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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

SUMMER 2000

The College of Law salutes recent benefactors: Henry J. Miller

The late Henry J. Miller, who passed away on Feb. 9, 2000, was a generous benefactor to the College of Law for many years. During his distinguished career, Miller served as both counsel to and director of the C&S National Bank. He also served on the boards of directors of the Atlanta Gas Light Co. and the American Southern Insurance Co.

From 1973 to 1976, Miller was one of a three-member committee that reviewed amicus briefs for the American Bar Association. In 1980, he was designated amicus curiae of the Supreme Court of Georgia "in recognition of [his] distinguished service and contribution to the improvement of the administration of justice." In 1998, Miller and his wife, Nancy, endowed the Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law at the College of Law.

A magna cum laude graduate of Emory University and a 1929 graduate of the Harvard University Law School, Miller became associated with the law firm that was the predecessor to Alston & Bird. His association with Alston & Bird lasted for more than 50 years.

Henry J. Miller

The Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series, supported by the Loridans Foundation, is named in honor of Miller.

Ben F. Johnson Jr.

Ben F. Johnson Jr. has been credited with many positive accomplishments at Georgia State University. As founding dean of the College of Law, he is recognized for recruiting a distinguished faculty and an outstanding first class of students. Within the year that Johnson became dean, the college obtained provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association. Full accreditation came in 1990.

In 1962, with the late Henry Bowden Sr., Johnson personally briefed and argued the landmark case that integrated Georgia's private universities — another stellar achievement.

In keeping with his spirit of service and giving, Johnson continues to support the College of Law in numerous ways. He recently established the Ben and Stella Johnson Scholarship Fund that enables part-time students to accelerate their legal education.

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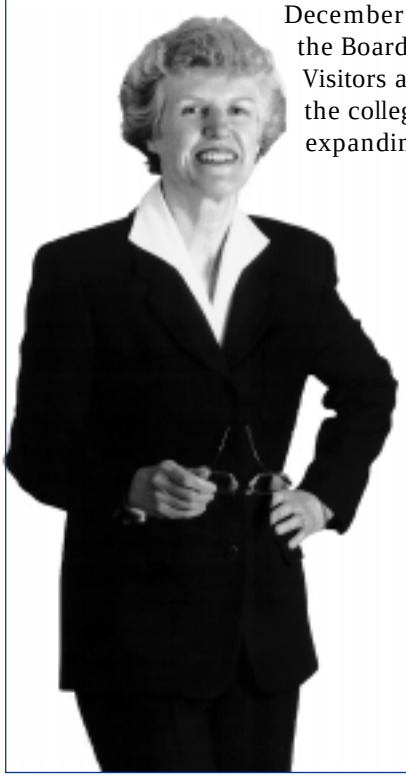
DEAN'S MESSAGE

The College of Law's Board of Visitors is now in its sixth year of service. The 31 members of the board represent a broad spectrum of the community: lawyers, state legislators, entrepreneurs, chief executive officers, bankers and executives working in communications and media. Four members are College of Law graduates. Representatives from law firms located outside of Atlanta share the table with members from Atlanta's major firms, giving the board geographical diversity. Several members serve as counsel to multinational corporations with headquarters in Georgia.

Dom Wyant, the board's chair, has taken an active role in the advancement of the college. In addition to chairing the board's meetings, he organizes committee activities taking place between meetings and talks with me on an ongoing basis. He provides sound advice on all aspects of the college's operations and shares his valuable insights on the legal community.



Created in December 1994, the Board of Visitors assists the college by expanding the public's awareness of its achievements and contributions to the community. The growing reputation of the college is directly attributable to the manner in which the profession has opened its doors to hire our graduates. Board members spread the word about the quality of our graduates and programs. They share our pride in the fact that the college has achieved a very respected place in legal education in just 17 years.

The college seeks input from board members on new initiatives. Rep. Jim Martin met on a number of occasions with members of our faculty last year to develop the college's curriculum in the area of state law, legislation and policy. He continues to offer valuable advice on getting the program, headed by Professor Neil Kinkopf, under way.

Board of Visitors members also lend financial support to the college. W. Lee Burge, a member of the board and a founder of the law school, made the first major individual gift to the college when he created the college's first endowed scholarship. In October 1998, a development committee was activated to raise funds to endow a Board of Visitors Scholarship. Judge Dorothy Toth Beasley, a strong proponent of such an endowment, made the first donation to initiate the fund. With many other contributions received this year by board members, the goal of a $125,000 Board of Visitors-endowed scholarship fund is well on its way to being accomplished. By contributing financially to the College of Law, the Board of Visitors leads the way for others to make gifts to the college.

The college is indeed fortunate in the keen interest our Board of Visitors members take in its welfare.

Janice C. Griffith

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Atlanta Law School Foundation funds college courtroom renovation

The College of Law celebrated the remodeling of the courtroom on March 22 with a ceremony honoring the Atlanta Law School Foundation and its trustees, who had generously supported the renovation project with a gift of $125,000.

The renovated courtroom features new dark cherry paneling, judges' bench and chairs, attorneys' tables and chairs, and jury and spectator seating. An elaborate audiovisual system allows videotaping and reply using remote-controlled cameras, microphones and television monitors. A fully equipped control booth can be used to edit and play back student simulations as well as to show a split-screen live video relay of two different participants simultaneously.

Dean Janice C. Griffith's remarks at the celebration included a tribute to Judge Herschel E. Cole, the longtime president of Atlanta Law School, in whose memory the Atlanta Law School Foundation gave its donation. With Atlanta Law School Foundation trustees E. Lewis Hansen, Harvey W. Moskowitz and David H. Flint assisting, Griffith unveiled a bronze plaque recognizing the foundation and Cole.

In attendance were faculty, staff and many of the students who use the courtroom for intercollegiate mock trial and moot court competitions.

From left: Associate Dean Steven Kaminshine and Professor Roy Sobelson are two of the faculty advisers for students involved in mock trial and moot court competitions.

From left: Dean Janice C. Griffith and Atlanta Law School Foundation trustees Harvey W. Moskowitz, E. Lewis Hansen and David H. Flint

Draper endows permanent Law Library fund

Dr. Stephen E. Draper, a 1992 graduate of the College of Law, recently endowed a permanent restricted fund to support the Law Library in the College of Law.

Dr. Stephen E. Draper

"This fund is established for the purpose of supporting the study of public natural resources law — including water law, growth management, land use and environmental law — by expanding the Law Library's collection in these areas," Draper stated. An acquisition bibliography for the purchase of library materials in these areas has been prepared as a guideline for the acquisitions.

Draper has been a long-standing supporter of the university and its various campaigns, scholarships and projects. In the recent past, he contributed to the College of Law Tax Clinic, as well as to the David J. Maleski Memorial Scholarship. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and holds graduate degrees in business from Long Island University and in engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1981.

