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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

FALL 2002

The College of Law turns 20

One of the most difficult moments in Ben F. Johnson, Jr.'s career in legal education was the closing of Emory University School of Law's part-time program in 1971. Ironically, this event proved to be the catalyst for his most satisfying professional challenge — building a law school from scratch at Georgia State University.

He had to wait 11 years for the opportunity, becoming founding dean of Georgia State University College of Law at an age, 67, when many are already retired.

"I've never been one to give any attention to the idea that something is 'later in life'," Johnson says. "This just came along."

Johnson, who served as Emory law school's dean from 1961 to 1973, says he was deeply disappointed when he had to close the part-time program there due to faculty pressure.

That closure created a void in Atlanta, preventing people who wanted a legal education from following their dreams because they couldn't afford to attend law school full time. Many of these people had families to care for and couldn't leave their day jobs to pursue a career change.

Momentum gradually built behind efforts to fill the need for part-time legal education in Atlanta through the creation of a law school at Georgia State, though the proposal faced opposition from various quarters for years.

The College of Law finally opened its doors in September 1982 and quickly set about to build a reputation as an excellent place for both full- and part-time legal education.

The College of Law will mark its 20th anniversary with a celebration Sept. 12 and special events throughout the 2002-2003 academic year. Georgia State honored Johnson for his revered role in the law school's history with an honorary degree presented at commencement in May.

Because Johnson is a firm believer in making education as accessible to as many people as possible, closing Emory's part-time program was one of the difficult decisions of his career.

Johnson himself was a beneficiary of part-time education during some of his undergraduate years in the 1930s, when financial necessity required him to work while attending Georgia State (then called the Georgia Institute of Technology's Evening School of Commerce) part time.

"I discovered that a lot of the most loyal students you can get are people you've given the opportunity to get a first-class education on a part-time basis…" Johnson says.

Johnson says that the opportunity to build a part-time program at Georgia State was the bait that lured him away from his faculty position at Emory, where he'd planned to stay until retiring in a few years.

"People at Emory thought I was something of a traitor," Johnson says. "I told them, I'm no traitor. I'm a missionary. I know what a quality law school is like, and that's

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Dean's Message

The College of Law's Hooding Ceremony, on May 10, 2002, ended another successful year. Chief Justice Norman Fletcher of the Supreme Court of Georgia, the ceremony's distinguished speaker, inspired our graduates to achieve high professional standards and to become community leaders. The next day, at the university's graduation, Dean Emeritus Ben F. Johnson, Jr. received an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) Our founding dean expressed great pride in his new and only Georgia State degree.

Of the many law school successes last year, two stand out: the appointment of two outstanding faculty members and the adoption of a new strategic plan and action steps. Professor Clark D. Cunningham, a Washington University law faculty member, became the law school's first holder of the W. Lee Burge Chair in Law and Ethics. A public interest lawyer and a nationally recognized scholar whose work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, Professor Cunningham is an expert on the application of linguistics to law. His ongoing study of how lawyers communicate with their clients will soon include research at our Tax Clinic. Professor Tanya Washington, who taught at the University of Maryland's law school last year, will teach Torts and Family Law at Georgia State. She received a LL.M. degree from the Harvard Law School in 2001.

Herculean faculty efforts led to the adoption of the new strategic plan and action steps in April. The plan reaffirms the college's identity as a public law school whose downtown Atlanta location makes it unique in its centrality to federal, state, and local governments. The plan further emphasizes that Atlanta, the home to a large and diverse group of private sector law firms and businesses, provides a wealth of opportunities for our students, both as a learning environment and as an employment resource.

The college's mission statement, adopted as part of the plan, emphasizes these shared values: (1) future members of the legal profession require broad knowledge and must achieve the highest levels of integrity and ability, (2) the law school must contribute to the region's economic, educational, cultural, and environmental needs, and (3) diversity among faculty, students, and staff members strengthens and enriches our community.

