Pay it FORWARD

Investing in the communities we serve
“It was my first introduction to several of my classmates. It was nice to be able to get to know them outside the law school. We had a great time doing something worthwhile.”

Darlene Childers (J.D. ’17)
Part-time night student
Student Bar Association member

By the numbers

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JUST HOW DO YOU QUANTIFY A RETURN ON INVESTMENT? And how do you pay it forward?

For more than 30 years, the College of Law has defined service to our community and profession as educating lawyers ready to make a difference. We do this by making an excellent legal education both accessible and relevant.

So, how do more than 4,800 alumni, 650 students and 64 professors pay our investment forward?

Some, like students in our Externship Program, assist state and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations, providing 18,760 hours of assistance each year in exchange for academic credit. Two examples of such assistance include Sunshine Rhymer (J.D. ’14) working with Truancy Intervention Project in Fulton County helping children chronically absent from school; and Fuery Hocking (J.D. ’15), helping low-income seniors through the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

Other students assist the communities where they grew up like Will Arnold (J.D. ’14) in Atlanta’s Vine City and English Avenue. Arnold helps preserve historical communities, such as Vine City/English Avenue and Sapelo Island. He says that his work is “simply a return on my community’s investment in me.”

Robbie Ashe (J.D. ’09) leads change as MARTA’s board chair and has helped the transportation organization achieve its first budget surplus in seven years. “If we can demonstrate that we are responsible fiscal stewards, that’s how we will attract investment from the state and from other regional entities,” Ashe says.

As executive director of the Georgia’s State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), Chris Tomlinson (J.D. ’97) develops innovative ways to improve flow in traffic-clogged metro Atlanta.

Associate Professor Jessica Gabel’s Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program has helped an elderly blind woman obtain debt relief while Ryan Rowberry, assistant professor of law, works to preserve UNESCO World Heritage sites.

These are but a few examples of the work our alumni, faculty and students do to give back or return the investment the state of Georgia and College of Law have made in their professional education. Our success enables our graduates — you — to bring real value to your local communities across Georgia and beyond.

Warm regards,

Dean Steven J. Kaminshine
Wolf to lead CLHS

After 10 years, countless hours of community outreach and an incredible amount of energy spent building and expanding curricular offerings, the Center for Law, Health & Society’s founding director, Charity Scott, stepped down June 30 with Professor of Law Leslie Wolf assuming the leadership role.

Scott, the Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law, has led the center since its founding in 2004. Instrumental in the creation of the health law program at Georgia State Law, Scott taught the first health law course in 1987.

“Ten years is a good time for a change in any organizational setting, to allow fresh perspectives and new directions to flourish,” Scott says. “I’ve put a lot of energy into program building, and I’m ready and eager to step back and watch the fruits of those labors truly blossom. I know Leslie will be a fantastic director.”

With a strong interest in health and public health law and ethics, the center was an important factor in Wolf’s decision to join the Georgia State Law faculty. She shares Scott’s commitment to continuing the excellent work of the center through collaboration with faculty, students and the community.

“As we go forward, I see no reason to change what we have been doing so well for our students, alumni, the bar and the community,” Wolf says. “But, I’m also excited to think about other ways we can connect with our communities, including taking advantage of our new building for additional programming, working collaboratively with colleagues across the university on important health and public health law questions and developing relationships internationally to enhance our faculty’s research and our students’ experiences.”

Wolf will continue to teach two health law classes. Scott will teach and write more, as well as complete some research projects exploring conflict management in health care settings.

Learn more about the Center for Law, Health & Society at clhs.law.gsu.edu.

Data collection ‘price we pay’

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens weighed in on the government’s storing of telephone metadata, calling it the price society pays, during the 53rd Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture at Georgia State University on April 16.

Justice Stevens, who retired in 2010, says the government’s practice of collecting, storing and using phone data does not violate the Fourth Amendment, citing the 1979 case, Smith v. Maryland. In that case, the Court ruled the Constitution does not require police to obtain a search warrant to authorize the installation of electronic devices to record telephone numbers dialed from a suspect’s telephone.

“I remain persuaded that the Smith case was correctly decided in 1979 and that it supports the conclusion that the preservation and use of records identifying the parties to telephone conversations does not violate the Fourth Amendment,” Justice Stevens says. “Whether the database provides benefits that are justified by its cost is an issue for others to debate. “The fact that a new device, such as an automobile or a cell phone, may generate routine activities or new rules that give the public and the police access to information that a user of that device would prefer not to disclose is not a sufficient justification for imposing a warrant requirement as a precondition to police access to information,” Justice Stevens says. “It is part of the price that society pays for the benefits that the new device creates.”

Following the lecture, the retired justice met with Georgia State Law students for a question and answer session moderated by one of his former clerks, Lauren Sudeall Lucas, assistant professor of law.

Learn more at law.gsu.edu/14Miller.
BLISS RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Lisa Radtke Bliss, associate clinical professor, co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic and director of experiential education, recently received the 2014 Association of American Law Schools Section on Clinical Legal Education M. Shanara Gilbert Award.

The section’s executive committee presented Bliss with the award on April 28 at the Clinical Legal Education Conference in Chicago. The award honors an “emerging” clinician, with 10 or fewer years of experience, who has demonstrated a commitment to teaching and achieving social justice for those most in need, an interest in international clinical legal education, and service to the cause of clinical legal education.

The committee praised Bliss’ work and commitment as a teacher, scholar and advocate, stating she more than fulfills the spirit of M. Shanara Gilbert Award criteria. The committee also noted her engagement with national and international organizations dedicated to clinical legal education and social justice.

Unwavering support

Ron Freeman (J.D. ’85), managing member of Johnson & Freeman, was named a Georgia State University Distinguished Alumnus for his commitment to the College of Law and his longstanding community service. He and other 2013 Distinguished Alumni were honored during Homecoming weekend.

“Ron’s commitment to our college and its students is unwavering,” says Steven J. Kaminshine, dean and professor of law. “His scholarships help the college recruit a diverse and high achieving incoming class each year.”

In addition to establishing the scholarship fund for Georgia State Law, Freeman’s community work also includes serving on the board of The Young Family YMCA and volunteer activities with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

“My association with Georgia State Law has opened doors for me,” Freeman says. “For all the university has done for me professionally and personally, the award heightens my sense of feeling like I need to do more for the university.”

At Georgia State, Freeman serves on the university’s Foundation Board and the college’s Board of Visitors.

After graduating, Freeman served with the State Court of Fulton County and worked for the law firms of Arrington & Horne and Mayer Nations & Yates, where he became a partner.

From 1991 to 2011, Freeman was a judge with the Fulton County Magistrate Court.

He was appointed in 2009 by Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens as special attorney general to represent the state in various construction and business disputes. He also serves as a municipal court judge for the cities of Riverdale, Jonesboro and Morrow.

Rowberry co-writes nutshell on protecting historical resources

Ryan Rowberry, assistant professor of law, co-wrote Historic Preservation Law in a Nutshell (West Publishing, 2014) with Sara Bronin, professor of law and faculty director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Law at the University of Connecticut.

It’s the first in-depth summary of historic preservation law, says Rowberry, also associate director for the Center for Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth.

“Given that historic resources encompass many types of law (property law, natural resources law, environmental law, Native American law) and traverse local, state, tribal, federal and international jurisdictions, you need a resource that speaks to those jurisdictions and varied types of law collectively, rather than in silos as the field is typically analyzed,” he says.
Juergensmeyer in Cuba

In January, Ben F. Johnson Chair and Professor of Law Julian Juergensmeyer spent a week learning about the technical and theoretical aspects of property law and policy in Cuba with Tulane University Law School’s intersession program.

This was his first visit to Havana, and he was interested in seeing how the recent economic reforms under President Raul Castro were affecting the Cuban capital.