In 1992, Draper was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award by Georgia State University. He holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Water Resources Association and the National Academy of Forensic Engineers. In addition, he is president and technical director of the Draper Group and is a certified professional engineer in Georgia and Florida.

As a brigadier general, Draper serves as Gov. Roy Barnes's military adviser. Along with meeting many public and civic responsibilities, Draper also contributes articles to several professional journals.

State Supreme Court sits at Georgia State

The Supreme Court of Georgia heard oral argument at the College of Law in February. Some years ago, the court adopted the practice of sitting once annually at one of the four American Bar Association-accredited law schools in Georgia; it last sat at Georgia State in 1996. Dean Janice C. Griffith welcomed the justices at 9:30 a.m. in the Urban Life Center auditorium, where a large audience was gathered.

Before oral argument commenced, Chief Justice Robert Benham presented the Amicus Curiae Award, the court's highest award, to four attorneys being recognized for their work with Lawyers for One America. Those honored included Aasia Mustakeem, a 1987 graduate of the College of Law.

The court heard argument in three cases. The first, Gissendaner v. State, was an appeal from the conviction and sentence in a death-penalty case. The second, Lovell v. Anderson, produced a lively argument over the question of whether the trial court had correctly granted summary judgment in favor of an executor who had offered a will for probate.

From left: Justice Hugh P. Thompson, Justice Carol W. Hunstein, Presiding Justice Norman S. Fletcher, Chief Justice Robert Benham, Justice Leah Sears, Justice George H. Carley and Justice P. Harris Hines

Finally, in Waldrip v. Head, the court heard argument in an important case involving the scope of attorney-client privilege in a habeas proceeding based on a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. The trial court had ruled that a habeas petitioner who claims ineffective assistance of counsel waives his attorney-client privilege and must permit the state access to the files of his trial and appellate counsel. Larry Fox, a long-practicing attorney in Philadelphia and currently a practitioner-in-residence at Cornell University College of Law, appeared for the petitioner.

Following the arguments, the members of the court joined the deans and faculty for lunch in the faculty conference room. The College of Law and the entire GSU community look forward to the court's next sitting on our campus.

IRS grant recognizes Tax Clinic's service to low-income taxpayers

Charles O. Rosetti, commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, visited the college's Tax Clinic in July 1999 and awarded it a $99,656 grant to increase student supervision and update clinic equipment. Commissioner Rosetti further recognized the work of the clinic this past March, with a second grant of $100,000. The College of Law Tax Clinic is the only organization in Georgia and one of 34 in the nation to receive an award through this IRS program in the initial grant round.

The award is part of the $1.5 million Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

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From left: Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles O. Rosetti, Dean Janice C. Griffith and Professor Ronald Blasi

Constitutional law scholar delivers Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture

Professor Sanford Levinson, an internationally recognized constitutional law scholar, delivered the 26th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture on March 15 at the College of Law. Levinson, who also teaches and writes about professional responsibility, jurisprudence and political theory, presented a lecture titled "Constitutional Stupidities," in which he addressed aspects of constitutional law not normally discussed by professors and students.

The topics he covered included the constitutional amendment process and equal representation of the states in the Senate.

Professor Sanford Levinson discusses constitutional stupidities.

From left: Dick Perles, Dean Janice C. Griffith's husband; Professor Lynn Hogue; Professor Mary Radford; Dean Steven Kaminshine; and Professor Neil Kinkopf

Levinson has written extensively on constitutional history and development. His works include *Constitutional Faith* (1988) and *Written in Stone: Public Monuments in Changing Societies* (1998). He has edited *Responding to Imperfection: The Theory and Practice of Constitutional Amendment* (1995) and coedited *Interpreting Law and Literature: A Hermeneutic Reader* (1988) and *Constitutional Stupidities/ Constitutional Tragedies* (1988).

After teaching in the Department of Politics at Princeton University, Levinson joined the University of Texas Law School in 1980, where he holds the W. St. John Garwood and W. St. John Garwood Jr. Regents Chair in Law. He has traveled throughout the world and taught in programs sponsored by the Central European University in Budapest and the Institute of United States Studies in London. He now serves as an associate of the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jewish Philosophy in Jerusalem.

From left: Dean Janice C. Griffith, Professor Sanford Levinson and Professor Eric Segall

Levinson received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in political science from Harvard University and his Juris Doctorate from the Stanford University School of Law.

The Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series is supported by the Loridans Foundation. The series is named for the late Henry J. Miller, a partner in the law firm of Alston & Bird for more than 50 years.

Dean Janice C. Griffith introduces Professor Sanford Levinson.

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Speaker:
Professor Jeremy Waldron
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Ronald Blasi served as a panelist at the American Bar Association Tax Section Banking Committee annual meeting and made a presentation at the American Bankers Association Community Bank Working Group meeting in Kansas City. The American Bankers Association Subchapter S Report published his article on bank acquisitions.

James Bross is serving as the chair of the Association of American Law Schools Agricultural Law Section for 2000.

Mark Budnitz co-chaired meetings of the American Bar Association's Cyberspace Law Committee Working Group on Consumer Protection and its Uniform Commercial Code Committee Task Force on Consumer Involvement. He served as a panelist for a Practicing Law Institute seminar; the Conference on Computers, Freedom and Privacy; and the Equal Justice Conference. He spoke at meetings of the National Association of Purchasing Management, Georgia; the Consumer Credit Committee of the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council; and the Electronic Funds Transfer Association. Additionally, he organized a program on consumer arbitration for the January meeting of the American Bar Association's Consumer Financial Services Committee. At the *GSU Law Review* Symposium, Budnitz presented a talk titled "Consumers Surfing for Sales in Cyberspace: What Constitutes Acceptance and What Terms Did the Consumer Accept?" which will also be published in the *GSU Law Review*. Budnitz wrote the 1999 Update No.1 of *The Law of Lender Liability*, as well as articles in the January 1999 issue of *Consumer Financial Services Litigation* and in the 1999 *Computers, Freedom and Privacy Conference Papers*. His article "Consumer Privacy in Electronic Commerce: As the Millennium Approached, Minnesota Attacked, Regulators Refrained, and Congress Compromised" has been accepted for publication by *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy*. In addition, he was awarded the 1998 American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers Writing Award.

Andrea Curcio's article "Rule 412 Laid Bare: A Procedural Rule that Cannot Adequately Protect Sexual Harassment Plaintiffs from Embarrassing Exposure" was published in 67 *University of Cincinnati Law Review* 125 (1998).

William A. Edmundson presented a refereed paper at a meeting of the Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities in March 1999. Edmundson published *The Duty to Obey the Law: Selected Philosophical Readings* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999) and *Three Anarchical Fallacies: An Essay on Political Authority* (Cambridge University Press, 1998). He was also appointed to the Committee on Philosophy and Law of the American Philosophical Association for the 1999-2002 term.