Recruitment and strategic planning efforts will continue to be very important again next year. Our new strategic plan calls for a thorough study of the law school's curriculum that will begin this fall. Courses and programs focusing on the improvement of the urban environment, interdisciplinary initiatives, and state and local reform measures are all part of the new strategic direction. We will miss our wonderful colleagues, Professor Pat Morgan, who died on July 27, 2002, and Professor Victor Flatt, who recently accepted a chaired position at the University of Houston's law school. We will recruit for both positions.

This year will be very exciting as we celebrate 20 years of excellence and continue the fulfillment of our great potential as an urban law school that improves its community.

Janice C. Griffith

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Judge Griffin Bell honored at Ben F. Johnson Jr. Award ceremony

The College of Law's 9th Ben F. Johnson, Jr. Public Service Award ceremony was held on April 4, 2002. This year's recipient was the Honorable Griffin B. Bell. This award is presented annually to a Georgia lawyer who has made outstanding contributions to his profession and the community and whose life and career reflects the high tradition of public service exemplified by founding dean, Ben F. Johnson, Jr.

Guest speakers honoring Judge Bell were Ben F. Johnson III, managing partner at Alston & Bird; Robert L. Steed, senior partner with King & Spalding's public finance practice group; Richard A. "Doc" Schneider whose special investigation practice has covered a wide array of matters, including the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 and the breast implant controversy in the 90s. Special guests included past recipients of the award Judge Dorothy Toth Beasley, Randolph Thrower, A. Paul Cadenhead and Clifford Oxford. The bench was well represented with Chief Justice Norman Fletcher of the Georgia Supreme Court; Judge James C. Hill of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the 11th District, Judge Jack Camp of the Federal U.S. District Court; Justice George Carley and Justice Harry Hines of the Supreme Court of Georgia; and Judge Melvin K. Westmoreland of the Superior Court of Fulton County. A number of Judge Bell's colleagues from King & Spadling, College of Law graduates, faculty and students were also present.

Judge Bell was born in Americus Georgia, just 9 miles from the home of Jimmy Carter in Plains, Georgia. His father and grandfather were cotton farmers, but Judge Bell's father encouraged him to become a lawyer. He attended Georgia Southwestern College and then Mercer University's Law School. Judge Bell served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946, attaining the rank of major. After building a thriving practice in Savannah and Rome, Georgia, and a reputation as an outstanding trial lawyer, he was recruited by King & Spalding to join the firm as a partner in 1953. He became managing partner five years later.

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell

But Judge Bell kept thinking that he wanted to give part of his life to public service. In 1961, President Kennedy appointed him to serve on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, where he served for 15 years before returning to King & Spalding. During this time Judge Bell heard many cases dealing with the civil rights movement and the desegregation of public schools. Judge Bell was at King & Spalding a short time when President Carter gave him a special assignment to find a U.S. Attorney General for him. Judge Bell would keep coming up with nominees but President Carter would find something wrong with each choice. Finally, the President told Judge Bell that he would just have to do it himself.

> **"I went to court over and over again by myself without the backup of 10 lawyers busily sorting thousands of documents."**
>
> *— Griffin Bell*

As U.S. Attorney General Judge Bell recruited a number of Court of Appeals judges serving throughout the country, whom he had come to know while serving on the bench, to take important positions in the Carter administration. One of these was Bill Webster to head the FBI. Eventually, President Carter began receiving phone calls to stop Judge Bell from taking away all the judges

Judge Bell speaks with great animation about his life as a lawyer in the court room. "I always had something to do with trials," he said. He said that trial practice changed with the modern rules of civil procedure, making it duller and raising the costs of litigation as discovery mushroomed. "I went to court over and over again by myself without the backup of 10 lawyers busily sorting thousands of documents."

"The Ben F. Johnson Public Service Award acknowledges Judge Bell's outstanding career of professional achievement and service," said Dean Janice Griffith. "We are deeply honored that we could so honor him."