“I thought all the buildings were falling apart, but was surprised to see that the government has restored many important historic buildings in the old city,” says Juergensmeyer. “Private preservation also is taking place. They are making progress, but other sections paint a sad picture of crumbling treasures.”

Learn more at law.gsu.edu/cuba.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Throughout his prestigious career of more than 55 years, attorney Miles J. Alexander has earned an international reputation as one of the world’s leading trademark lawyers. On May 6, Georgia State Law honored him with the 2014 Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award.

“The Ben F. Johnson Award is particularly meaningful because of Johnson’s amazing contributions to our state and educational community,” says Alexander, senior partner with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP.

“I am honored to be presented with any award given in his name.”

Alexander is ranked among the top attorneys by The Best Lawyers in America, Georgia Trend magazine, Atlanta magazine and Super Lawyers magazine. His accolades include the INTA’s 2002 President’s Award, the Georgia Bar Intellectual Property Section’s Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Jewish Committee Selig Distinguished Service Award and the ADL Lifetime Achievement Award.

Learn more at law.gsu.edu/14Johnson.

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF IP

2003
• Comprehensive IP curriculum debuts
• IP Advisory Board forms

2004
• IP Student Mentoring Program begins
• IP Moot Court forms, competes

2005
• First IP Job Fair
• IP Springposium debuts

2006
• First IP Scholarships provided
• Corporate IP Roundtable begins

2007
• First ever IP Legends Awards
• Corporate IP Institute event debuts
• IP Law Symposium
• IP Executive Board formed

2008
• Georgia Tech/Georgia State Law IP dual degree program launches
• IP Career Management Handbook created

2010
• IP Golf Tournament (CIP CUP) begins raising money for local charities
• First ever IP Community Service Awards
• Externship program begins with U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
• IP Law and Business school cross credits program begins

2011
• National IP Writing Competition offered
• Governor of Georgia declares Nov. 14–18, 2011 Georgia State University Corporate IP Week

2013
• IP Brief Encounters begins
• Georgia State Law celebrates 10 years of IP Program
COMMENCEMENT AND HOODING CEREMONY

“I know you will pursue many varied pathways in the years ahead and spread your talents on behalf of organizations and clients far and wide.

“As you proceed, still never forget the call of justice and humanity. We need you. Our fragile and public world needs you. Now go forth brilliantly,” U.S. District Court Judge Amy Totenberg told the Class of 2014 on May 16.

Totenberg of the Northern District of Georgia spoke to graduates during the 30th Commencement and Hooding Ceremony in which the college conferred degrees on 225 graduates from the full- and part-time programs.

“I know well how the economic climate and rapid changes in the legal profession appear to cast a shadow of uncertainty on your future at this very moment when you are trying to gain an initial toehold on your professional life.”

However, Totenberg told the class it has the tools to adapt and succeed. “You have thoroughly digested the very fruits of this fine law school. And most important, you do not have your heads stuck in the sand. But instead, aspire to broader challenges in your lives.”

Totenberg encouraged the class to be agents of change and to serve others. “And no matter what role you play, our nation needs you to be a voice of conscience, and a voice of tolerance and reason if our justice system and democracy are to survive and flourish.

“Big doesn’t matter. Every service rendered, every kindness extended, matters,” she said. “…What is seemingly small in the world of law can mean the world to the people you represent or serve.”

Learn more at law.gsu.edu/14graduation.

Course helps Atlantans

The Bankruptcy Assistance & Practice Program assisted 38 clients in 2013–14 with 16 students helping with 15 discharges in the fall and 14 discharges in the spring. The program has one case pending negotiations with the Internal Revenue Service and one non-bankruptcy workout. Seven cases were not filed.

Through this program, debtors with little or no income will be provided with pro bono bankruptcy counsel by a team of local attorneys and Georgia State Law students.

“The goal is to create and grow a working environment that fosters the true components of legal practice: problem solving, teamwork, skills development, client representation and community building for the students,” said Jessica Gabel, associate professor of law and co-founder.

The Bankruptcy Assistance & Practice Program was made possible through a competitive Teaching Innovation Grant from the college and sponsorships from McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, the State Bar of Georgia—Bankruptcy Law Section, Atlanta Bar Association—Bankruptcy Section, the Georgia Network of the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and the Metro Atlanta Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Group.

VATH ELECTED TREASURER

Margaret Vath, Lawyering Foundations instructor, was elected treasurer of the Atlanta Bar Association.

“It’s a vote of confidence,” Vath says. “I’m excited about entering into this role and continuing the bar’s legacy of leadership and service.”

Vath, an Atlanta Bar member for 15 years, served on its Board of Directors as a member-at-large for the past five years. She was appointed by the last three bar presidents to its executive committee, helping to co-draft amended bylaws. She also served on the executive director search committee and the Therrell High School Law Day committee. The Atlanta Bar recently awarded Vath with a Distinguished Service Award for her leadership on the Law School Outreach committee, which included developing and hosting a section fair, networking training, mock interviews and resume workshops.

Briefs
Breaking through: new building rises

After breaking ground on the College of Law’s new building in September 2013, it seemed like we had a long road ahead before moving into our state-of-the-art space. But crews made fast work of constructing the framework for our building this summer.

Despite weather-related setbacks, the building began rising out of the ground in early January. Construction crews poured the foundation and within weeks of that, workers installed columns to support the street-level entrance and first floor. In September, construction crews began installing the exterior glass.

In all, the building will have 200,000 square feet of space on seven floors complete with a conference center, clinical education, the Atlanta International Dispute Resolution Center and a two-story library of the future.

— Emily C.B. Diffenderfer

TOPPING OUT CEREMONY ON JUNE 25

After workers completed the building’s concrete framework in June, they began “skinning,” or enclosing the space. The building truly began to take shape during this phase, when construction workers put up walls and apply weather-resistant sheeting built to withstand the elements until exterior finishing starts this fall. See more at law.gsu.edu/timelapse.

By the numbers

107.5 tons of metal ductwork planned

11,000 cubic yards of concrete expected to be poured

22,500 linear feet of HVAC piping to be laid

24,000 square feet of stone cladding

What are you most looking forward to in the new building?

“Mingling with the students in new common areas designed expressly for that purpose.”

CASS BREWER

“Sunshine in the library.”

KRIS NIEDRINGHAUS

“Stairs!”

KELLY TIMMONS

“Being one of the first students to break in the new classroom seats.”

RYAN L. YOUNG (J.D. ’16)

“Fresh air, natural light and open spaces”

DAVID HUNGEING (J.D. ’00)

LOCKER CAMPAIGN

Be part of history

While the construction crews stay busy on site, Georgia State Law’s development office is gearing up for its Locker Campaign. A $1,000 contribution to the building fund (payable over two years) gives donors the opportunity to engrave a new locker with the name, tribute or phrase of their choosing. The new building will boast 500 lockers in the new facility. These funds will go a long way in outfitting our new classrooms and courtrooms with state-of-the-art technologies and furnishings. To learn more about the campaign, contact Ely Abbott, director of development, at ely@gsu.edu.
Paige Boorman (J.D. ’05)

How has the Student Trial Lawyers Association helped you?
I graduated from the Tom Jones School of Advocacy. If you ask Student Trial Lawyers Association alumni how they learned to litigate, that is unequivocally their answer. I went to law school to be a prosecutor. I recall during my first year, an upperclassman told me, “if you really want to be a trial lawyer, try out for STLA.”

STLA is a big commitment. Students spend their weekends learning about a case, how to do a closing argument, how to nail a cross-examination. Trial law is more than just knowing evidence and procedure. It’s an art form. You have to learn how to use your evidence to present your case to a jury. Our head coach, Tom Jones, teaches us to be professional, polished and passionate in the courtroom.

In 2004, Brandon Taylor and I won the William Daniel Mock Trial Competition. It was a criminal problem, written by Tom, so that made the win even more special. All those weekends with my coaches had paid off.