Anne Emanuel was elected vice chair of the Formal Advisory Opinion Board during its meeting at the annual State Bar of Georgia meeting in June. She completed the article "Turning the Tide in Civil Rights Revolution: Elbert Tuttle and the Desegregation of the University of Georgia," which was published in 5 *Michigan Journal on Race and Law* 1 (1999). Emanuel serves as secretary of the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest.

Victor Flatt received the 1999 Outstanding Teacher Award from the Environmental Partners for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Law Seminar. The *Journal of Land Use and the Environment* selected his article "A Dirty River Runs Through It" as one of the 10 best environmental and land-use articles of 1998. He contributed to Hess and Friedland's *Techniques for Teaching Law*, published by Carolina Press. He made a presentation at the Institute for Law School Teachings' 1999 Conference and served as an adviser to the Georgia River Networks. Flatt was elected to the board of directors of the Stonewall Bar Association and to the board of directors of the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest. Additionally, he was appointed to the Law School Admissions Council's task force on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered issues. Flatt was selected as a Parson's Scholar for a two-week visit at the University of Sydney Law School in Australia in May.

Shubba Ghosh's article on intellectual property and bankruptcy was published by *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law Journal* in August 1999. His article on scientific evidence was accepted by the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*. Ghosh made presentations at the Law and Economics Conference at the University of Toronto in September 1999 and at the first meeting of the Society for the Evolutionary Analysis of the Law at Pace Law School in October 1999.

Marjorie Girth was reappointed to an additional two-year term on the Georgia Supreme Court's Equality Commission and appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's Standards of the Profession Committee. She was also appointed to the Law School Admissions Council Audit Committee for 1999-2001 and the Advisory Committee for GSU's Neighborhood Collaborative Effort, which is the successor to the Carter Center's Atlanta Project. Additionally, Girth received an Award for Pioneering Achievements from the Committee on Women in the Courts and the Local and Specialty Bar Associations of New York's Eighth Judicial District. She was invited to speak at the American Bankruptcy Institute's Southeastern Regional Conference on the topic "Consumer Bankruptcy Update." The *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* published her article "Rethinking Fairness in Bankruptcy Proceedings" in its spring 1999 issue, Vol. 449.

Bill Gregory was awarded a fellowship by the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* to attend the 1999 annual education program of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. The West Group has recently signed a contract with Gregory and Thomas Hurst to produce a second edition of their *Casebook on Agency & Partnership*.

Janice C. Griffith, a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on State and Local Government Law, attended a meeting at the University of Cincinnati College of Law to plan the section's annual program. As a member of an American Bar Association and AALS Joint Commission on the Financing of Higher Education, Griffith completed a written report on "Recent Trends in Higher Education: Accountability, Efficiency, Technology and Governance." She also served as a member of the honorary host committee for a September 1999 symposium on the development of Georgia's telecommunications infrastructure. She participated in a session and moderated a panel discussion at the annual conference of the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools, held at Hilton Head, S.C. Griffith also made a presentation at the Georgia Municipal Association's 1999 annual convention.

Nancy Johnson taught law library management at the University of Washington's Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Seattle during the 1999 summer session. Johnson cowrote the fourth edition of *Winning Research Skills* with Robert Berring and Thomas Woxland and *Legal Research Exercises*, published by the West Group, with Susan

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Phillips. In addition, she cowrote an article with Nancy Adams Deel, "Researching Georgia Law" (1998 ed.) in 14 *GSU Law Review* 545.

Julian Juergensmeyer, the first Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law, published the following during the 1999-2000 academic year: "Perspectives Concerning the Use of Environmental Mitigation Fees as Incentives in Environmental Protection," Part 1, 7 *Environmental Liability* 27 (April 1999), and Part II, 7 *Environmental Liability* 71 (June 1999 with Nicholas and Basse); *Property: Sum & Substance Quick Review* (third ed., West Group 2000); and supplements to *Juergensmeyer, Florida Land Use Law: Development, Growth Management, Subdivisions and Zoning* (5 volumes, Lexis Law Publishers, 1999).

Steven Kaminshine made a presentation titled "Discrimination Cases of the Supreme Court's 1998-99 Term" at the sixth annual Supreme Court Update, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, in September 1999. He also moderated a panel discussion at the inaugural program of the W.J. Usery Center for Workplace Cooperation and served as a panelist speaking on affirmative action at a meeting of the Georgia Association of Black Women Lawyers. Kaminshine was recently appointed vice chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association.

Marjorie Knowles was honored as a member of the YWCA's Academy of Achievers. She served as a panelist on "Meeting Investor Challenges" of the national conference on the American Society of Corporate Secretaries. Knowles cowrote the article "Share-Owner Affairs at the Coca-Cola Company" with Jason Yost, which appeared in the May/June 1999 issue of *Corporate Governance Advisor*.

Charles Marvin made a presentation at the annual Phi Beta Kappa Honors Luncheon in April 1999. His commentary on the Armenian Draft Law on the Right to Information was incorporated in the American Bar Association's Central and East European Law Initiative Analytical Report on that law. Also, Marvin has been awarded a Fulbright Lecturing Grant to the Riga Graduate School of Law in Latvia for January to August 2001.

Paul Milich presented a program for the Atlanta Bar Association on "Evidence." He also presented a program for the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education's Superior Court judges summer conference on "Georgia Evidence Law" and two programs for the Prosecuting Attorneys Council's summer conference on the "Georgia Hearsay Rules." In addition, he presented a program on trial evidence in late March for juvenile court judges. Milich wrote the "1999 Pocket Part" to the *Georgia Rules for Evidence*.

Ellen S. Podgor was appointed to the 1999-2000 Professionalism Committee of the American Bar Association's Section on Legal Education, and continues to serve on the Legal Education Section's Pre-Law Committee. She was also appointed co-chair of the 1999-2000 National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Discovery Reform Committee and Champion Advisory Board, as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools Criminal Justice Section. Podgor made a presentation at the Association of American Law Schools' annual conference in Washington, D.C., and at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers spring seminar in San Francisco. Additionally, she presented a speech as part of a Symposium on Economic Crimes in the New Millennium at the New England School of Law in Boston. Podgor served as co-moderator for the Association of American Law Schools Panel on the International Criminal Court. Her articles appeared in Vol. 48 of the *American University Law Review* and in Vol. 15 of the *Georgia State University Law Review*. Podgor cowrote the "1999 Supplement" to *White Collar Crime: Law and Practice* with Jerold H. Israel and Paul D. Borman.

Natsu Saito made a presentation titled "Civil Rights, 'Military Necessity,' and the War on Drugs" at the annual conference of the Caribbean Studies Association in Panama City in May 1999. Her remarks during an American Bar Association Presidential Showcase Program at the annual convention were published in the *Atlanta Journal/Constitution*. Saito taught at the Instituto Technologico Antonomico de Mexico in Mexico City during July 1999. Her article "Justice Held Hostage: U.S. Disregard for International Law in The World War II Internment of Japanese Peruvians — A Case Study" was published in Vol. 40 of the *Boston College Law Review* and Vol. 19 of the *Boston College Third World Law Journal*.