Randall L. Kennedy to give Miller Lecture in October

On October 10, 2002, the Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series will present Randall L. Kennedy, a professor at Harvard Law School and a nationally renowned lecturer and commentator on race relations and criminal justice. His topic will be "Revisiting the Case of Leo Frank: Racism, Anti-Semitism and the Perversion of Justice".

Randall L. Kennedy attended St. Albans School, Princeton University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School where he served as notes and topics editor for the *Yale Law Journal*. After clerking for the Honorable J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court, Kennedy joined the faculty of Harvard Law School in 1984, teaching courses in contracts, criminal law and the regulation of race relations.

Professor Kennedy has delivered endowed lectures at a number of universities and has written for publications such as the *The American Lawyer, The American Prospect, Atlantic Monthly, The Boston Globe, Dissent, The Nation, The New Republic, The New York Times, Time Magazine, Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*. His resume includes over twenty published law review articles,

Randall Kennedy

fifteen chapter contributions to books, and two books: *Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word* (2002) and *Race, Crime, and the Law* (1997), for which he received the 18th Annual *Robert F. Kennedy Book Award* in 1998.

The Georgia Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency approves this Henry J. Miller Lecture for one CLE hour for Georgia Bar members only. The lecture is free and open to the public. No CLE pre-registration is required; just bring your Georgia Bar number with you to the lecture. For more information contact Delita Ashby at 404-651-2040.

Attention 1987, 1992 and 1997 Graduates: Reunion Event Scheduled

Your reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2002, at Libby's Cabaret at 3401 Northside Parkway in Atlanta from 4-6 p.m. For more information about the event contact Delita Ashby at 404-651-2040 or delita@gsu.edu.

Student News

Mentoring program

A program is underway in which Georgia State law students will mentor Morehouse and Spelman college students who express interest in a legal career. Last fall, members of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) met with pre-law students at Spelman and Morehouse to provide information about what it is like to be a law student. In February, BLSA members gave the students a tour of the law school and answered questions about the transition from undergraduate work to a course of professional study. This fall, students from the two colleges will be paired with BLSA members for face-to-face visits. Guest lectures by law school faculty members constitute another component of the program. Professor Natsu Saito lectured last spring at Morehouse on the history of race in American law.

Moot Court and mock trial teams achieve national victories

Georgia State teams won two national competitions this year. Competing against 22 teams from law schools throughout the country, our student trial lawyers team won the National Trial Advocacy Competition held at Micigan State University-Detroit College of Law. Our team defeated a Southern Methodist University team in the final round. Our second national success occurred at the Information Technology and Privacy Law Moot Court Competition at the Chicago John Marshall Law School. Our team competed against 29 teams to win this competition. Georgia's House of Representatives passed House Resolution 947 to commend the team members and their coaches on this victory.

Ben F. Johnson Jr. receives honorary degree

Ben F. Johnson Jr. receives a honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree from President Carl Patton and Chancellor Thomas Meredith at the Commencement ceremony held May 11, 2002.

Hooding Ceremony 2002

left to right: Trishanda Hinton, SBA President; Georgia State University Provost Ron Henry; guest speaker, The Honorable Norman S. Fletcher; and College of Law Dean Janice Griffith.

left to right, Professors George Carey, Steve Kaminshine, Marjorie Knowles, Charity Scott and Mary Radford after ceremony.

Professors Scott and Sobelson hood graduate.

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Mark Budnitz made a presentation on consumer payment systems at the first ever conference on Teaching Consumer Law at the University of Houston Law Center. He also was a panelist at the session on "What is Consumer Law?" The 2002 supplement to Professor Budnitz' book, *Counseling and Representing Financially Distressed Businesses* was published. He submitted a manuscript for a supplement to his book *The Law of Lender Liability*, and a manuscript for an article on recent developments in consumer payments law to the Conference on Consumer Finance Law's *Quarterly Report*. He organized and chaired three meetings of the American Bar Association's Section on Business Law's spring meeting and attended the annual meeting of the American Law Institute.

