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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

On behalf of the Associate Dean's Office, we would like to welcome all of you once again to the 1993-94 academic year. We hope that you will find this year to be both satisfying and rewarding. We are indeed fortunate that we are part of a growing and dynamic law school that is receptive to new and innovative ideas. In that regard, we welcome any and all suggestions and ideas that would make our law school even better. Responsiveness, openness and fairness are our highest priority.

Some of you may wonder whether I have come to the Associate Dean's Office with an agenda. Yes, I have. My agenda is to help you accomplish your agenda as effectively and efficiently as possible. Recently, we disseminated the tentative Spring Class Schedule to the S.B.A. for your comments, observations, and/or criticisms before it was made final. Changes were then made to the schedule in response to your concerns. We plan to continue this practice. In addition, to further facilitate the arranging of your personal schedules and commitments, and to give you as much notice as possible on classes, times and professors, we plan to prepare and distribute in the early spring the class schedule for the entire academic year (1994-95), rather than the Fall Semester alone.

In response to complaints about the nature and variety of the courses offered in the summer semester, former Associate Dean Patricia Morgan developed a summer curriculum plan consisting of a wide array of subjects and areas. This

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From The Oval Office

My first thought is to thank John Creasy for his hard work putting together The Docket. Derrick Payne was originally appointed Chief Editor of our newsletter, but before the first issue came out, he had to resign, due to family obligations. John, along with Pat Buonodono, worked hard on short notice to publish the first issue. Since then, John has devoted long hours to editing and publishing The Docket. Pat, while no longer serving as editor, has written several nice articles for our newsletter. Special thanks to both John and Pat.

I would also like to thank Angie Heard for her service as SBA Secretary. She served from April through October, then resigned to concentrate on her school work. Rebecca Blackstock has been appointed to the office of Secretary, and she is already working hard on a student directory, which we hope to distribute soon.

In addition to the student directory, which will include names and addresses for you to use during the school year, the SBA is working on a yearbook, which we hope to distribute at the end of the school year. If you have any pictures that you would like to submit to be included in the yearbook, give them to me. We will try to include as many as possible. We would especially like pictures from activities hosted by student organizations. In the meantime, if you see me taking your picture around campus, don't worry. We won't publish any picture unless the subjects all look "mahvelous!" If you have other creative ideas for our yearbook,

please come forward with your suggestions. This is the first time we've done a yearbook, and we can use all the

help we can get.

In closing, I'd like to address a subject that has been on my mind since May. During the winter semester of last year, we lost two students, Megan Grogan and Sue Kafrouni, to leukemia. After this tragic loss, I resolved to go to Emory and donate platelets regularly, so that other students suffering from leukemia might survive. But as I became involved in my summer job and my summer class, I forgot all about my resolution. I know that some of you may share my good intentions, but because of the many demands on our time, you too may have forgotten about donating platelets. But now, with the Christmas holiday just around the corner, maybe we can find the time. It takes about 2 hours to donate platelets, and the procedure is painless. They even let you watch movies while the platelets are taken. Any healthy person can donate, as long as you are not taking certain medications, and as long as you weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. Your body will replenish the platelets immediately, so there is no harm to you. In fact, you can go back and donate as often as every 3 days. If you are interested in donating, call 727-0897 and ask for Sylvia Robinson. Also, Dawn Hunsicker is collecting money for a memorial scholarship, to be awarded to a GSU Law Student annually in Megan's name. If you would like to make a donation, contact Dawn, or come see me in the SBA Office. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lesli Seta
SBA President



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summer we will begin to implement that plan, thereby affording you the opportunity to take additional classes that will enrich your academic experience.

On a different note, Professor Maleski continues to make steady progress. Professor Kadish, after a brief setback, also continues to improve. Professors Maleski and Kadish both would like to express their appreciation and gratitude for your patience, understanding, cooperation, and support during this difficult period for them.

Take care and have a happy holiday season.

Dean Stephens

Trial Lawyers Association

Georgia State University College of Law wins number one best individual advocate and number two best mock trial team in the prestigious National Invitational Trial Tournament of Champions held October 27 - 30, 1993.

Monte Davis was selected number one best individual trial advocate by the judges from among the top trial teams in the country. Mr. Davis led the Georgia State University College of Law Mock Trial Team all the way to the final round in this year's national Tournament of Champions. The team was coached by A. Thomas Jones and included Monte Davis, Jessy Lall, advocates, and Julie Pomerantz, Paul Vignos, witnesses. The team argued on both sides of a dispute about the breakup of a professional law partnership involving allegations of improper solicitation of clients, alcohol abuse and sex binges.