Why is giving back as a coach important to you?
In 2006, Tom asked me to be an assistant coach. I couldn’t say no. Sometimes my students ask why I’m willing to give up my weekends. My answer is always the same: in addition to student appreciation, teaching has made me a better lawyer. I have to be sharp on the rules of evidence and procedure to teach others about it.

As up and coming lawyers, my students have new ideas that influence and challenge me as an attorney. It is truly one of the most rewarding things I’ve done in my life. And to see your students win a competition, that’s a pretty amazing experience.

Paige Boorman (J.D. ’05), who works in the DeKalb Solicitor General’s Office, is assistant coach for Georgia State Law’s Student Trial Lawyers Association.

Lisa Bobb (J.D. ’05)

Why do you volunteer to coach a Student Trial Lawyers Association team?
I volunteer coach because STLA taught me how to think and behave like a trial attorney to the extent that I had nothing to fear when I first entered a courtroom. My coaches worked tirelessly to guide me through the rules of evidence, its application and how to effectively operate in a courtroom. It was an invaluable experience that created a path for my success.

How does coaching help shape the next generation of lawyers?
STLA is not just important, but critical to learning how to be a trial attorney. No other program dedicates as much time to the development of trial skills.

Coaching helps shape students’ future legal careers because it teaches them how to effectively put together a trial. We walk them through, step-by-step, what questions to ask, how to ask them, what objections are appropriate, what evidence is relevant and what arguments are compelling and those that are not. The finished product is a law student who is equipped with the knowledge to be a successful trial attorney.

Why is it important to give back to the community however you can?
It benefits us all to ensure that those who come after us are better equipped, more knowledgeable, have access to more opportunities and more capable to reach their goals. My experience as a prosecutor helps STLA students understand and better navigate criminal law, the application of the rules of evidence, as well as courtroom etiquette.

Lisa Bobb (J.D. ’05), who also works in the DeKalb Solicitor General’s Office, is an assistant coach.
“I love having the opportunity to play a part in someone else’s success.” Lisa Bobb (J.D. ’05)

“Law school teaches you the rules, but STLA teaches you the practice.” Paige Boorman (J.D. ’05)

Lisa Bobb (J.D. ’05) (from left) and Paige Boorman (J.D. ’05) work with Student Trial Lawyers Association members Kevin Coleman Jr. (J.D. ’15) and Kyle Jackson (J.D. ’15) during a spring practice.
“As a part-time student at Georgia State Law, I had the flexibility to follow a passion while attending evening classes.”

**Justin Leef**  
(J.D./M.S.H.A. ’17)

**What prompted you to draft HB 965?**
My best friend from childhood, Zack Elliott, overdosed on heroin days before I was scheduled to take my LSAT in June 2011. In an area of Atlanta known as “The Bluff,” Zack gave in to his addiction one last time. Once he began to overdose, those who were using with him abandoned Zack, fearing prosecution for possession if they called 911. Zack’s life could have been saved. He could have lived to overcome his demons. Since his death in 2011, five more friends and acquaintances have died from drugs, prescription painkillers or alcohol.

I spent 2012 finishing my undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia and working at the Georgia General Assembly as a House intern for Rep. Sharon Cooper, where I witnessed the twists and turns of politics and the unwritten legislative process. While I returned to the Georgia House as a legislative aide in 2013, Robin Cardiges (M.I.S. ’95), Zack’s mom, told me about overdose prevention laws that could have saved her son’s life.

**What will the bill do?**
In March, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 965 that includes “911 Medical Amnesty” and “Naloxone Access” policies. Now signed by the governor, these measures will help take away the fear of calling 911 for a person in need of medical assistance after an overdose and will authorize all first responders to carry and administer the opioid overdose antidote, Narcan.

**You managed all this during your first year of law school?**
Once I began this project, the time since has been a blur of research, legal drafting and redrafting and lobbying at the Gold Dome with the moms who lost children to avoidable overdoses. I look forward to completing my J.D./M.S.H.A. program so that I can continue to make a difference in Georgia at the intersection of health, law and business.

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In their words | Two students on serving Georgians

**Justin Leef**  
(J.D. ‘17) (right) talks with Robin Elliott, the mother of his childhood friend Zach. Elliott and Leef worked to ensure the passage of HB965 this spring.
“At its core, HeLP comes to the aid of Georgians who need it the most, in areas where they are too often overwhelmed and underserved.”

**Bryan Jacoutot (J.D. ‘14)**

What is the Health Law Partnership Clinic and how did you participate?
HeLP is a partnership of Georgia State University College of Law, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and Atlanta Legal Aid Society. It is one of only two such medical-legal partnerships in Georgia. A third is in formation in Athens. As part of the clinic, we served the state’s low-income children by collaborating across academic and professional disciplines to provide them with comprehensive medical and legal care.

What did you do as part of the Health Legislation and Advocacy (HLA) course?
The advocacy clinical course splits participants into groups of three who spend the first semester researching a health topic, and ultimately drafting a proposed piece of legislation. When the legislative session commences at the start of the spring semester, the groups introduce their legislation as a bill, and work at the Capitol to get it passed. Last fall with Kimberly Ramseur (M.P.H. ’15) and Rep. Trey Kelley (J.D. ’14), we drafted House Bill 910 to create a certification process for collaborative medical-legal partnerships, while encouraging more. The state legislature passed the bill and Gov. Nathan Deal signed the measure, paving the way for other medical-legal partnerships.

What’s the difference between the two?
With the shared goal of improving health outcomes for Georgians, the advocacy course provides policy support and analysis at the state level, while the HeLP Legal Services Clinic implements that policy on an individual basis. While the advocacy clinical course handles the broader policy concerns of health law, the HeLP Clinic handles the application of the law, providing free legal representation to qualifying patients in a number of health related areas. The clinic also provides the student with invaluable first-hand experience representing a true client.

How do you think your work with the clinics impacts Georgians?
Since its inception 10 years ago, HeLP has served more than 6,000 low-income children. Although a single student may handle only one case in the course of their work with the clinics, when you step back, the beneficial impact of HeLP cannot be overstated. The contribution I made over the past year was a drop in the bucket, but I’m so glad I was able to make it.
How do you quantify a return on investment? At Georgia State College of Law, we define service to our community and profession as educating lawyers who are prepared to make a difference in their communities.
LIANG ON FRONT LINES OF LEGAL AID

Whatever honors come Lisa Liang’s way during her legal career will have to compete with a handmade potholder and award certificate that says, “To the Best Lawyer.”

One of Liang’s clients made her those treasured mementos during her time as a staff attorney in the health law unit with Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Liang (J.D. ’08) helps low-income Atlantans with life-threatening illnesses deal with legal issues that affect their health and quality of life. It’s common for her to take cases with little advance notice. Liang points to former Gov. Roy Barnes who says: “Working in Legal Aid is kind of like working in a legal emergency room.”

For Liang, a day could include going to court, drafting documents, visiting a client in hospice to work on his will, supervising an intern, doing telephone intake and giving a presentation to social workers.

The path that brought Liang to this career started with doing medical social work. She then taught kindergartners and first-graders for several years through Teach For America. She remembers helping her students’ parents decipher some of the myriad forms they had to deal with.

“I always thought, ‘There’s got to be a lawyer that does this,’” Liang says. Eventually, she decided to go to law school and pursue public interest work.

Today, her clients’ cases can be complex to unravel. For example, she may start by helping a terminally ill client with guardianship plans for a child and then realize that the client is also eligible for unrealized benefits. “What starts out as one legal issue is often many,” Liang says. “And, in that, there’s a lot of opportunity for us to make some really big, substantial differences in the client’s life.”

— Sarah Beckham

TAKING STOCK

This summer, the shelves at food banks around the state were fuller thanks to Georgia Legal Food Frenzy.