William A. Edmundson participated in a three-day discussion of the moral foundations of international law, with Allen Buchanan of Duke University and seven other philosophers and legal theorists. Georgia State University's Blumenfeld Center for Ethics sponsored the meeting.

Anne Emanuel published an historical essay, "Forming the Historic Fifth Circuit: The Eisenhower Years," as the lead article in 6 *Texas Forum on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights* 233 (Winter 2002) and a Commentary, "A Tale of Two Presidents: New Alabama Bar Chief Shows How Far We Have Come," in the *Fulton County Daily Report*, April 19, 2002, p. 5. In addition, an article entitled "The Tuttle Trilogy: Habeas Corpus and Human Rights," has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Southern Legal History.*

Marjorie Girth served as an "expert interviewee" for the study undertaken by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in order to determine whether additional bankruptcy judgeships should be allocated to the Northern District of Georgia.

Bill Gregory taught a two-week course on American corporate law at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania, in early May. Later in the month, he participated in the Georgia State Summer Academy, in Linz, Austria.

Janice Griffith is working with former Dean Judith Wegner (North Carolina) to establish a web site for students and professors using the local government law casebook entitled *State and Local Government Law in a Federal System*. Dean Griffith was invited to address the Atlanta Law School fellows and trustees at their annual luncheon in April. She spoke on new trends in legal education and on her experiences as a lawyer at a time when women constituted a small percentage of the legal profession.

Nancy Johnson was elected V/P President Elect of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. In this capacity, she will plan next year's programs for the meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. Professor Johnson also created a short computer-based CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) lesson on Researching Federal Legislative History.

Marjorie Knowles was on the program at Stanford's Fiduciary College and has begun work on a project for the Ford Foundation. Professor Knowles spoke on corporate governance to a class on strategic management at Emory's Goizueta Business School.

Michael Landau was a visiting professor at Louisiana State University during the spring semester, where he taught courses in Entertainment Law and Advanced Intellectual Property. In April of 2002, Professor Landau presented a paper, "Copyright and the First Amendment: Conflict or Peaceful Co-Existence" at the 10th Annual International Intellectual Property Law and Policy Conference at Fordham University in New York. In May of 2002, Professor Landau was a guest lecturer at the Emory School of Public Health, speaking about intellectual property issues for the Medical and Biotech Industries. The 2002 Supplements to the books that he authors or co-authors, *Lindey on Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts, West's Federal Administrative Practice Manual, and Entertainment Law*, all published by West, were recently released. In addition, Laundau contributed to the *2002 Wiley Intellectual Property Update* by writing the chapter, *The DMCA and Access Rights*. Professor Landau also published, "Digital Downloads, Access Codes, and United States Copyright Law," in *The International Review of Law, Computers & Technology* and wrote an article regarding the First Amendment and the Child Pornography Protection Act for the on-line legal publication Gigalaw.com (www.gigalaw.com). Professor Landau continues to be active on the Boards of Directors of Georgia Lawyers for the Arts and the Atlanta Center for Contemporary Art.

Charles Marvin was a panelist on the subject of Problems of Institutional Reform and Legitimacy in European Integration at the Third Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association in Moscow, Russia, in June.

Paul Milich presented programs on Georgia evidence in April to workers compensation judges in Jekyl Island, probate judges in Augusta, and juvenile court judges in St. Simons Island. He also presented a program on witness impeachment for the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association's April seminar in Atlanta. The 2002 edition of Professor Milich's *Courtroom Handbook on Georgia Evidence* was published in March and he is currently working on a new edition of his treatise, *Georgia Rules of Evidence*, which should be available this fall.