The National Invitational Trial Tournament of Champions may be the most prestigious trial competition in the nation. The Tournament of Champions was created in 1989. It only includes teams from law schools which demonstrate excellence in trial advocacy in national competitions during the previous year. G.S.U. has been invited to the tournament four out of the last five years and has placed

in the final four teams four times. In 1989, another G.S.U. student was also selected best individual trial advocate.

During the preliminary rounds, the G.S.U. team defeated teams from South Texas College of Law, University of Akron, University of San Diego School of Law, and Northwestern University School of Law. In the semi-finals, the G.S.U. team defeated California Western School of Law. It was only in the final round that the G.S.U. team was defeated by Stetson University College of Law in a split decision. The G.S.U. mock trial team finished second best in the nation.



CONGRATULATIONS

Tournament of Champions
Best Individual Trial Advocate
Monte K. Davis

Tournament of Champions
Second Best Mock Trial Team
in the Nation! (two years in a row)

Monte Davis & Jessy Lall
advocates

Julie Pomerantz & Paul Vignos
witnesses

Deafeated 5 teams
Lost split decision in Final Round
Continuing one of the winningest
programs at GSU College of Law

with many thanks to:
Tom Jones and Randy Rich
coaches

What the Heck is NACDL?

Pat Buonodono

As you may (or may not) have noticed, what was once the STLA office is now the STLA/NACDL office. NACDL-GSU is the Georgia State chapter of the

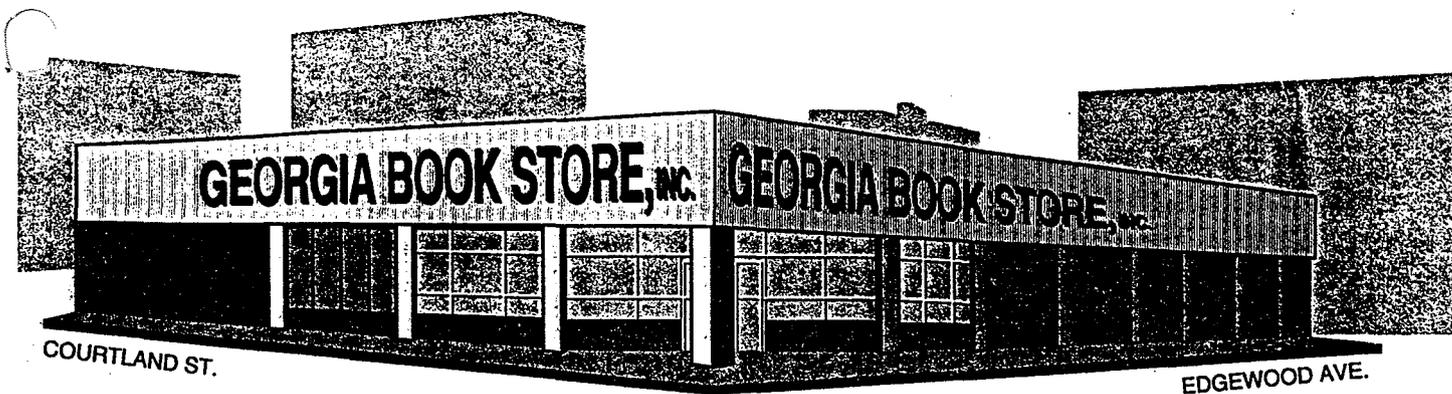
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. What we are striving to build is an organization committed to learning more about criminal defense, become active in the community in which we live and study, and offer opportunities to our students for some hands-on experience in the criminal defense area (you know, out in the REAL world). To that end, we have established a relationship with the Georgia Justice Project ("GJP"), a nonprofit, individually funded criminal defense organization which defends their clients and then initiates a follow up period geared toward providing guidance and assistance which will enable those clients to break the cycle of criminal behavior. On behalf of GJP, we have completed various volunteer activities such as potential client interviews at the Fulton and DeKalb County jails and assorted legal research projects. GJP is ready and willing to give us as much work (and practical experience) as our members have time to handle. Doug Ammar, Assistant Director of the GJP, has come to GSU to instruct us on interviewing potential clients. We have also had more in-depth interviewing training provided by Wendy Jenkins, a professor at UGA who is head of the law school division of NACDL here in Georgia.