“Summer is actually a critical time,” says Jon Pannell (J.D. ’05), a Food Frenzy veteran. With kids who are normally fed at school out for break, more families turn to food banks, he says.

A partner at Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP in Savannah, Pannell is the immediate past president of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia. The Food Frenzy is a project by the Young Lawyers Division, Georgia Food Bank Association and the Office of the Attorney General.

The committee chair this year was Jonathan Poole (J.D. ’05) a classmate of Pannell’s and with Strickland Brockington Lewis LLP in Atlanta. Poole says his time at Georgia State Law, where he was a Public Interest Law Association scholarship recipient, nurtured his interest in service.

Law firms, legal organizations and law schools compete as they collect money and canned food items to support Georgia food banks. The top prize is the Attorney General’s Cup. Pannell enjoys seeing the creativity firms use to drum up donations. Some host events such as concerts or movie screenings.

In its first two years, the Food Frenzy collected 1.4 million pounds of food and involved more than 15,000 legal professionals around Georgia. This year, more than 16,000 legal professionals raised 1.1 million pounds of food and Georgia State Law, led by Chris Collier (J.D. ’14) and Wayne Satterfield (J.D. ’15), won the competition among five state law schools.

—Sarah Beckham
PUSHING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS

Sustainable foods and the environment are at the heart of what propelled Karissa Orris (J.D. ’14) to attend law school. So it’s no surprise she’s been immersed in volunteer and internship opportunities that have fed those interests.

Orris worked at GreenLaw, a nonprofit, public interest law firm that works with underprivileged communities; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the DeKalb Public Defender’s Office. She served as co-president of Georgia State Law’s Environmental Law Society.

She also has volunteered with Slow Food Atlanta and Georgia Organics, groups promoting local and sustainable, earth-friendly food. Last summer, she interned with Keep Food Legal, a small nonprofit in Washington, D.C., dedicated to food access and friendlier laws toward small farms and organics.

“Our nation is in a troubling place when it comes to food accessibility,” says Orris, 33, who now lives in Washington, D.C. “Millions of Americans live in food deserts. When you have a significant population growing up malnourished, that’s going to affect education, economics and the job market.”

She cites children who are sent to school undernourished and can’t learn as well as they could. It has a cyclical affect, she says.

While at Keep Food Legal, she researched state laws including for raw milk and farmers markets and how they affect farmers and growers and impact people’s food choices.

“When you’re working in nonprofits or government organizations, they’re so often understaffed,” Orris says. “Having the opportunity to do this work allows these organizations and government the chance to stand up to people with far greater resources and provide power and strength to organizations who don’t always have the resources that some of these major corporations do.” — Lucy Soto

SPREADING THE MESSAGE

A law class sparked Sunshine Rhymer’s (J.D. ’14) interest in doing juvenile work and, eventually, to her commitment to the Truancy Intervention Project.

After her disability discrimination class last spring, she sought out and joined the project for the 2013 fall semester. She stayed for more experience in the spring.

Originating in Fulton County, the project provides resources and intervention services to children who are chronically absent from school and, as a result, either become involved with the local juvenile court or are referred for early intervention at the school level. It also pairs trained volunteers with children and families.

“TIP is important for the community because it provides early services to families and children with attendance issues in elementary school to prevent truancy and dropout issues in middle and high school,” Rhymer, 25, says. “TIP provides a level of one-on-one involvement that simply is not feasible by public defenders because of their already high case load.”

Rhymer’s work involved connecting with clients, parents and probation officers, if the children have one, and calling schools to get updates on attendance and grades.

“The project has staff and volunteer attorneys, as well as early intervention social workers focusing on elementary-age children with parents who are often responsible for not getting the kids to school, she says.

“TIP is important because even these few interactions you have with a child can genuinely change the course of their lives,” Rhymer says. — Lucy Soto
Will Arnold (J.D. ’14) could just as easily have dusted off his childhood and forgotten the decaying west Atlanta neighborhood when he left in search of his American dream.

Instead, Arnold volunteers with groups seeking to preserve two communities: Vine City/English Avenue, near where he grew up, and the Gullah/Geechee community on Sapelo Island.

Vine City/English Avenue, two areas west of downtown near the Georgia Dome and new Falcons stadium, is threatened by urban neglect, crime and environmental degradation. Sapelo Island is threatened by development of affluent vacationers building second homes that drive property tax rates up and long-time residents off their land.

The two projects seek to preserve areas with very different histories.

Vine City was once an important enclave of middle class African-Americans, including Martin Luther King Jr. Neighboring English Avenue is now the location of “the Bluff,” infamous in rap songs and other pop culture for its crime and drugs.

Sapelo Island is home to descendants of West African slaves, the Creole-speaking Gullah/Geechee, who still cook unique cuisine, weave elaborate baskets and practice a style of singing and hand claps associated with their past.

What drives Arnold to save these very different communities and how does his legal training play a role? Learn more at law.gsu.edu/willarnold. — Ben Smith
IN THE FAST LANE

In metro Atlanta and much of Georgia, getting people from point A to point B isn’t easy. As executive director of Georgia’s State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), Chris Tomlinson (J.D. ’97) plays a key role in both. The agency, which Tomlinson has led for 16 months, operates toll lanes and is a major transportation financing arm for state and local projects. He helped drive the monumental task of demolishing the Georgia 400 tollbooths that collected 50 cents per vehicle for 20 years until Gov. Nathan Deal ended the tolls last year. The agency also manages the all-electronic I-85 Express Lanes in Gwinnett County, which require a Peach Pass to access.

“We work to provide innovative ways to improve traffic problems,” Tomlinson says.

In addition to tolling, SRTA manages the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB), a concept adopted by several states to jumpstart or complete impactful transportation projects that otherwise might wait years for funding. Since its inception in 2008, the infrastructure program has awarded about $20 million in grants and loans to local governments and business districts for projects with a total value of more than $100 million.

When launched in October 2011, the I-85 Express Lanes project was 11th in the nation to employ dynamically priced managed lanes. Because of their success, more than 40 such projects across the United States—including three in Georgia—are in development or have been completed.

Future SRTA-funded projects include 12 miles of electronic toll lanes along Interstate 75 and I-675 in Clayton and Henry counties and nearly 30 miles of toll lanes along I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee counties. Both projects add new lanes to I-75, so motorists have an additional choice.

“Our projects aren’t just focusing on a financial bottom line,” Tomlinson says. “They are tied to goods and services that the state is responsible for providing. What we’re dealing with is for the public good. I find that very rewarding.”

— Ben Smith

BUILDING ON CIVIC TRADITION

Robert L. “Robbie” Ashe III (J.D. ’09) believes in paying his civic rent, following family tradition.

“If we’re not going to change the world, we’re going to try to make our little corner of it a little bit better,” says Ashe, a Bondurant Mixson & Elmore attorney and Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority’s board chair.

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed appointed Ashe, 39, to the MARTA board in 2010. In December, he was elected chair. He has taken charge of the board as it reaches several milestones.

This year marks MARTA’s 35th anniversary as a combined bus and rail transit system. It achieved its first budget surplus in seven years instead of pulling from reserves. MARTA generates $2.6 billion in revenues statewide each year and serves about 1.7 million passengers annually. On an average weekday, MARTA transports an estimated 420,000 passengers around metro Atlanta.

“For me, the bottom line is our bottom line,” Ashe says. “If we can demonstrate that we are responsible fiscal stewards, that’s how we will attract investment from the state and from other regional entities.”

Ashe wants to create a trend of surpluses and bring back riders lost when the agency, faced with budget cuts, reduced rail trips and eliminated bus routes.

Ashe is the son of former state Rep. Kathy Ashe of Atlanta, who served more than 21 years in the General Assembly. His father, Lawrence, is an acclaimed employment and civil rights attorney with Parker Hudson Ranier & Dobbs and has long been active in local politics and civic organizations.

