PMBR people acted like jerks with me, and in response to polite requests and very civil criticism, their representative responded rudely. Most importantly, they determined their final schedule at the last minute, allowing me no time to make plans around the bar review course.

I scheduled the starting time of a 40-hour summer law job based on the scheduled date for PMBR's 6-day course. For months, when I telephoned PMBR, I was told that the course would be at Colony Square during the week of May 23, 1994. I called PMBR on May 9, 1994 to inquire why I hadn't yet receive a letter announcing the time and place of the 6-day course which I was to attend. The executive director, Robert Fineberg, informed me that those dates were tentative and that the course would finally be scheduled for the next week, May 29, 1994. I told Mr. Fineberg that I had scheduled the starting time of work based on the dates PMBR telephone secretaries had told me about for months and requested video tapes of the sessions. Mr. Fineberg said that was impossible. Then he suggested I reschedule for the 3-day course, to be run from July 8 - 10, 1994, and handed me over to a telephone secretary before I could get out a word of complaint.

The telephone secretary responded as if she was doing me a big favor to reschedule me and to send me the practice examination to be administered on Friday, July 8. In response to my complaint about the delayed scheduling of the course, she responded that she was bending the rules on my behalf just to send me the practice exam early and that I shouldn't complain.

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A friend, and recent GSU graduate, who attended the entire PMBR program including the 6-day and the 3-day workshop recently related her experiences to me. She was similarly frustrated and disappointed with the administration, though not with the substance, of the course. Specifically, the administration of the "simulated Multi-state Bar Exam (MBE) " was a travesty. PMBR failed to provide sufficient chairs to accommodate the number of participants, the exam was interrupted repeatedly by PMBR administrators, and participants were ejected from a room at one point by hotel employees and compelled to complete the exam out of doors. The outdoor test takers weren't even informed when the time allotment had expired. PMBR has been holding bar classes at the same site for years and obviously knew how many participants to expect. Though my friend paid over $900 for the PMBR course (BarBri charged less than $700), she was refused additional question sets because "they weren't going to copy any more."

Another recommendation I have is to pay by credit card. That way, if there is an unresolved dispute, you may be able to have the credit card issuer issue a charge-back of the amount paid to the bar review program.

By contrast, my experience with BarBri has been entirely different. Nancy Whyte had been trying to sign me up for a couple of years. She told me many weeks in advance that the BarBri course would start on May 23, 1994. I received notice requesting payment and instructions about a month before the course started. Having completed the course as of this writing, I was very pleased with both the administration by Ms. Whyte and her staff and with the presenters. My only complaint was about the computer software provided.

In summary, the BarBri course was administered superbly. I was very satisfied with the course materials and the course lecturers. My only complaint concerns the file handling of the BarBri software. I hope the software will be extensively upgraded in the coming months.

Richard Genirberg

STLA and NACDL-GSU join forces for tryouts

The two student organizations involved with trial work are joining together to judge tryouts Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th.

The tryouts are for 1Ls to see what it's like to be part of a trial team. 1Ls may play the roles of witnesses for 2Ls and 3Ls. 2Ls and 3Ls may also be witnesses in the tryouts. But 2Ls and 3Ls who want to have fun and win a place on one of the teams representing GSU in state, regional and national mock trial competitions must compete as attorneys.

Students try out as teams of four: two student attorneys and their two witnesses. 1Ls interested in participating should sign up on the door of the STLA/NACDL-GSU office on the ground floor next to the Tax Clinic and Student Life Coordinator (Brenda's office). 2Ls and 3Ls should also sign up. The sign-up deadline for attorney teams is September 1.

The trial problem (State v. Snodgrass) is on reserve in the library under Student Organizations. It is a very simple murder fact pattern with alot of opportunity for persuasion, both on the part of attorneys and by student witnesses.

We're Going Back to the Tournament of Champions

STLA teams again won an invitation to the Sixth Annual National Invitational Trial Tournament of Champions in San Diego during the last week in October. In order to get invited, law schools must have done well enough in the spring to win a certain number of points. This will be the sixth year GSU has been invited to the Tournament of Champions. One of our current coaches actually won the best advocate in the nation at this competition.

In the words of the invitation, the invited schools "truly deserve to be called 'Champions' of student trial advocacy."

From its very beginning, when a few students approached Assistant District Attorney, A. Thomas Jones, to be their coach, the GSU Law, Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) has had remarkable successes representing GSU Law in mock trial competitions.

The win list includes:
*Best over-all advocate in the nation - Tournament of Champions - 1989 &'93
*Georgia State Champions - Geo[illegible] Intrastate Mock Trial Competition - 1[illegible] 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992
*Runner-Up - Georgia Intrastate Mock Trial Competition - 1990, 1993
*Regional Champions - ATLA Mock Trial Competition - 1989, 1993
*Regional Runner-up - ATLA Mock Trial Competition - 1989 (B team), 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
*Regional Runner-up - ABA Civil Mock Trial Competition - 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
*National Runner-up - Tournament of Champions - 1990, 1992, 1993
*National Third Place - Tournament of Champions - 1989, 1991
*National Third Place - ATLA Mock Trial Competition - 1989
*National Fifth Place - ABA Invitational Criminal Mock Trial Competition - 1992
*National Sixth Place - ATLA Mock Trial Competition - 1993

Another First

Thanks to everybody who helped, NACDL-GSU will be sending one team of two student attorneys, two student witnesses, and a coach to the Cathy E. Bennett Criminal Mock Trial Competition at the national NACDL convention in [illegible] first week of November, 1994 to be judged by defense lawyers from around the nation.