Ellen S. Podgor authored the entry on "Computer Crimes" in the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice*. The article "International Computer Fraud: A Paradigm for Limiting National Jurisdiction" appears in *35 U.C. Davis Law Review* 267 (2002), and a piece for a symposium issue of the *Cardozo Law Review* titled "White Collar Cooperators: The Government In Employer-Employee Relationships," *23 Cardozo Law Review 795* (2002). She had an op-ed piece in the *Houston Chronicle* titled, "Don't Criminalize Catholic Church or Anderson" and also served as the primary author of the "Comments of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on the Attorney General's Order Regarding Monitoring of Confidential Attorney-Client Communications." Podgor became a member of the Members Consultative Group of the Model Penal Code: Sentencing Project of the American Law Institute. She made presentations on extraterritorial crimes at the Law & Society conference in Vancouver, B.C. and on extraterritorial business crimes as part of the Carol and Lawrence Zicklin Center for Business Ethics at the Wharton Business School of University of Pennsylvania.

Charity Scott spoke on the future of managed care at a health law symposium sponsored by Saint Louis University School

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of Law. As Chair of an ABA Interest Group on Medical Research, Biotechnology, and Clinical Ethics, she organized a panel program on human subject research at the annual conference of the ABA's Health Law Section on emerging issues in health care law.

Roy Sobelson and GSU alum Lisa Schreter served as co-counsel for Othello in Othello v. The Kingdom of Heaven at the Shakespeare Tavern in April. Sobelson and Schreter successfully fended off Othello's (represented by Fulton DA Paul Howard and co-counsel Sheila Ross) attempt to get out of Purgatory and into Heaven. Fulton County Judge Dee Downs served as Judge. Professor Sobelson served as the Director of Emory's Kessler Eidson Program for Trial Techniques for the academic year 2001-2002. The program, serving all 220 rising third year students, ran from May 6-18, and employed the services of well over 150 lawyers from all over the country.

Jack Williams recently spoke to the following groups: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defense Intelligence Agency and The Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. on "Understanding the Threat of Militant Islam;" the United States Court of Appeals 6th Circuit Judicial Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on "America's Response to Terrorism: Civil Defense or Civil Liberties;" the Atlanta Scholars Kollel in Atlanta on "The Role Religious Authority Plays in Islamic Terrorism;" the BDO Seidman LLP Special Services Conference in Orlando, Florida on "Terrorist Threat Assessment: Why We Failed to Connect the Dots;" the American Bankruptcy Institute in Washington, DC on "Pending Bankruptcy Taxation Legislation;" the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors in Atlanta on "An Overview of Business Bankruptcy Cases," the Atlanta Bankruptcy Bar Association on "A Bankruptcy Year in Review." Professor Williams has recently authored the following: *2002 Cumulative Supplement to Tax Aspects of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* (West Group); *2002 Cumulative Supplement to Kennedy Countryman & Williams on Partnerships, Limited Liability Entities and S Corporations in Bankruptcy*; "Integrating American Indian Law in the Traditional Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Curriculum," *Tulsa Law Review* (2002); "A Tribute to Professor Frank Kennedy" in the *Bankruptcy Developments Journal* (2002); "Who Owns the Back of a Baseball Card?: A Player's Rights to His Performance Statistics," in the *Cardozo Law Review* (2002); "Straddle-Year Taxes in Bankruptcy" in the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* (2002); "Debunking the Myth Engulfing Collateral Dispositions Under Article 9" in the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* (2002). Professor Williams recently completed his tenure as the Inaugural Robert M. Zinman American Bankruptcy Institute Scholar in Residence.

CLASS ACTIONS

We welcome your professional and personal updates.

1986

Sue Colussy received Atlanta Mayor Franklin's Phoenix Award for service in the Metro Atlanta Communities. She practices immigration law for the benefit of needy persons.

Linda Bratton-Haynes has been appointed Associate Judge of Dekalb County Juvenile Court, where she served as the Pro Tem Judge for five years.

1987

Cynthia J. Becker has been appointed to the DeKalb Superior Court.

1988

Linda DiSantis has been appointed city attorney for the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

1989

Jean Padberg has been appointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to its new Commission on Interpreters.