Blake Eno Ashe (J.D. ’07), Ashe’s wife, served as editor-in-chief of the Georgia State University Law Review and worked three years as labor and employment litigator. She is at home with their children, Oscar and Julia. A former board member of the Atlanta Contemporary Arts Center, Eno Ashe is a board member of the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center, an organization that helps people overcome homelessness.

— Ben Smith
EMBRACING MEDIATION

Once a strictly private form of alternative dispute resolution, mediation is now embraced and institutionalized by Georgia’s legal system, in part because of overcrowded court dockets and lengthy case disposition times.

Bonnie Powell (J.D. ’99), director of the Fulton County State/Magistrate Court Landlord Tenant Mediation program since 2004, says parties often do not realize how much control they have in crafting a settlement.

“Even if parties do not settle, the mediation process helps prepare them for trial,” Powell says. “And when parties are able to fully or partially settle their issues, the time and money saved for both the parties and court is tremendous.”

Powell teaches a certification course at Georgia State Law that trains students with the requirements of the Georgia Supreme Court’s Office of Dispute Resolution for registration as mediators for general civil cases in the court system. About 115 students have participated in the program since it began in 1995. Powell says 4,000 cases are mediated annually in just two afternoons a week with students doing the bulk of the work.

“They are my staff. If we didn’t have this program, judges would be here well past 10 p.m. to try all the cases,” Powell says. “The program significantly reduces the case load. It clears the docket and saves time and money because the program offers mediation free of charge. That’s a huge plus to Georgia.”

Stephen Adams (J.D. ’14) is one of the eight students who mediated through an externship with Powell this year.

“The fact that disputing parties are sitting down together and talking about their issues before a formal court proceeding is usually valuable,” Adams says. — Brian Beise
Examining domestic violence
Tanya Washington, associate professor, taught a comparative domestic violence class in China last summer. Her students contrasted Chinese cultural norms about women and violence with U.S. perspectives.

“I worked in South Africa during President Mandela’s first year in office, which helped me to understand the extent to which law is a product of the culture and history of a country,” she says. “I think students can only fully appreciate that if they engage a topic in an environment different from their own.”

Her Chinese students explored the history and trajectory of domestic violence as a global phenomenon and considered the relative effectiveness of how cultures respond in a legal context. In China, women sit at the bottom of family hierarchy and when faced with domestic violence, often give up everything to leave. Some view suicide as the only way out.

Washington was surprised by the students’ willingness to share their experiences with domestic violence and views on the effectiveness of certain response measures.

Washington has applied intellectual and cultural

Teaching by Example
Georgia State Law’s influence is not confined to Atlanta and the state of Georgia. Several faculty members are helping to impact future generations on a global scale. by Holly Cline
perspectives of her international experiences to her teaching. “International teaching keeps my scholarship from becoming stale. New ways of viewing and employing the law challenges me to look at U.S. and Georgia laws through fresh eyes,” she says.

**Advancing social justice**
Lisa Radtke Bliss, director of experiential education, codirector of the Health Law Partnership Legal Services Clinic and associate clinical professor, helps advance social justice by promoting clinical legal education globally, including in Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and India.

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

—Henry Adams, U.S. historian and journalist

While attending the Global Alliance for Justice Education in December 2013, Bliss participated in a train-the-trainer workshop for international teachers. She taught attendees about interdisciplinary collaboration, different clinic models and how to design a law school clinic.

“Clinics and other methods of experiential education can help students develop basic lawyering skills while cultivating their appreciation for lawyers’ responsibilities as citizens and their obligation to enhance the administration of justice, globally and locally,” Bliss says.

Through her work, Georgia State Law has seen firsthand the benefits of clinical legal education and remains committed to supporting the development of it everywhere. It’s a concept gaining attention.

The U.N. Development Program has recognized that clinical legal education is an important foundation for nation building and the rule of law. The U.N. supports clinical education training and development programs for law teachers in Thailand and Myanmar, which Bliss is helping to carry out.

**Expanding the reach of ethics education**
Clark Cunningham, the W. Lee Burge Chair of Law and Ethics and director of the National Institute for Teaching Legal Ethics and Professionalism, is completing his third year as vice chair of the Academic and Professional Development Committee of the International Bar Association.

Cunningham has organized programs at IBA annual conferences, collected and presented empirical data on how IBA members teach ethical decision-making in their law firms, and is responsible for IBA research grants administered by the APDC.

Together with Nigel Duncan, professor of legal education at City Law School in London, Cunningham has created and directs the International Forum on Teaching Legal Ethics and Professionalism website (teachinglegalethics.org), which enables law teachers and lawyers worldwide to post directly research and teaching resources.

“It has been exciting to be part of the IBA’s ambitious initiative to require effective ethics education in every country of the world both as a precondition to becoming a lawyer and to continuing to hold the license to practice,” Cunningham says.

**Preserving cultural heritage**
Ryan Rowberry, assistant professor, seeks to preserve cultural and historic heritage.

“It takes legal effort and will to preserve the past, and it is important that we do so,” Rowberry says. “I’ve tried to coordinate my love and respect for the past with present concerns about development and progress. History and development should work in unison to provide a more enriching environment, particularly in urban areas.”

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office selected Rowberry to participate in a Young Scholars Delegation to Taiwan in 2013. The group networked with government agencies, nongovernmental organizations and academic institutions in an effort to build stronger bonds between Taiwan and the U.S. and identify areas for future collaboration.

Rowberry was also appointed to a scientific advisory committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites. He will advise the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on how best to protect World Heritage sites around the globe using legal means.

“For me, the most rewarding thing is when people realize and feel a tangible, emotional connection to their past. We are all, to an extent, a product of our families, culture, and the environment in which we were raised,” he says. “Recognizing our links to the past and honoring those helps us to frame our own identities and narratives and promotes well-being.”

—Henry Adams, U.S. historian and journalist
Helping Homeless Get Back on Track

by Renee DeGross Valdes

When Craig Spencer (J.D. ’87) graduated, he returned to Philadelphia where his real estate career blossomed. He founded Arden Group, whose property portfolio has included 5 million square feet of office properties and 20 hotels, including The Ritz-Carlton in Philadelphia, The Ritz Carlton Hotel Bachelor Gulch in Colorado and The Savoy Hotel in Miami’s South Beach.

All told the company has acquired and or developed more than $2.5 billion of commercial property in 17 states. However with all his successes, Spencer felt a void.

“The one thing you learn early on in law is that you need to give back and to help the less fortunate,” Spencer says. “It’s ingrained.”

Spencer felt compelled to give back to the community that helped him thrive. So he set his sights on acquiring an arena football team with a working mission for employees to volunteer in the community. A chance encounter with rock singer Jon Bon Jovi, who was vying to buy the same team, altered the plan. Instead of competing, they joined forces to buy the rights to a team and formed the Philadelphia Soul arena football team in 2003.

The team has grown into an Arena Football League force with multiple bowl appearances and the 2008 championship. Before the team played a game, the franchise donated a combined $200,000 to four local charities.

By 2006, the focus shifted to providing affordable temporary, transitional and permanent housing for teens, veterans and other special-needs populations in low-income communities. Spencer and Bon Jovi formed the JBJ Soul Foundation as Bon Jovi left the AFL partnership.

“Ultimately, we decided to focus on homelessness and food deprivation,” Spencer says. “Those issues go hand-in-hand, and we felt we could make a real and tangible impact.”

In addition to building hundreds of housing units, in 2012 the foundation opened the first JBJ Soul Kitchen, a community bistro in Red Bank, New Jersey, that serves healthy food using the business plan of people paying a minimum donation so others can volunteer at the kitchen or other charities to earn their meals.