The invitation comes as a sweet surprise to student members of the NACDL-GSU chapter. It was the dream of Monte Davis, who founded the NACDL-GSU chapter just two years ago. Since then, everybody who has been approached to help win the invitation has rallied around the idea. Professor Mark Kadish advised the NACDL-GSU students to develop a strong student chapter aimed at trial work. Attorneys John Pickens and Doug Ammar of the Georgia Justice Project provided client and witness interviewing opportunities, legal research, motion arguments and actual trial experience for NACDL-GSU members. UGA Prof. Wendy Jenkins taught a half day seminar on interviewing techniques. Recent GSU Law graduate, Randy Rich, early on agreed to be the pro bono coach if we ever received an invitation. Prof. Ellen Podgor, an active NACDL member, offered e[illegible] assistance ("Just ask and I'll do it."); and Prof. Roy Sobelson agreed to be faculty

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A TRIBUTE TO MARGIE PITTS HAMES

Atlanta attorney and women's rights activist Margie Pitts Hames died suddenly on June 19, 1994 at the age of 60 of an apparent heart attack. Her unexpected demise has deeply saddened me, personally and professionally.

Margie, who attained "first name only" status long ago among Atlanta's legal community, had been on the leading edge of legislative advocacy for what are traditionally considered "women's issues" -- equal rights, stricter rape laws, reproductive rights, adoption, child protection, etc. Of her many accomplishments, she was best known for successfully arguing Doe v. Bolton, the companion case to Roe v. Wade, in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. What was intriguing to me was that she did it while taking time away from her labor-law career to raise two children. If I remember it correctly, she once told me that she had volunteered to do the research on the case on the condition that she also be allowed to argue it in front of the Court.

I had met her while working on some health-care legislation in 1987, and she was fascinating to watch, whether she was working the halls of the Capitol or sharing the history of the women's movement in Georgia, of which she was a critical element. It was always humbling to me to have to re-introduce myself to her at each meeting. I was, after all, just a "bit player" in the legislative arena, volunteering my efforts on behalf of the organizations and candidates we mutually supported. It was gratifying, still, to see some semblance of recognition follow each introduction. She had a way of putting her "friends" at ease, with her soft smile and graying hair. This grandmotherly appearance belied her inner strength and assertive nature, and I always considered myself fortunate to avoid being the recipient of one of her steely stares, which were reserved for those on the other side of her ideological table.

For years I have watched her work tirelessly for all of Georgia's citizens, and she is in many ways responsible for my seriously considering law as a career. She was a woman who broke the stereotypes of the "female attorney", while absorbing the attendant criticism with a sense of humor and determination that was her trademark. She probably had no idea of the many women she influenced, and I no longer have the chance to let her know how much I appreciate her efforts and her willingness to be a role model.

Georgia has lost a remarkable woman, and the profession has lost a valuable member. Her presence will be sorely missed.

Vicky Bell

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coach. At the last minute, Robert Shuford put together the required paper work to begin the financing of the effort.

The competition is probably the most difficult mock trial competition to get invited to. The top teams are invited to return each year, leaving only eight openings for new schools to participate. The strong litigation program and successes of our mock trial teams in state, regional, and national competitions undoubtedly helped us to receive this invitation.

Students interested in being a part of this team are invited to tryout on September 10th and 11th (Saturday and Sunday). Sign-up on the NACDL-GSU/STLA door by September 1, 1994. The rules and the fact problem are on reserve in the library under student organizations.

BYOBB Lunch meetings on trial practice

STLA will sponsor regular lunch meetings featuring guest speakers on trial practice. The meetings will be offered in association with any other interested student organizations. The schedule will be posted asap on the STLA door. Meetings will generally be held either Wednesdays or Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. Interested students can help a ton by actually showing up and cheering or just showing up and eating lunch. Bring your own brown bag.

Trial practice workshops

STLA in association with NACDL-GSU will try to offer weekend workshops for interested students to do role plays starting with bind-over hearings, grand jury hearings, and pre-trial motions. There will be a small charge for these workshops which will cover an honorarium for the participating attorneys who agree to help us out. Interested students please contact any officer of the STLA or NACDL-GSU organizations.

The officers names and phone numbers are posted on the wall next to the STLA/NACDL-GSU office on the ground floor. Or, students can post messages expressing interest on SKIPPY in the BulletinBoardService forum /STLA or /NACDL.

SKIPPY

SKIPPY is an electronic bulletin board supporting two telephone lines @ 9600 bps. A manual is on reserve in the Library. Also, Daniel Woodward at the reference desk in the library has an evaluation copy of Telix telecommunications shareware or KERMIT13 freeware for interested students. Bring a formatted High Density 3.5" disk and request the program and the instruction sheet that goes with it.

SKIPPY invites all students and student organizations to send Briefs, Outlines and Papers over the telephone wires to the SKIPPY File Libraries for reference by other students. Choose F from the TOP menu.

SKIPPY offers student organizations a telephone modem access bulletin board to post meeting news, upcoming events, or more. Choose B from the TOP menu.

SKIPPY offers study groups Private E-mail to exchange class notes, outlines, or just schedule meetings. Choose E from the TOP menu

SKIPPY is offered to all GSU Law students for a no charge introductory period, courtesy of NACDL-GSU. The trial law organizations such as the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), The Georgia Association (GACDL) and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) are increasing their use of electronic Bulletin Board Services for members. Members of NACDL-GSU and the TAX CLINIC have full access at no charge while students at GSU. Other student organizations are welcome to set up similar arrangements.

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