1992

Linley Jones works as an on-camera legal analyst for CNN and CNN Headline Newis. She continues her trial practices in the areas of personal injury and civil trial work for Jones & Associates and is of counsel to the law firm of Jones, Jensen & Harris.

Randy Rich has opened a new office in the Courthouse Commons building next to the Gwinnett County Courthouse. Randolph G. Rich, P.C. will continue to handle general civil and criminal litigation.

David van der Griff has been appointed to the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission for the city and county of Sacramento, California.

1994

Devon Orland Christopher argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Marlo Orlin Leach has been made a partner at Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy.

J. Antonio "Tony" DelCampo was appointed the first Hispanic judge to the DeKalb County State Court by Governor Roy Barnes.

1997

Kim Dammers has been hired as an assistant United States attorney for Georgia's Northern District.

Ronald J. Stay joined Stites & Harbison as an associate in December 2001.

1998

Kirtan Patel joined Stites & Harbison in February, where his practice will focus on corporate, commercial real estate and international transactions.

2001

Christopher W. Hamlin has been named an associate at Smith Gambrell & Russell. He will be practicing corporate law.

Samira Jones has been named an associate at Smith Gambrell & Russell. She will be in the litigation practice area.

Jill Polster and **September Guy** have created the Georgia Innocence Project. It will join similar projects in more than 30 states. The national Innocence Project, founded in 1992 at Cardozo School of Law, claims 104 exonerations, most of them established with the use of DNA testing.

Two additions to College of Law Faculty

Clark D. Cunningham

Clark D. Cunningham, who joined the Washington University School of Law's faculty in 1989 became the first holder of the law school's W. Lee Burge Chair in Law and Ethics. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Wayne State University's law school, he will be teaching a seminar on judicial power and a professional responsibility course next year. An expert on the application of linguistics to law, Professor Cunningham is engaged in a study of how lawyers communicate with their clients. Throughout his career, Professor Cunningham has been an active public interest lawyer. At Washington University, he served as director of the Urban Law Clinic from 1989 to 1994 and the Criminal Justice Clinic from 1995-1998. His interest in the legal profession and civil rights issues led him to conduct comparative studies of legal systems in a number of different countries, including India and South Africa. Nationally recognized as an outstanding scholar, the U.S. Supreme Court cited one of Professor Cunningham's articles, published in the *Yale Law Journal*, in three different cases. Professor Cunningham has won the Association of American Law Schools national scholarly papers competition.

Clark D. Cunningham

The W. Lee Burge Chair in Law and Ethics was created as a result of a United States District Court Consent Order in litigation unrelated to the college that ordered the payment of $2.5 million to establish an endowed chair in ethics and professionalism at the College of Law. More than twenty years ago W. Lee Burge sat on the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He became convinced that Atlanta needed an accredited law school that would cater to both full-and part-time students. He helped Georgia State open its College of Law and has been helping ever since. An Atlanta native, Burge is a retired chairman and chief executive officer of Equifax, Inc.

Tanya Washington

Tanya Washington served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Robert M. Bell of the Court of Appeals of Maryland before beginning her academic career. At the end of her clerkship she entered private practice with the law firm of Piper & Marbury in Baltimore, Maryland. A graduate of James Madison University and the University of Maryland School of Law, Professor Washington received an LL.M. degree from the Harvard Law School in 2001. Last year she taught at the University of Maryland's law school. She will begin teaching Torts and Family Law at the college in Spring 2003.

In Memoriam

Professor Patricia Morgan passed away July 27, 2002, after a brief illness. An expert in the area of corporate tax and securities law, Professor Morgan authored several books and articles, pricipally in the area of tax fraud. A faculty member since 1988, she served as the law school's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1991-1993. Twice voted Professor of the Year by her students, Professor Morgan was respected, admired and held in great affection by her many friends and colleagues at the College of Law. The Patricia T. Morgan Scholarship Fund has been established at the GSU College of Law. Donations may be sent to Dr. Alleen Deutsch, Director of Development, P.O. Box 4037, Atlanta, GA 30302-4037.