“We applied the same strategy and energy to our work in the foundation,” Bon Jovi says. “Although Craig is referred to as the ‘other’ chairman of the Soul Foundation, we could not do the work we do without the heavy lifting of he and all of our board.”

The partnership is behind the Joseph’s House homeless shelter, serving 75 homeless men and women each night, providing meals, counseling and legal services. JBJ Soul Foundation also supported the 55-unit JBJ Soul Homes that opened in April. The foundation provided the lead gift for the $16.6 million complex aimed at helping tenants become self-sustaining. Residents get social services from Project HOME, a nonprofit aimed at ending homelessness in Philadelphia.

“Spencer’s expertise in the field of law and commercial real estate has guided JBJ Soul Foundation’s support of that partnership and thus enabled Project HOME to leverage significant resources,” says Sister Mary Scullion, who co-founded Project HOME in 1989.

To date, the foundation has helped provide more than 440 units of affordable housing and shelter for hundreds of formerly homeless or low-income people. The JBJ Soul Kitchen has served more than 22,500 meals.

“To see someone pull themselves out of poverty, homelessness or an addiction and to once again become a proud and productive member of society is a beautiful thing to see… and to think that you had some small hand in helping that happen is an amazing feeling,” Spencer says. “That’s pretty powerful stuff.”
Investing Tips

Do your research.
Research the stock you would like to purchase and the exchange where it is listed to decrease your likelihood of making a mistake or becoming a victim of fraud.

Beware of guaranteed returns.
It is easy to believe the promise of assured results and safe bets. However, there will always be some form of risk or opportunity cost associated with an investment. Don’t believe otherwise. If it seems too good to be true… it probably is.

Maintain a healthy skepticism.
Keep a healthy skepticism of any unsolicited phone call, Facebook message, email or tweet requesting your personal financial information. Do not provide your bank account number or credit card number to people you don’t know, even if they claim they are your bank representative or the like.

Get advice.
Remember, it’s your money. Get advice and ask for guidance, but invest it how you want. To maintain control over your investments, be clear with your broker about what you expect, pay close attention to your account and keep records of conversations. If you see something strange, speak up.

Tap into research tools.
If you have decided that you need the help of a broker or an investment advisor, the most important tool at your disposal is an online database, called BrokerCheck, which is free and provided by FINRA, www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/. By simply typing in the name of the broker or the investment advisor candidate, you will be able access information relating to the candidate’s employment history, the licenses and registrations the candidate holds, any disciplinary actions, consumer complaints and more.

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TIPS FOR PRACTITIONERS

2010 Georgia Trust Code Tips
by Mary Radford

In 2010, the Georgia Legislature enacted a substantially revised and modernized Trust Code, codified as Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia. Practitioners who are dealing with the new code should always keep in mind the following:

1. The Trust Code is meant in many ways to be a “default statute.” That means that most of its provisions apply only if the settlor of the trust does not specify otherwise in the trust instrument. There are only a few code provisions that cannot be overridden by a settlor. These are listed in OCGA § 53-12-7 and include the statute of limitations for bringing suit against the trustee; the provisions that require a trustee to administer the trust in good faith; and the spendthrift trust provisions.

2. The Trust Code is meant to supplement, rather than replace common law. Thus, the numerous Georgia cases that explore things like trustees’ fiduciary duty are still respected by the courts.

3. Unlike former law, the new Trust Code automatically grants Georgia trustees an extensive set of power relating to the management of trust property. However, for personal representatives such as executors of decedents’ estates, these powers must still be either spelled out in the will or granted by the court.

4. Georgia does not follow the rules of a few states that allow a settlor to protect her property from her creditors by putting it into a spendthrift trust. The Georgia spendthrift trust provisions only protect the property of beneficiaries who are not also the settlor.

5. The new Trust Code gives the settlor of a charitable trust standing to enforce the trust provisions. Prior to this revision, the settlor and beneficiaries would look only to the state’s attorney general to enforce the trust.

Crossword puzzle answer. When read backwards, the circled letters in each of the four longest Across answers spell GIVE. So each one illustrates a way to GIVE “back” (words).

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Alumnus Honors Favorite Professor

“ONE OF THE ENDURING PLEASURES OF TEACHING, especially teaching law, is watching your former students go on to succeed and prosper. Some become highly successful in their areas of practice, others become elected officials, some become judges, and a few become friends,” says L. Lynn Hogue, professor of law emeritus about the announcement of the L. Lynn Hogue Professorship in Law. “From its beginning, Georgia State University College of Law has had a genuine commitment to diversity in the variety of students that we admit. However, we never really know everything that applicants bring with them, or how much law school will mean to them.”

Such was the case with Thomas J. Guzzo (J.D. ’98), who transitioned from a military career into law school, thanks, he says, to Lynn Hogue.

“I always wanted to go to law school, but I worried that my undergraduate grades were nothing to brag about,” Guzzo says. “Also, I was concerned that my military accomplishments and even the two master’s degrees that I earned along the way might not carry much weight with the Admissions Committee.”

“I learned about Georgia State University and contacted a friend in the Judge Advocate General Corps, who told me about Lynn Hogue, a JAG reserve officer, who taught at the College of Law,” Guzzo says. “I asked for an introduction, met with Professor Hogue and realistically discussed my prospects for admission with him. He was supportive and helpful, and the next thing I knew I had an acceptance letter. Although he has minimized his involvement in my admission, I always knew he made a big difference.”

Hogue says, “Tom brought some qualities to the law school that I think deserved my support. He had a soldier’s tenacity, I knew he would not quit, and his grades were not that bad. He also had some values born of a military career that I thought would be valuable in law.”

Four years later he graduated in the top half of his class, passed the bar exam on his first attempt, and began his second career in law. However, Guzzo never forgot Hogue, who became a close friend. When Hogue retired, Guzzo looked for a way to honor him and say thanks.

“I really did not know a meaningful way of saying thanks to a retiring law professor. A watch or a pen wouldn’t do it,” Guzzo says. “I kept hearing about scholarships, professorships and chairs, and that got me thinking. I came up with the idea of funding one of them for Professor Hogue, but I did not really understand how they were structured, or how the money is spent.”

“Lynn explained that professorships and chairs were among the highest honors that could be bestowed on a professor. It seemed like a great way to express my appreciation for the way he and the college had changed my life,” Guzzo says. “I asked for only two conditions. I wanted him to be able to influence how the professorship would be used to promote the values he and I share.”

“I was honored,” Hogue says, “and, it would be such a wonderful thing to do for the law school.”

The agreement creating the professorship includes a provision for a committee to advise in the recruitment of faculty members to hold it and a designated spot on that committee for Hogue as long as he is able to serve. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the professorship at its November meeting.

Guzzo says, “This professorship provides Hogue a legacy that will allow his spirit and values, if not his person, to remain with the college in perpetuity.”

Lisa Radtke Bliss, associate clinical professor, director of experiential education and co-director of the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic conducted several presentations in Southeast Asia in July. She served as a member of the training team for the first Myanmar Clinical Legal Education Workshop at the University of Yangon, presented a workshop on legal ethics and client interviewing at Chiang Mai University in Thailand and on interdisciplinary clinical legal education at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. Bliss also met with the Thai Law Reform Commission in Bangkok to advocate for a national plan to encourage the development of clinical legal education at law schools across Thailand. In October, she co-presented on interdisciplinary education and collaboration at a conference of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She co-wrote “Can Access to a Medical-Legal Partnership Benefit Patients With Asthma Who Live in an Urban Community?” in the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved.

Erin C. Fuse Brown, assistant professor of law, was invited to present at a symposium hosted by the Houston Journal of Health Law and Policy on the patchwork nature of the U.S. health care system. Her contributing article, “Irrational Hospital Pricing,” will be published this year and describes the incentives for and harms of hospital pricing practices. Fuse Brown also spoke on her hospital pricing research at the annual meeting of Southeast Association of Law Schools in August and at the Legal Scholarship Forum at Stetson University College of Law in November. Throughout the fall, Fuse Brown presented to student groups, local health care practitioners, and social workers on enrollment in the Affordable Care Act’s health care marketplace. She also presented her previously published article, “Developing a Durable Right to Health Care,” at the annual Health Law Professors Conference in June 2013 and to an audience of attorneys and health policymakers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in September.