Charity Scott gave the keynote address for the fifth annual conference cosponsored by the Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia and Emory University. She also spoke to the Floyd Medical Center in Rome. Scott was made a fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, and she was appointed chair of the Nominations Committee for the State Bar of Georgia's Health Law Section and member of the American Bar Association's Health Law Section Clinical Ethics Group. Scott presented a program titled "Medical Law and Ethics" at the Emory University Medical School faculty conference. The *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy* has accepted her article "Why Law Pervades Medicine: An Essay on Ethics in Health Care" for publication in its symposium issue on ethics.

Eric Segall's article "A Century Lost: The End of the Originalism Debate" was published by *Constitutional Commentary*. He also gave a presentation on free speech and the Internet to the Cobb County University Women's Association.

Roy Sobelson spoke as a guest lecturer in the Transnational Dispute Resolution program in Austria. In addition, Sobelson made his third annual ethics presentation to the Auto Torts Conference sponsored by the South Carolina Bar Association.

Ellen Taylor has been chosen to serve as reporter for a State Bar of Georgia committee that is considering revisions to the portions of the Georgia Securities Act dealing with investment advisers. Taylor was a visiting professor at Florida State University's College of Law during the spring semester.

Doug Yarn was elected reporter for the Committee on Ethics for the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution. He received grants from the State Bar of Georgia Section on Dispute Resolution and from the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, both for survey research on attitudes of lawyers toward alternative dispute resolution and professionalism issues. Yarn made presentations at the Teaching Conflict Resolution Conference at Georgia State University and, with Carolyn Benne and Chris Carlsten, at the Atlanta Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section meeting. He also made a presentation at the American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section annual meeting in Boston.

College welcomes new faculty

Kelly Cahill Timmons

Assistant Professor Timmons

Kelly Cahill Timmons joined the faculty of the College of Law as an assistant professor at the beginning of the fall 1999 semester. She is a 1996 alumna of Vanderbilt University School of Law, where she graduated first in her class. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors in social science from Michigan State University's James Madison College of Public Policy in 1993.

Before beginning her career in academia, Timmons worked as a judicial clerk for the Hon. David A. Nelson in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. At the end of her clerkship, she went into private practice with the law firm of Frost and Jacobs, LLP, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Neil Kinkopf

Assistant Professor Kinkopf

Neil Kinkopf, a 1991 magna cum laude graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, joined the College of Law as an assistant professor in August 1999. Kinkopf was editor-in-chief of the *Case Western Law Review*. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in economics and political science from Boston College in 1987.

After graduation, Kinkopf served a clerkship for the Hon. Richard F. Suhrheinrich in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Later he joined the U.S. Department of Justice, working first as an adviser to the attorney general and then as a special assistant in the Office of Legal Counsel.

Kinkopf taught at Case Western and then at the Duke University School of Law, where he assisted in establishing the program in public law, both planning and publishing its inaugural symposium.

Julian Juergensmeyer

Professor Juergensmeyer

Julian Juergensmeyer arrived at the College of Law in the spring 2000 semester as the first Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law. The endowed chair is named for the College of Law's founding dean and was established with a 1998 donation by the late Henry J. Miller.

Juergensmeyer comes to the College of Law from the University of Florida, where he headed the Growth Management Studies Center and the Master of Laws program in comparative law. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude with honors in political science from Duke University, his Juris Doctorate with honors from the Duke University School of Law and a Fulbright Scholarship at the Institut des Etudes Politiques in Bordeaux, Juergensmeyer practiced law in Ohio for several years before beginning his academic career at the Indiana University School of Law.

In 1968 he took a visiting faculty position at the Haile Sellassie I University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and one later at Tulane University before settling at the University of Florida College of Law in 1972. Juergensmeyer directed the Growth Management Studies Center at the University of Florida from its inception in 1985. He brings his extensive knowledge in environmental law, land use planning and control, agricultural law and international and comparative environmental law to the students of the College of Law, as well as to the greater Atlanta legal community.

Did you know...?

The Georgia State University College of Law Library receives nearly 20,000 visits per month, is open 105 hours per week and was used by attorneys more than 10,000 times during the past year.

Georgia State University has the only ABA-accredited law school in Georgia offering both part-time and full-time legal programs.

The Georgia State University College of Law was named among the Top 20 "Most Wired" law schools in the nation by *National Jurist* magazine.

Understanding the "Peach Sheets"

Published as a yearly supplement to the *Georgia State University Law Review*, the legislative history of the most recent session of the Georgia General Assembly — or "Peach Sheets," so-named for the peach color of the paper on which it is printed — is consulted regularly by attorneys researching the legislative intent of Georgia statutes and is cited often by both the Georgia Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. It has been said that when a question of interpretation arises concerning a statute, especially if it has not been previously addressed by the court, "The first stop in your legal research should be the 'Peach Sheets.'"

Compiled by *Law Review* members in the Legislative Section, the "Peach Sheets" follows the progress of proposed legislation from its introduction to its signing into law, and notes changes or amendments made as it makes its way through the General Assembly. Bills are selected by *Law Review* members based on several criteria. Legislation that is likely to be a subject of future litigation, especially a statute subject to review by the courts, is a candidate for the "Peach Sheets," as is legislation that has received significant media coverage. Suggestions are also accepted from the readers and faculty advisers of the *Law Review*.

Legislation is formally selected at the close of the General Assembly's session in March. Each bill is assigned to a writer, who then goes to the clerk's office of either the House or Senate and requests all previous versions of the bill. This allows the author to view each version of the legislation and follow the changes made from the bill's introduction to its passage. Once these differences are noted, the writer analyzes them to determine why they were made.

This is accomplished by interviewing legislators connected with the bill's passage; listening to Internet audio recordings of floor debates; watching the Georgia Public Television show "Lawmakers," which summarizes press conferences and debates held by the General Assembly; and researching newspaper articles. This background information, along with general information concerning why the bill was introduced, whether or not there was any opposition, is included in each legislative history in the "Peach Sheets." Additionally, bills that are passed into law are compared with the laws they replace.

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> *Legislative Co-Editor*
> *"Peach Sheets"*

Once all the historical information is gathered, the "Peach Sheets" are assembled from about August through November. During that time, writers send copies of their articles to the people they interviewed to allow them to check the accuracy of quotations attributed to them.

Tracking legislative changes through the General Assembly involves a lot of legwork. Each day of the session, a different *Law Review* staff member picks up a packet of information about a bill being followed from the House clerk's office. Staff members are also required to spend at least one hour in a committee meeting to give them a feel for the legislative process.

Improved technology has made the job a bit easier. Current legislation can be viewed at the state of Georgia's official web site at www.ganet.org, which also features an index of bills that have been introduced, a list of passed legislation for the most recent session, notices of committee meetings, and audio and video recordings of debates in the General Assembly. There is also a searchable database of legislation from previous sessions. The ability to review legislative events on demand has freed *Law Review* staff to concentrate on the information they have gathered rather than the logistics of gathering it.