We have also discussed volunteer opportunities with other organizations. The Atlanta Truancy Project, which is a project of the Atlanta Bar Association, works to keep kids in school and out of trouble. They pair volunteers into a team consisting of a lawyer and a non-lawyer who work together to defend clients in Juvenile Court, and to find answers to the problems that are preventing the kids from attending school regularly.

We hope that by becoming a very active NACDL chapter, we will also be invited to participate in criminal litigation trial competitions in future years, so that courtroom experience will also become a vital part of NACDL-GSU.

If you are interested in the criminal defense area (or would like to get some practical legal experience to tie into all the theory you've learned in your classes), please stop by the STLA/NACDL office or call Paul Vignos (897-1050) or Pat Buonodono (591-5384). We'll be happy to sign you up -- and put you to work!





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Wednesday, November 17th
5:00pm Room 100 UL

**PUBLIC
INTEREST
LAW
ASSOCIATION**

We have just started planning for our 2nd Annual Public Interest Law Auction, and we think it will blow last year's auction away! It's scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd, from 11:45 A.M. to 1 P.M., so mark it on your calendars.

Our last meetings for the semester are on Tuesday, November 16th, at 12:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. in Rm. 232. David White, an attorney with the National Wildlife Federation, will speak about environmental law at 12:30 P.M. as part of the noon meeting. Hope to see you there!



**Association of Women Law
Students**

**POLICE CRIME RING
PROSECUTOR SHAWN
ELLEN LAGRUA
SCHEDULED TO SPEAK**

On Wednesday, November 17, Fulton County Assistant District Attorney Shawn Ellen LaGrua will be the speaker at a program sponsored by the Association of Women Law Students.

This fall, Ms. La Grua was the lead prosecutor in the high profile "police crime ring" case. A GSU College of Law graduate, Ms. LaGrua spent four years in the Dekalb County DA's office before joining Fulton County's office 18 months ago. Ms. LaGrua will speak about her experiences as a prosecutor, how she prepared for the role, and will offer insights to students (male and female) about the positive and negative aspects of a career in

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a prosecutor's office. The program will be held in Room 170 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

All interested students are encouraged to attend.

Megan Grogan Memorial Award

Kelly Megan Grogan (Nov. 16, 1969 - Feb. 13, 1993) was a law student who recently passed away. Megan would have graduated with those students who will graduate this May. The disease which took Megan was leukemia- an illness, the treatment of which is hard enough in itself to be endured and overcome. However, as was typical of her, Megan never lost her optimism and determination throughout that illness.

Megan kept a journal throughout much of her life. Her family has shared with us the last entry which she made in her journal while she was in the hospital. Part of it follows:

The train that is my life was on a very straight track to its destination. My illness can be viewed in one of two ways: a wreck, or a change of course. It's a change of tracks- someone flipped one of those switches at an intersection and sent me a different way. Now I have to go over the mountain instead of through the tunnel. It's harder to climb and there are a lot more curves, but it still will reach the same destination. And I will experience a lot more along the way.

This entry is typical of the attitude with which Megan approached all of her life. She was a very outgoing, upbeat, generous and unique person. Her priorities were always as they should be and fun was at the top of the list.

An award has been set up in honor of the life of Megan Grogan. This award to a first year student who demonstrates the qualities which Megan possessed. The award will be given to a student who demonstrates:

- a) an outgoing personality
- b) a balanced, generous and giving nature

c) an undergraduate GPA of 3.4 or above

d) involvement in social or community organizations.

Students who are nominated or interested will be asked to submit a statement answering the question: "WHO ARE YOU?" There is no length requirement for the statement. A panel of no less than three of the following people will decide upon the awards recipient every year: George Perez, Kevin Drummond, Bimal Chopra, Daryl Queen, David Green, and Dawn Hunsucker. The first award will be given to a first year student in the Spring of 1994, with two other awards to be given in the Spring of 1995 and 1996.

Many contributions have already been made. The faculty, many student organizations, and individuals have given generously. However, the goal is \$2500. Everyone's individual contributions are needed.

To make a donation please submit your contributions to the 4th floor receptionist's desk in an envelope addressed to the attention of Paulester Howell. Checks should be made out to : The GSU College of Law/ Megan Grogan Memorial Fund. If you wish to remain anonymous, submit your check in an envelope along with a note stating your wish. The names of contributors will be forwarded to Megan's parents.

SKIPPY! BBS

Paul Vignos

SKIPPY!, the Student owned and operated BBS service for law students, has just gotten better. Designed to provide a 24 hours message service for students whose schedules are chaotic, SKIPPY! added a second line this summer and Z-modem file transfer capacity.