Alumni directory available on-line

The College of Law's new on-line directory lists graduates' names, year of graduation, work and home contact information and email addresses. The system is password protected (**login is aludir and the password is welcome**). Eventually the system will feature personalized logins and password, and a search engine; the user will be able to execute real-time updates to the directory and indicate information such as practice areas and networking. If you logon to the directory and find that you need information corrected, please email Christine Hill in the development office at lawcmh@ langate.gsu.edu. If you do not want to be listed in the directory or experience technical difficulties, please contact Peter Thorsett in Law Technology Services at pthorsett@gsu.edu.

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what we're going to have down at Georgia State."

Lynn Hogue, a professor of law who's been at the College of Law since the beginning, says, "We can never thank Ben Johnson enough. This law school really owes its existence to him more than anybody else. Success has a thousand faces, and there are a lot of people who deserve real credit for establishing this law school. But the one person who can rightly claim to be the father of this law school is Ben Johnson."

Fully accredited by the ABA since 1990 and a member of the prestigious Association of American Law Schools since 1995, the College of Law is increasingly gaining national recognition for its faculty scholarship, student and alumni successes, innovative programs, and trailblazing use of technology in teaching.

The *National Jurist* magazine's most recent rankings listed it as the 11th "most wired" law school in the country. The consistently winning performances of Georgia State law students in national mock trial and moot court competitions over the years have also raised the school's profile.

"People who were initially skeptical about the ability of the state to support two high-quality law schools have long since said they are delighted by the excellence the College of Law has achieved," says law professor and former dean Marjorie Girth.

Class of 2002 Makes Class Gift to Law School

The graduating class of 2002 has presented the College of Law with a class gift in the form of a scholarship endowment. Trish Hinton, former SBA president and her staff have been instrumental in this effort, the first of its kind in the history of the law school. So far, the fund has $1,800 in gifts, and $13,450 in pledges.

Year sees record-breaking giving

2002 Annual Fund — July 1, 2002-June 30, 2002
Final Update

Year	# of graduates	# of donors	% of donors	total gifts
1984	7	2	29%	$1,050
1985	55	10	18%	$3,290
1986	126	20	16%	$7,017
1987	136	18	13%	$8,910
1988	159	16	10%	$2,775
1989	98	13	13%	$68,100
1990	131	11	8%	$10,050
1991	165	18	11%	$3,280
1992	157	31	20%	$4,090
1993	150	20	13%	$2,690
1994	173	27	16%	$3,635
1995	167	16	10%	$2,965
1996	145	16	11%	$770
1997	199	41	21%	$3,210
1998	188	36	19%	$5,795
1999	193	26	13%	$1,965
2000	179	37	21%	$12,615
2001	133	23	17%	$3,995
2002	168	8	5%	$1,700
Totals	2,729	389	14%	$147,902

Nominations sought for awards

Graduate Award for Outstanding Service to the College of Law

Nomination Deadline—Friday, November 1, 2002

The Graduate Leadership Council is now accepting nominations for the Service to the College of Law Award to honor a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution of time and financial resources to the College of Law. Previous law graduates to receive this award were Honorable Peggy Harris Walker and Patricia Tate. The nominee must be a law graduate of Georgia State. Nominations may come from any source and shoul be sent in the form of a letter to the attention of Delita Ashby, Georgia State University College of Law, P.O. Box 4037, Atlanta, Ga 30302, by fax to 404-651-2794 or by email to delita@gsu.edu. All law graduates will soon receive an announcement and nomination form in the mail.

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REUNION
Classes of 1987, 1992 & 1997
Saturday, September 28
Libby's Cabaret, 4-6 p.m.

MILLER LECTURE
Thursday, October 10
Speaker:
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