When asked about the most valuable experience he has obtained while working on the "Peach Sheets," Legislative Co-Editor Lee Biola said, "Learning how to follow the legislature and where to go for legislative history have been the biggest advantages of this job. If I ever come across vague statutory language in practice, I'll know exactly where to go to find evidence of legislative intent to help my client's position. I don't know how I would have learned this without working on 'Peach Sheets.'"

The *Law Review's* "Peach Sheets" are unique in the state of Georgia and are often the first source consulted by attorneys researching legislative intent. Praised by members of the General Assembly and local practitioners, the work of the students on the *Law Review* has been cited numerous times by the courts of Georgia.

While providing them with an unparalleled opportunity to learn the intricacies of the legislative system, the "Peach Sheets" also offer the students of the College of Law an avenue for community involvement and service.

Law Student Activities

Thomas Tang team advances to national rounds

Congratulations to our 1999 Thomas Tang Moot Court team, Sumita Ghosh and Natasha Horn. The GSU team won the Southeast Regional Competition held in Atlanta at GSU, defeating a team from the University of Florida in the finals. Ghosh and Horn then advanced to the competition's national rounds.

The College of Law hosted this year's regional competition, and special thanks go to Sam Han, president of the Asian-American Law Students Association, for an extremely professional job of organizing the event. The other schools and the association members in attendance were very impressed and commented on the college's gracious and warm hospitality.

Georgia State University a finalist in trial advocacy competition

A College of Law team was a finalist in the National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored in Chicago by the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. The GSU team won its first three rounds and proceeded to the semifinals with a 3-0 record.

The members of the team are Scott Key, Joe Mulholland, Keri Patterson and Kelley Purdie. Professors Roy Sobelson and Ellen S. Podgor coached the team. Harold Franklin, Adam Princenthal and Lawrence Thrower — past graduates who had also been on the team — benched the GSU team in a practice round. Congratulations to all!

From left: Professor Roy Sobelson, Joe Mulholland, Keri Patterson, Kelley Purdie, Scott Key and Professor Ellen S. Podgor

First-year students win RWA Moot Court Competition

The winners and finalists in this year's Research, Writing and Advocacy Moot Court Elimination Competition are Trish Hinton, best oralist; Hinton and Darren Summerville, first-place team; and Misty Speake and Jeff Ward, second-place team.

The judges told the teams that all four students were splendid and that this was a very close decision. The students' performances were so solid and polished that the judges had trouble believing they were all first-year students.

Congratulations to these RWA stars for their achievements!

PILA Auction raises over $13,000

The Public Interest Law Association Auction held in downtown Decatur in February raised more than $13,000 to fund scholarships for students to work in public interest law during the summer.

Sarah Moorhead, the auction organizer, is one of the recipients of the $2,000 scholarship; she is working with Georgia Legal Services this summer.

Some of the more popular items at the auction were a WCW wrestling belt autographed by Jeff Goldberg (which went for almost $400), tuition for bar review courses, dinner with professors, a private tour of the governor's mansion and helicopter tours of Buckhead.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Dawn Jones wins Sparks Award

May 2000 graduate Dawn Jones was honored with a Sparks Award at a ceremony on May 4. This award annually honors individuals within the university who have distinguished themselves by their work, attitude and contributions to the Georgia State community.

The Sparks Award recognizes unsung heros who go the extra mile with good humor and perseverance. Jones epitomized these virtues as a student and with her leadership as Student Bar Association president. Best wishes to Jones!

Alumni reunite for a night in University Center ballroom

More than 100 guests attended the recent reunion for the classes of 1989 and 1994. Alumni mingled with classmates and faculty and dined on canapés, crudités, chocolate truffles and other heavy hors d'oeuvres at the reception held on a Saturday night in March in the University Center ballroom.

The college extends its heartfelt appreciation to the alumni volunteers who served on the reunion committee. The class of 1989 volunteers included Mary Lee Davis, Amy Shulman Haney, Nicole Lomangino House, David Victor Johnson, Anne Ware Lewis, Michael Manely and Dawn Renee Smith. The class of 1994 volunteers included David M. Green, Jessica J. Harper, Marlo Orlin Leach, Laura J. Murphree, Julie Pomerantz, Bonnie Rich, Melinda Shepherd, Bobby Slotkin, Mike Stevens, James Westbury and David White.

The classes of 1985, 1990 and 1995 will celebrate their class reunions on Saturday, Nov. 4, in the University Center ballroom. If you are a member of one of these classes and would like to volunteer to serve on the reunion committee, contact your reunion coordinator, Kelly A. Littrell, at 404/633-9659 or kellyannlittrell@hotmail.com.

From left: Professor Marjorie Girth and Wilda E. Brown, class of 1989

From left: David H. White, class of 1994; Bonnie Rich, class of 1994; and Randy Rich, class of 1992

Alleen Deutsch joins college as development director

Alleen D. Deutsch arrived at the College of Law in late March to assume the position of development director. She relocated from Florida State University, where she was director of development for the College of Social Sciences. Deutsch was responsible for identifying, developing and managing the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of the college's major gift donors and prospects.

Dr. Alleen Deutsch

Her professional achievements in higher education are broad-based and comprehensive, ranging from continuing education and professional development to student academic advising and the coordination of women's studies.

Deutsch received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Bowling Green State University, a Master of Science degree in student personnel and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in education administration from Miami University.

"I am delighted to join the College of Law with its excellent faculty, programs, students and alumni. There is so much potential to develop an outstanding alumni and donor program in the college," said Deutsch. Please give her a call or stop by her office on the sixth floor of the Urban Life Center.

Alumni Reunions

Classes of 1985, 1990, 1995, plus everyone from the classes of '84, '86, '89, '91, '94 and '96 are invited to attend!

Nov. 4, 2000 • 7-10 p.m.
University Center Ballroom
Georgia State University

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1985

Gary Horlacher has been named press secretary to Gov. Roy Barnes.

1986

Peggy Walker has been elected treasurer of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges and has received the Finalist Award of the Women of Achievement from the YWCA of Douglas County.

Lawrence D. Young has ended his 20-year relationship with Law Companies Group, Inc. He spent the last 10 years of that period as senior corporate counsel heading his own firm of Lawrence Young & Associates, P.C. Young has just published "Limitations on Design Professional Liability," a chapter of the 1998 *Wiley Construction Law Update* by Aspen Publishing.

1987

James F. Jaquess has been made the European consulting services manager for Southern Energy, Inc.

David Lincoln Venable has opened a solo practice, David Venable and Associates, P.C., in Hawkinsville, Ga.

Shannon M. Turner Vogt continues her private practice with Morris Law Firm, specializing in business/corporate law, commercial real estate and estate planning.

1988

Ronald Gaynor lives in Pawley's Island, S.C., where he is a solo practitioner specializing in taxation, estate planning and business transactions.