SKIPPY! BBS adds Hayes Optima 9600bps modem for faster file transfers. The modem is compatible with 1200, 2400, and 9600 bps modems and adjusts to the speed at which members' modems operate.

SKIPPY! started as a law student BBS in 1991. NACDL-GSU is now using SKIPPY! for scheduling Pro Bono work for the Georgia Justice Project on Edgewood Avenue. All Organizations are welcome to set up special interest forums. Study groups can exchange outlines by telephone file transfer - privately! using the Electronic Mail PMS private message service.

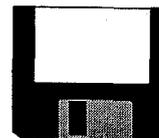
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Then simply enter the word NEW when prompted and follow the screen directions.

After signing up, new users may download a member Contract clarifying details of the message service. Both E-Mail Private Message Service and Bull Conference Forums are supported. On acceptance of the Contract agreement, GSU Law Students will be given member status for full participation in SKIPPY!

This offer is made to generate enthusiasm among future lawyers for Electronic Communications. Computer telecommunications are not limited to LEXIS and WESTLAW. Other computer BBSs offering legal information are run by the American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA), the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and one of the best BBSs in the country is run by the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (GACDL).

SECURITY IN THE LAW LIBRARY

Nancy Johnson

The librarians and staff of the Law Library are very concerned about security for our students, faculty, staff, and attorneys. We want you and your belongings to be safe in the library.

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Presently, the University Police patrol our library regularly. Additionally, the University Police respond quickly if we non them for a specific reason. However, we are very aware that security problems continue.

To protect your purses, wallets, computers, books, and other valuables, please take these precautionary steps:

1. Put your valuables in your locker. Never leave your valuable items out of your sight.

2. Report any suspicious people to the staff at the circulation desk.

3. If you are using a lap-top computer in the library, stop at the circulation desk for a security sticker. If there is unauthorized removal of the equipment, the security system at the front door of the library will sound.

4. An engraving kit is available from the University Police Department (1st floor of Sparks Hall) for you to etch a permanent identification number on your personal items. You may check out this engraving kit for 24 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Prof. Nancy Johnson in the Law Library.

FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE...

A Reminder About Room Reservations

Room reservations will initiate at the receptionist desk on the fourth floor. **ALL RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.** This includes organization meetings. Confirmation of the reservation will be put in your mailbox.

POSTING ON BULLETIN BOARDS and STUFFING MAILBOXES

Beginning Monday, November 15, 1993, all announcements to be posted must be approved at least two weeks prior to the

event -- including organization meetings. This will allow the room reservation to be approved, arrangements to be made and appropriate time to announce the event. If you have items to be stuffed in the mailboxes, please have them in the office at least two days prior to the date you wish them to be stuffed. We have a large demand for stuffing and this will ensure your information being received in a timely manner.

KING WEEK 1994 AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1994

Georgia State University will be participating in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observance in January and Black History Month in February. The University's planning committee will be coordinating and promoting GSU activities for these two celebrations. A calendar of events will be produced for both celebrations together so the greater Atlanta community will have the opportunity to know about the events on campus and attend. If your organization is planning a lecture, seminar, speaker, exhibit, discussion group or other activity in conjunction with either King Week '94 or Black History Month, please have the information in the Office of Student Life by Friday, November 12, 1993.

TUTORS NEEDED

The Atlanta Project Liaison Office and Carter Hall need your help. Tutors are needed for an afterschool program at McGill Elementary School to help elementary school students reach their goals, the school is only minutes from GSU. GSU students are needed between 2:45 - 5:00p.m. MWF. If you or your organization are interested, please contact me at 651-1922.

RAFFLES

If your organization is considering a raffle, remember that it is a violation of the law. The College will not be permitted to post any notices, stuff student mailboxes or participate in any way. Please refer to the O.C.G.A. Code, Section 16-12-20 (4) and Section 16-12-22.

AALS ACCREDITATION STUDENT SURVEY

The AALS Accreditation Committee has distributed a student survey in each student box. This is your opportunity to participate in this self-study process. Please return this form to boxes at the third or fourth floor reception desks NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 19, 1993.

Brenda Cornelius

TOP 5 RECENT STUDENT JOB LISTINGS

1. **#3212**
Posted 11/11/93
Research Project
Burton & Anderson
2. **#3211**
Posted 11/11/93
Asst. on Appeals
Wendell Young, Esq.
3. **#3209**
Posted 11/09/93
Law Clerk
Blind Listing
4. **#3207**
Posted 11/09/93
Judicial Clerkship
Honorable
Lawrence Karlton
5. **#3204**
Posted 11/09/93
Volunteer Research Asst.
Ms. Rebecca Franco, Esq

These job listings and more are listed as they are received in the "Blue Books". The Blue Books are kept in the Career Planning Office during office hours and are available in the evening and on weekends at the Cir. Desk in the Law Library.

THE DOCKET

The Docket encourages all students to submit articles for publication. Please submit all work on 3-1/2" disks with work saved in any format. Drop boxes are located in the SBA office and Brenda Cornelius' office (152 UL). Disks will be returned.

John A. Creasy, Jr.
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The List of Employer Participants and Final Registration Packets will be available in the Career Planning Office on Monday, November 29, 1993. The Final Student Registration Packets (which includes resumes) will be due on Thursday, December 2, 1993.

If you have any questions, please call 651-2062 or come by the Career Planning Office.

BAR EXAM REVIEW

Tuesday,
November 16, 1993
12:00 noon and 5:00 pm
Room 100

Mary Ann Oakley and Buckey Askew, Director of Bar Admissions, will be here to review a sample bar exam question (found in each 3L's mailbox). Additional copies of the sample question are available in the Career Planning Office. Although a "live" explanation of the Bar Review would be the most beneficial, the Career Planning Office will videotape the session for those 3Ls who are unable to attend either of the scheduled reviews.



GRADUATING ?

Students planning on graduating this Spring who have not submitted an Application to Graduate along with the \$40 fee MUST take the form to Room 355 Sparks (The Graduation Room) and THEN take it to Students Accounts to pay BY JANUARY 10th ! You have missed the "Deadline".

World's Smallest Political Quiz

Take the WORLD'S SMALLEST POLITICAL QUIZ. Then use the Self-Government Compass to find your political identity. Circle Y when you agree with a statement, circle M for Maybe, Sometimes, or Need-More-Information, or circle N for No.

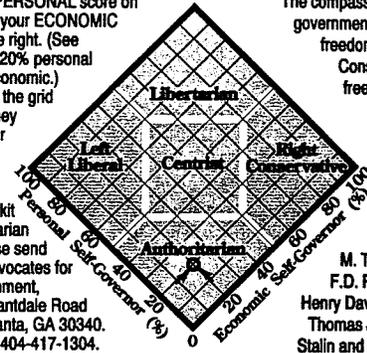
Are you a self-governor on **PERSONAL** issues?..... 20 10 0
 •Military service should be voluntary. (No draft)..... Y M N
 •Govt. should not control radio, TV or the press..... Y M N
 •Repeal regulations on sex by consenting adults..... Y M N
 •Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them..... Y M N
 •Let people immigrate and emigrate freely..... Y M N
 My PERSONAL self-governor score: add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for No.

Are you a self-governor on **ECONOMIC** issues?.....
 •Businesses & farms should operate without govt. subsidies..... Y M N
 •People are better off with free trade than with tariffs..... Y M N
 •Minimum wage laws cause unemployment. Repeal them..... Y M N
 •End taxes. Pay for services with user fees..... Y M N
 •Europe & Japan should provide their own defense..... Y M N
 My ECONOMIC self-governor score: add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for No.

How to use the Self-Government Compass

Mark your PERSONAL score on the left and your ECONOMIC score on the right. (See example of 20% personal and 20% economic.) Then follow the grid lines until they meet at your political identity!

For an information kit about libertarian ideas, please send \$8.00 to Advocates for Self-Government, 3955 Pleasantdale Road #106 A, Atlanta, GA 30340. Telephone: 404-417-1304.



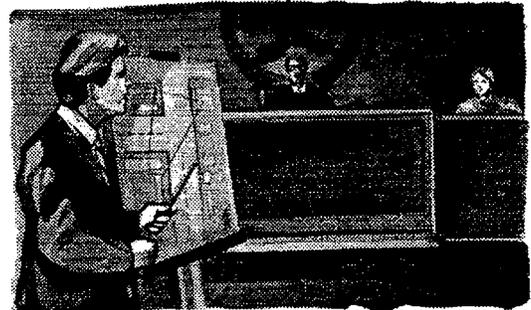
The compass measures self-government. Liberals value freedom of expression. Conservatives value free enterprise. Libertarians value both. Authoritarians are against both.

Examples:

- M. Thatcher (right) •
- F.D. Roosevelt (left) •
- Henry David Thoreau and Thomas Jefferson (top) •
- Stalin and Hitler (bottom) •

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