Michael A. Maxwell served as principal of Fayette Middle School in Fayetteville, Ga., for the 1999-2000 school year.

Rebecca J. Miller has left the State Law Department, where she served as an assistant attorney general, to become a partner at the law firm of Page, Scranton, Sprouse, Tucker and Ford in Columbus, Ga. She will continue to specialize in employment litigation.

Andy Rogers has formed a trial practice with Cliff Howard, former chief assistant solicitor general of DeKalb County, dedicated predominantly to the representation of crime victims in civil cases. The firm will focus primarily on representing child and adult victims of sex crimes and other assaults, as well as victims of intoxicated drivers.

Linda McKinnon Thorpe recently established a solo practitioner office in Orlando, Fla., which deals in computer-related transactions, including outsourcing and licensing.

Melanie Williams has been a partner since 1994 in the law firm of Thompson and Sweeney, where she specializes in workers' compensation defense.

1989

Morgan Adam has a solo practice specializing in injury litigation in north Georgia and Tennessee. He recently made presentations at the "Trying the Automobile Injury Case in Tennessee" seminar.

Cathy Henson has been appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes to the State Board of Education for the Sixth Congressional District and to the Governor's Education Reform Commission. She has also been named one of the "One Hundred Most Powerful Georgians" by *Georgia Trend* magazine.

Nicole House has joined the firm of Morris, Manning and Martin.

Jean Padberg's law firm, Jean Padberg and Associates, P.C., is listed in the second edition of *U.S. Immigration and Citizenship* as having one of the top 30 immigration law web sites in the United States, www.jdpadberg.com. Her firm currently employs 1998 College of Law alumnus Sanford Posner and third-year College of Law students Sarah Hawk and Vonda Wolcott.

Jim Voyles, a partner at Deville, Milhollin and Voyles, was appointed co-counsel for the plaintiffs in a class action against the Coca-Cola Co. based on racial discrimination. He also served as the lead counsel for the plaintiffs in a class action against Northwest Airlines based on racial discrimination and as lead counsel in a recently settled class action against Media One based on allegations involving the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

1990

Wayne Blank recently accepted a position in forensics and litigation service practice with KPMG, LLP, where his primary responsibility is assisting clients with health-care regulatory and compliance matters.

Charles M. Morris, P.C., has moved his solo practice to Powder Springs, Ga.

W. Scott Petty left the law firm of Jones and Askew, LLP, to accept a partnership at King and Spalding. His article "Using Business Model Patents to Wage War with Internet Competitors" was published in the "Southeastern Intellectual Property" supplement of the *Fulton County Daily Report*.

David R. Vickers has opened his own practice, David R. Vickers, Attorney at Law, in Lavonia, Ga.

1991

Cory G. Begner, a partner with Begner and Begner, P.C., argued an appeal before the Georgia Supreme Court to overturn a section of the Georgia obscenity statute. She was also appointed to the board of the First Amendment Lawyers Association.

Emily J. Brantley has become a partner with the law firm of Gillen Dailey Cromwell Withers and Brantley, LLC.

Chris Brasher presented an oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in November 1999 in the matter of Garner v. Jones. He was also made section leader of the Public Safety Section of the Georgia Attorney General's Office.

Lynn Gavin has left the firm of Long Aldridge and Norman, LLP, to join the Atlanta office of the law firm Hunton and Williams as an associate in the Public Finance Section of the Banking and Finance Practice Group. She specializes in public finance, municipal bonds, corporate trust and state and federal government law. She also serves as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel and trustee's counsel in numerous tax-exempt financings.

Tammy M. Griner has been a special assistant attorney general for the Spalding and Pike counties Department of Family and Children Services for the past five years.

Alaric A. Henry is a partner at Luther-Anderson, LLP, a firm that specializes primarily in insurance defense litigation. In addition, Henry was board-certified in 1998 as a civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Cynthia Honssinger has been named director of the Office of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the 1,100-member Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Her duties entail oversight of the Colorado Board of Health and the state's air, water and hazardous-waste commissions. Honssinger relocated to Denver in 1997 and has worked for the Colorado General Assembly.

Michael J. Powell is with the firm of Kennedy, Davis and Hodge, LLP, and practices patent, trademark and copyright law internationally.

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Robin Sosebee has been elected partner at Alston & Bird, where she has practiced law since her 1991 graduation. Sosebee has also received the first Phillip H. Alston Jr. Award. This award is presented for exemplary pro bono legal service to either low-income individuals or organizations in matters designed primarily to benefit or address their needs or to secure, protect or promote justice, civil rights, civil liberties, public rights or other needs with broad societal implications.

Kenneth Southall has been made a partner in the law firm Troutman Sanders, LLP, where he practices patent, trademark and copyright law.

Steven C. Teske has been appointed associate juvenile court judge of Clayton County. Previously he had been a partner in the law firm of Boswell and Teske, LLP, in Jonesboro, practicing in criminal and family law and business associations. He also served as a special assistant attorney general representing the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services.

Aaron Towns has opened his own practice, Aaron Towns, P.C., in Atlanta.

F. Scott Young has formed the law firm of Barrickman, Allred and Young, LLC, which specializes in civil litigation, corporate law, trusts and estates, workers' compensation and mediation.

1992

Mary McCall Cash has left her service as law clerk to Judge Robert Castellani in DeKalb Superior Court to enter private practice. She is now associated with Russell & Herrera, P.C., in Decatur, which specializes in domestic and probate work.

Stephen Draper has been appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes to serve as his chief of aides-de-camp, military policy adviser and liaison to the state and federal military communities.

Michael Friedman is with the Hartford firm in Atlanta.

Sandra Corry Gerald continues as a sole practitioner in Gwinnett County and serves on the Women and Minorities Committee of the State Bar of Georgia.

Rich Golick recently began a term in the Georgia House of Representatives representing the 30th House District (Cobb County). His wife, Maria Golick ('92), chaired his successful 1998 campaign.

E. Linwood Gunn has been named a shareholder in the law firm of Brock, Clay, Calhoun, Wilson and Rogers. He continues to practice in the areas of employment and civil rights, representing both employers and employees.

Stacey Kasten Hydrick is a prosecutor with the Attorney General's Office, Special Prosecution Unit, handling public-corruption cases.

Lynda Lee Moser was appointed presiding judge of the Office of State Administrative Services, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and named an OSHA training coordinator in May 1999.

Anandhi S. Rajan has accepted a position with the firm Swift Currie McGhee and Hiers, where she continues her practice in the areas of product liability defense and general insurance defense matters.

Meredith Linde Shearer recently started her own practice, Meredith Shearer and Associates, LLC, in Marietta and specializes in residential real estate.

Edward Tanner continues his solo practice in Atlanta. He and College of Law alumnus Robbie Hughes ('92) represented Mark Barton.

Mark A. Washak has joined the firm of Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel, Nelson and Schneider, P.C., where he specializes in matters involving occupational safety and health.

1993

Carter Allen recently returned from living in Colorado and is now working in the Intellectual Property Group at Alston & Bird, LLP, focusing on the Internet, computer law, trade secrets and trademarks.

G. Mark Cole has been named a partner of Autry & Horton, LLP, which will continue under the name Autry, Horton & Cole, LLP. The firm, located in suburban Atlanta, recently hired two other GSU law graduates: James H. Curry ('96), who joined the firm in June as an associate, and Barbara A. Donnelly ('00), who will begin working with the firm in August and will become an associate upon her admission to the State Bar of Georgia.

R. Stevan Coursey is now working at Troutman Sanders, LLP.

Joe Davenport has relocated his company, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Inc., to Mobile, Ala. He continues to conduct mediation training and to practice mediation in Georgia.

Catherine DeVries is the newly appointed legal consultant to the Atlanta Cardiovascular Research Institute, which is a branch of the Atlanta Cardiology Group at Saint Joseph's Hospital. DeVries recently took early retirement from Emory University, where she had worked for 20 years.

Marie K. Evans is now working at Clifton, Sanders & Smith, P.C., in Toccoa, Ga.

Clark E. Gulley announces the formation of the new law firm of Foster, Jensen and Gulley, which will represent and counsel individuals and organizations involved in trade shows and industry meetings. The firm will provide general legal counsel and litigation services to the existing client base of John Foster. Gulley and Chris Jensen are litigation specialists for the firm.

Raeburn S. Josey is with the Waste Isolation Division of Westinghouse in Carlsbad, N.M. He handles labor and employment law and contract issues and some environmental law.

Jeffrey Kuester, who is with the law firm of Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer and Risley, LLP, has been appointed to chair the American Bar Association Special Committee on Patents and the Internet. He was recently elected chair of the State Bar of Georgia Computer Law Section and treasurer of the Intellectual Property Section. Kuester was also appointed co-chair of the American Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Section Trademarks and Internet Committee. In addition, he currently serves as communications director of the Atlanta Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

David L. McGuffey practices with the firm of Coppedge and Leman, P.C.

Tracy L. Moon Jr. is an associate attorney with the firm Fisher and Phillips, LLP.

Arnold Ragas was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1996 and reelected in 1998.

Stephen Rothman is now working at Wilson, Brock & Irby.

Nanette L. Wesley has relocated to Memphis, Tenn. Wesley is now licensed in Tennessee and Georgia and is concentrating on

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commercial litigation. She will present an oral argument before the Tennessee Court of Appeals regarding a case on an unsettled area of trespass-damages law.

1994

Timothy S. Babiarz is entering his fifth year of practice, which covers approximately 60 percent insurance and plaintiff's personal injury work and 40 percent commercial and business litigation.

Sandra Cutler has been promoted to vice president of Consumer Financial Network, Inc., an e-commerce company for financial services.

Rebecca M. Grant has joined the firm of Dorsey and Whitney, LLP, in Seattle.

Robert W. Griner began his solo practice in Gwinnett County in June 1997.

Timothy M. Klob is currently serving as first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps with the 335th Signal Command in East Point, Ga.

John K. McDonald has been made a partner in the Biomedical and Chemical Technology Group at the law firm of Jones and Askew, where he specializes in domestic and international biotech and chemistry patent prosecution.

Julie M. Pomerantz has left the law firm of Bovis, Kyle & Burch to begin the new law firm of Barrickman and Allred, which opened its doors in January.

Lesli Seta has become a partner with the 14-attorney insurance defense firm Lowendick, Speed, Cuzdey, Ehrmann and Seta. She left the 505th Military Intelligence Group, where she served as staff judge advocate and received the Army Commendation Medal for her service, and joined the 335th Signal Command as a reserve officer of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Susan Plath Winston moved to Norman, Okla. She joined McAfee and Taft, P.C., in Oklahoma City, one of the state's largest law firms, where she continues her employment litigation practice.

1995

Beth Baer returned to business litigation practice at King and Spalding last April.

Carolina Den Brok-Perez was recently named general counsel for United Retail, a Southeastern retail/commercial developer.

Esther Frankl Comite is an attorney with the firm of Markcity and Rothman, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Heidi Geiger has left the firm of Stern and Edlin and joined the firm of Mary A. Stearns, P.C., where she continues to specialize in family law.

Christine Goetzinger is a sole practitioner in Sandy Springs, Ga., where she specializes in family law.

Marilyn Hamilton, formerly Marilyn Pusey, began working for DeKalb Superior Court Judge Robert P. Mallis in August 1999 after clerking for Superior Court Judge Daniel M. Coursey Jr. in the Stone Mountain Circuit.

Joe Hendricks has joined the law firm of Abernathy and Ballinger in Canton, Ga.

Vic Brown Hill and his partner, Douglas A. Hill, have formed a new law firm in Marietta, Ga., to carry on the tradition of their late partner, Lawrence B. Custer. Hill continues to practice domestic law.

Shaheen Imami set up his solo practice about a year ago.

Jodi Jamison, formerly Jodi Hughes, transferred from the Atlanta office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to the Washington, D.C., office in February. She works in the broker-dealer program of the Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, where she assists in the examination of registered brokers and focuses on particular areas of regulatory concern within the brokerage industry.

Michael Machell has joined the Sprint Corp. in Overland Park, Kan., where he supports technical services in the Long Distance Division.

Melanie Mayer heads her own office, Melanie R. Mayer, P.C., in Alpharetta, Ga., where she specializes in residential real estate.

Peggy Ochandarena has taken a one-year clerkship in the Supreme Court of Palau, an island in the South Pacific.

Raymond Peeler is living in Falls Church, Va. He writes administrative decisions on appeal from employment discrimination findings in federal agencies.

1996

M. Scott Bailey has joined the Atlanta law firm of Alston & Bird as an associate in the Medical Products and Services Group.

Amy Bilskie has left her previous position at the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and accepted a new job as an attorney in the Warsaw office of KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP.

Pamela Kendall Floyd opened a general practice in Hiawassee, Ga., in August 1999. Previously, she worked in Blairsville, Ga., for one year and clerked for the Etowah Judicial Circuit for two years.

Alton Gore has founded his own real estate company, Superb Properties, Inc., and represents six builders in Atlanta markets.

Brent D. Stamps is a judicial law clerk for Chief Judge Robert E. Flournoy Jr. in Cobb County Superior Court.

1997

Tom Bowen is a senior manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers' State Tax Consulting Group, where he specializes in sales and use tax controversy work. He has also filed as a candidate for the Georgia House of Representatives in 2000, and information on his candidacy is available at www.votefortombowen.org.

Nancy Carson has been made the assistant solicitor general for the State Court of Cherokee County.

Uwonda S. Carter relocated to Manhattan in November 1999. She is now an attorney with the City of New York Human Resources Administration Office of Legal Affairs – Contract, Business and Commercial Law Division.

Jo Ann Claudrick is an associate attorney with the criminal defense firm of Dwight L. Thomas, P.C. She presented an oral argument before the Georgia Supreme Court in the case of Kevin Hodo v. State of Georgia.

Victoria Davis recently concluded a judicial clerkship with the Hon. Gail S. Tusan in Fulton Superior Court and is now an associate in the Medical Products and Services Litigation Group at Alston & Bird.

Jamie Hollimon has opened her own practice, the Law Office of Jamie Hollimon, in Stone Mountain, Ga., where she specializes in real estate and corporate/business law.

Robert B. Jackson IV has joined the firm of Morris, Manning and

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Martin, LLP, as an associate environmental litigation and transactions attorney. He was previously an environmental engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Joe F. O'Kelley Jr. opened the new Duluth, Ga., office of Neel and Robinson, Attorneys at Law, LLC, as managing attorney in August 1999. He specializes in residential real estate closings.

Melissa D. Robichaud is assistant counsel to Hooters of America, Inc.

J. Kristi Rowell was elected president of the Towaliga Bar Association, which covers Butts, Lamar and Monroe counties. She is with the Law Offices of William A. Fears, where she practices primarily in the areas of domestic relations, Juvenile Court, wills and probate matters and civil litigation. She also serves on the board of directors for the Hope Crisis Center, a local nonprofit organization.

Kathryn Watson has started her own law practice, the Law Office of Attorney Kathryn Watson, in Atlanta, where she specializes in family law, bankruptcy and criminal law.

Mark B. Williamson has joined Kilpatrick Stockton's Litigation Practice Group in its Augusta office.

1998

Janine Anthony Bowen joined the Red Hot Law Group of Ashley, LLC, a technology law boutique firm, as an associate in July 1999. She specializes in technology licensing and strategic agreements.

Chris J. Chan has joined Jones and Askew, LLP, the Southeast's largest intellectual property law firm. His mechanical engineering experience placed him in the firm's Mechanical Technology Group.

W. Kent Davis recently contributed lengthy written sections to the legal textbooks *Sports Law and Regulation* and *Federal Criminal Law and its Enforcement*.

Roger Futerman continues his position as assistant state attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in Clearwater, Fla. He has tried 30 jury trials and six nonjury trials.

Paul E. Knowlton has successfully completed the licensing requirements to practice patent law before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is now a registered patent attorney. His article "Protecting Product Designs" was published in the November 1999 "Intellectual Property Supplement" of the *Fulton County Daily Report*. He has joined Jones and Askew, LLP, the Southeast's largest intellectual property law firm, where his architectural engineering experience placed him in the firm's Mechanical Technology Group.

Ann Pickett is a National Association for Public Interest Law equal justice fellow at the Georgia Environmental Policy Institute in Athens, Ga., and teaches environmental law at Brenan University. Her fellowship is sponsored by Ford & Harrison, LLP, and centers around the creation of a legal public interest position, which will provide residents of Georgia with the legal tools and knowledge of economic policies needed for watershed advocacy. She is also chair of the board of directors of the Broad River Watershed Association.

Margaret Ann Shannon has started a new job at the Staff Attorney's Office for the Eleventh Circuit.

W. Harris Troutman has joined the law firm of Drew, Eckl and Farnham in Atlanta.

Fan Zhang is a staff attorney at Octawa County Common Pleas Court in Port Clinton, Ohio.

1999

James E. Dangerfield Jr. has opened his own law office in Atlanta.

Joe Delisle joined the Atlanta law firm of Alston & Bird in September 1999 as an associate. He is a member of the Environmental and Land Use Practice Group and the Real Estate Practice Group.

Terri Duda began her own practice, Terri Duda, Attorney at Law, in Dallas, Ga., in November 1999. Her practice specializes in Social Security disability law and workers' compensation, and she plans to practice family law after completing mediation training. Duda was appointed special assistant attorney general for the Department of Family and Children Services in December 1999.

Bill Esslinger has joined the law firm of Tisinger, Tisinger, Vance and Greer, P.C.

Teri Forehand has joined the Atlanta law firm of Long, Aldridge and Norman, LLP, as an associate.

Manjunath A. Gokare has opened a metro-Atlanta law practice that specializes in immigration law, environmental law and intellectual property law.

David J. Hayzer has joined the law firm of Jones and Askew, LLP, as an associate.

Deanna L. Huffman joined the Atlanta office of the law firm of Stites and Harbison in January. Her practice focuses on corporate, securities and construction law.

Robert D. James Jr. accepted a position as assistant district attorney in the Rockdale County District Attorney's Office in November 1999. He is the first African-American to work in the prosecutor's office and was featured in an article in the Nov. 30, 1999, issue of the *Rockdale Citizen*.

Mark S. Kashdan is employed as a senior consultant with the Legal Management Services Group at Ernst and Young in Atlanta.

C. Cooper Knowles and classmate Gary Andrews have founded the Atlanta law firm of Andrews and Knowles, LLC, where they practice general litigation.

J. Alvin Leaphart IV is clerking in the Superior Court of Rockdale County.

Lance J. LoRusso left the Cobb County Solicitor General's Office in November 1999 and joined the law firm of Henry, Spiegel, Fried and Milling, LLP, in Atlanta. The firm specializes in catastrophic personal injury cases and represents plaintiffs in state and federal court.

Greg Malstead has relocated to Mumbai, India, to open an office for the International Justice Mission, an organization that works to end child prostitution and child bonded labor in India by applying the local laws and encouraging enforcement.

Eric Maurer has been made the counsel for the Atlanta office of the U.S. Department of Transportation — Federal Highway Administration. He specializes in environmental litigation and regulatory/land use issues.

D. Kent Stier has joined the law firm of Jones and Askew, LLP, as an associate.

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— Charles O. Rosetti
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service

Program established by the IRS Restructuring and Reform Committee, which offers legal assistance to low-income taxpayers in controversies with the IRS or to those taxpayers for whom English is a second language.

"These clinics fit in with our goal of improving service to taxpayers," said Rosetti. "We want people to be able to resolve problems with the IRS quickly and easily. But, if for some reason they can't, these clinics provide low-income taxpayers with an affordable way to find legal assistance."

In addition to the recent IRS recognition, Professor Ronald Blasi, director of the Tax Clinic, was contacted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Taxation early in April 2000 and asked to participate in a study of the effect of the tax laws on low-income taxpayers.

During the summers of 1999 and 2000, the Tax Clinic also received two grants of $50,000 each, for a total of $100,000, from the Trammell Foundation to continue its work.

The College of Law Tax Clinic is one of the largest clinics in the United States that exclusively serves low-income taxpayers. It has assisted approximately 700 of Georgia's working poor since its inception in 1992.

In Memoriam

Ronald Suddath
died in November of leukemia. Suddath was a College of Law student from 1986 to 1990 and attended evening classes.

Attention all law alumni

Thanks to your support, we are growing our annual alumni contributions to the college's annual fund.

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