Andrea Curcio, professor of law, continued to develop ways to measure law students’ understanding of the role culture plays in the lawyering process. Curcio, along with colleagues from other disciplines, has developed a statistically valid and reliable survey instrument to help identify, and potentially measure, cultural diversity learning outcomes. Curcio and her colleagues’ article about that work, Using a Survey Instrument to Develop and Tailor Law Student Cultural Diversity Education Learning Outcomes, will be published in The Nova Law Review. The article discusses the survey’s development, findings from survey administrations to incoming and upper-level law students at two schools and implications of the findings for law school teaching. She also has a forthcoming chapter on assessment in a book to be published by Springer-Verlag, which will be marketed to an international audience of graduate and undergraduate faculty. In July, Curcio presented her scholarly work at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ conference. She was invited to talk about her work at lunchtime faculty colloquiums at the University of New Mexico and at Nova Law School.

Jessica Gabel, associate professor, launched the Bankruptcy Assistance & Practice Program in August with 16 students serving 16 clients in the metro-Atlanta area with Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases. She spoke on reliability in fingerprint evidence at the International Association for Identification’s annual conference in Providence, R.I. She also partnered with U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory in ongoing forensic research projects.

Yaniv Heled, assistant professor, co-wrote the article “Intellectual Property and Public Health — A White Paper,” which was published in the Akron Intellectual Property Journal. He also wrote two law review articles, “Regulatory Competitive Shelters — An Emerging Class of Administrative Properties,” and “Patenting Human Organisms,” addressing issues at the intersection of patent law and biomedical technologies, which will be published this year. Heled presented his forthcoming articles at the Public Health RIPL Symposium at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, the Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at Cardozo Law School in New York and at the Governance of Emerging Technologies’ conference in Chandler, Ariz. He participated in a panel on “Patentable Subject Matter: What’s Patentable Today May Not Be Patentable Tomorrow” at the 2013 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference and was a discussant at the University of New Hampshire Law School’s IP Boot Camp. In June 2013, Heled was appointed as a member of Board of the Intellectual Property Section of the Atlanta Bar.

L. Lynn Hogue, professor of law emeritus, co-wrote a new edition of Military Law in a Nutshell (West, 2013), with Charles Shanor of Emory University School of Law. It is designed to provide an authoritative resource for those seeking an introduction to the unique aspects
Youth Lawyers Training Program. In October

Julian Conrad Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson, Jr. Chair in Law and director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, just published a 2013–2014 Pocket Part Supplement to the third edition of his treatise, Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Law. He lectured on American property law for two weeks in May at the University of Warsaw’s Centre For American Law Studies. He also gave lectures to the Warsaw Bar Associations’ Young Lawyers Training Program. In October he lectured on American land use planning and development regulation law at the FGV Direito de Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, lectured in the school’s environmental law course and made a presentation to the annual conference of the Rio Bar Association’s Environmental Law Committee.

Timothy K. Kuhner, associate professor of law, continues to flesh out the constitutional values and forms of campaign finance that support plutocracy, a rival form of government in which corporations and the wealthy enjoy systematic political advantages over average citizens. “Consumer Sovereignty Trumps Popular Sovereignty,” the latest in a string of four articles on money in politics and democratic theory, was published in the Indiana Law Review. Kuhner has given a number of presentations, including: “Judicial Reasoning in Political Finance Cases” at the Southeastern Law Scholars Conference, “Plutocracy and the Elusive Design of Democratic Integrity” at a faculty workshop at John Marshall Law School, and “Between the Bull’s Horns and the Eagle’s Talons: a Spanish-American Comparison of Democratic Decay” at the sixth annual ClassCrits conference. He has been invited to contribute an essay to the first ClassCrits symposium, which will be published by the Southwestern Law Review. Kuhner’s book, Capitalism v. Democracy, is scheduled to appear in print in May. It lays out the ideas wrapped up in his articles and talks as they pertain to the Supreme Court and the devolving shape of democracy in the United States.


Paul A. Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, spoke at the University of Pennsylvania, the annual meetings of the American Association for the History of Medicine, the Health Law Professors of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities and the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in Amsterdam. He published “Something of an Adventure: How the Public Health Service STD Studies in Guatemala Launched the ‘New Horizon’ of U.S. Medical Research” in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics and “Compensate Eugenic Sterilization Victims,” an opinion piece that ran in USA Today and seven other newspapers. Lombardo appeared on Radiotelevisione Svizzera, Switzerland’s Italian language television channel, was interviewed for “Blind Spot,” a film on the North Carolina eugenics compensation debate, and by Korean Educational Broadcasting System for the documentary “Law and Justice.” He continued his work as senior advisor to the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.


of military law and military justice. Hogue also taught an ethics seminar at a college in Les Cayes, Haiti, in October.

Nicole Iannarone, assistant clinical professor, presented an ethics update at the Securities Law Institute of the Public Investors Bar Association. Her paper and presentation were titled Unauthorized Practice, Multi-Jurisdictional Practice and Securities Arbitration. She was reappointed to serve as a member of the State Bar of Georgia’s Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee and Professionalism Committee. Iannarone also was reappointed to serve as the vice chair of the Atlanta Bar Association’s Reputation and Public Trust Committee and was elected as a member of the Atlanta Bar Associations’ Board of Directors. She also serves as the immediate past president of the Atlanta Council of Younger Lawyers, which was awarded the Large Section of the Year Award by the Atlanta Bar Association after her tenure as president.
Mary F. Radford, Marjorie Fine Knowles Professor of Law, presented “Representing Agents and Principals under Powers of Attorney” to the Council of Advanced Practitioners of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She participated on panels discussing “The Ethical Challenges Posed by Transfers among Family Members” at the Duke Estate Planning Institute and on a webinar co-sponsored by the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and ALI-CLE. She spoke on “The Ethical Hazards in Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity” at the Southern Federal Tax Institute in October. In November, she gave a presentation, “The Varying Degrees of Capacity: Discussing the Spectrum from Testamentary Capacity Through the Capacity to Contract,” to the Elder Law Section of the Atlanta Bar. The updated versions of her three treatises, Redfearn: Wills and Administration in Georgia; Georgia Guardianship and Conservatorship; and Georgia Trusts and Trustees were published by West/Thomson-Reuters in December.

Ryan Rowberry, assistant professor of law and associate director for the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, is co-writing the inaugural edition of Historic Preservation Law in a Nutshell, which be published this summer. He also wrote “Integrating Technology into Istanbul's Disaster-Related Historic Resources Planning Regime,” which was published and translated by Bahçeşehir University Law School in Istanbul. Rowberry is helping to organize Study Space VII in Barcelona: a week-long intensive workshop in May in which scholars from around the globe will come together with government and private sector professionals in Barcelona to discuss and develop solutions to the challenges surrounding affordable housing laws and policies. Rowberry also spoke on a range of natural, cultural and historic resource issues at numerous conferences and programs, including: the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Renaissance Weekend and the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference.

Deborah Schander, reference and student services librarian, received the 2013 Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award for her ongoing work as editor of FCIL. Newsletter for the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. She serves as vice president/president-elect of the Atlanta Law Libraries Association and chair of the AALL Public Relations Committee. She presented on various aspects of teaching legal research over the summer, from a poster session on “Prize Buckets, Pop Culture Shots, and Other Ways to Remind Students Legal Research Is All Business Up Front and All Party Down the Back!” to an ignite session on “Innovations in Teaching FCIL — Using News Stories and Podcasts to Introduce Topics In Class.” In November, Schander co-wrote “Religious Observance and the Workplace: Considerations for Employees and Employers” in AALL Spectrum.

Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law and founding director for the Center for Law, Health & Society, continues to explore conflict engagement in health care settings and has given talks on this topic for the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association. She arranged for the center to host an invitation-only workshop for key health care leaders in Georgia's hospital, physician, insurance and legal communities to explore early resolutions of potential claims of medical error. To promote conflict engagement generally, she arranged improvisation skills workshops for Georgia attorneys and mediators, as well as for bioethics consultants at the annual meeting for the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Scott participated in a conference on “Building Global Health Team Excellence: Developing an Interprofessional Competency Domain” at the University of Maryland and contributed to a developing white paper on this topic. She has spoken at several meetings about the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded faculty fellowship program, for which she serves as lead faculty, including at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting and annual meeting of health law professors meeting sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics.

Emily Suski, assistant clinical professor, co-wrote an article, “Translating the Values of Clinical Pedagogy Across the Generations,” that will be published in the Clinical Law Review. In August, she presented on the intersection of doctrine, theory and practice in special education issues at the Southern Clinical Conference at the University of Arkansas School of Law. She also presented on the constitutional implications of the emotional harm of students by public school officials at “Poverty Law: Cases, Teaching, and Scholarship” conference at The American University's Washington College of Law. The updated version of her co-written chapter, Basic Educational Law,” was published in Juvenile Law and Practice in Virginia. In addition, she was appointed co-chair of the Scholarship Committee of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education. She continues to serve as the chair-elect of the AALS Section on Poverty Law and the co-chair of the section's program planning committee.

Jonathan Todres, associate professor of law, wrote several publications including: “A Person's A Person: Children's Rights in Children's Literature” in Columbia Human
Rights Law Review (with Sarah Higinbotham); “Human Trafficking and the Private Sector: A Role for Corporate Counsel” in the ABA publication International Law News; and an opinion piece, “Help Child Trafficking Victims among Us” in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Todres presented papers at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City, and at meetings of the American Public Health Association, the American Society of Criminology and the American Branch of the International Law Association. He served on the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council’s study committee on commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors in the United States. The committee published its report in September. With the report’s publication, Todres participated in three congressional briefings on trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the United States.


Tanya Washington, associate professor of law, taught a comparative domestic violence class, examining how legal responses to domestic violence are shaped by cultural norms and structural realities, at the University of Nanjing in China. Her article, “What About the Children?: Child-Centered Challenges to Same-Sex Marriage Bans,” was published as the lead article in the Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy. The article explores the viability of children’s constitutional claims to same-sex marriage bans and draws upon arguments advanced in her co-written amicus brief in Windsor v. United States. The brief will be published by the University of Iowa’s Journal of Gender, Race and Justice. In June 2013, she was interviewed by WSB-TV on the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision in Windsor on marriage laws in Georgia. Washington participated in a discussion group at the South Eastern Association of Law School’s Annual Conference on the U.S. constitution and the family and served on a panel sponsored by the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, highlighting recent U.S. Supreme Court opinions in the areas of affirmative action, adoption and same-sex marriage. Washington was invited to present on a panel hosted by the Harvard Black Alumni Society, focused on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Voting Rights decision in Shelby County v. Holder. She addressed ways to ensure the continued protection of Georgians’ voting rights in the aftermath of the decision. Washington presented at the ABA Family Law Section’s annual conference in Utah. Her talk focused on the impact of Section 2 of the Defense of Marriage Act on filial relationships in nonrecognition states. Washington presented at Emory University School of Law for a workshop, “The Transformation of the Family and the Recognition and Regulation of Intimate Lives.”

Austin Martin Williams, reference/student services librarian, was elected secretary/treasurer of the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. Williams also was selected to be on the Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee for the American Association of Law Libraries. He published three articles, “Creating and Using Instructional Videos to Teach Legal Research” in AALL Spectrum; “Assisting Pro Se Patrons in a Non-Law Library” in Information Outlook; and “Government Relations: Rolling Up Our Sleeves” in the Southeastern Law Librarian.

Patrick Wiseman, professor of law, is among the founding members of the Georgia State Bar’s Constitutional Law section, in which capacity he assisted in the planning of a celebration of the U.S. Constitution by the State Bar in March 2014. He also presented “Floods, Wetlands, and Raisins: Takings in the U.S. Supreme Court’s October 2012 Term” at the Institute for Continuing Legal Education’s 20th Annual U.S. Supreme Court Update. Wiseman is in his second term as secretary on the Executive Board of the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction.

Leslie Wolf, professor of law and incoming director of the Center for Law, Health and Society, published several articles co-written with former students, including an article on Certificates of Confidentiality with Brett Williams (J.D. ’12), in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, an article arguing for federal funding of syringe exchange programs to achieve an AIDS-Free Generation with Rachel Hulkower (J.D. ’13), in the Annals of Health Law, and an article arguing for changes to the human subjects regulations to increase minority voices in research with Bill Rencher (M.P.H. ’12), in the American Journal of Public Health. Wolf presented the syringe exchange paper at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities annual conference and presented a poster at the American Public Health Association annual meeting on internationals laws relating to allocation of scarce resources during public health emergencies. She was an invited speaker at a medical tourism conference on physician responsibilities when patients seek unproven stem cell therapies. She also presented at the International Society of Organ Donation and Procurement Congress in Sydney, Australia, concerning HIV-positive to HIV-positive organ transplantations.
Two sides | Georgia State Law alumni on serving the profession

Adwoa Gharney-Tagoe Seymour (J.D. ‘06)

DURING MY FIRST YEAR OF PRACTICE, I recall attending a training with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation where the executive director, Marty Ellin, made an impassioned plea. He stated that everyone can and should serve his or her community but, as lawyers, we are uniquely trained to provide a service for which only a few are qualified. How could I not serve?

I have taken that charge to heart, often calling my pro bono work a third area of my practice. I am passionate about children and much of my service is in the area of child advocacy. I truly enjoy the practice of law and I am blessed to be with a firm that supports my pro bono work and bar activities.

I am especially honored to lead the Georgia Association of Women Attorneys’ as its president in 2015. It is unlike any other professional bar association where the heart of its mission is to “galvanize the power of black women attorneys, advocate for women and children and empower our communities.” It is one of the few professional bar associations that combines my love for the legal profession, children and my community. How could I not serve?

Adwoa Gharney-Tagoe Seymour (J.D. ‘06) is an associate at Bryan Cave in Atlanta, practicing commercial litigation and products liability. She is a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution certified in mediation and arbitration, and, in 2010, was selected as an A. Leon Higginbotham Fellow of the American Arbitration Association.

Ana Maria Martinez (J.D. ‘08)

DURING MY FIRST SUMMER in law school, I participated in a once-in-a-lifetime seminar to study the future of legal education. Through the seminar, I traveled to India to see what law schools there were doing to prepare their students for their careers and what, if any, lessons we could bring back to the states.

What impressed me most during the trip was the students’ commitment to be a part of their communities. Through their involvement, law students developed relationships with lawyers and judges, gained mentors who modeled successful behaviors for them and achieved a sense of fulfillment by being able to help their community navigate the often murky waters of the legal system.

I have served as the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association president and co-chair of the Multi-Bar Leadership Council because the positions provide the perfect platform to emulate some of the lessons learned abroad. Through my involvement, I have helped to start a mentoring program for Hispanic law students, to organize the first fundraiser to support GHBA’s law student initiatives and to create opportunities to foster a stronger bond in Georgia’s Hispanic legal community.

Ana Maria Martinez (J.D. ‘08) is a staff attorney with the DeKalb State Court and president of the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association. Previously she was an attorney with Attorney at Owen, Gleston, Egan, Jones & Sweeney, LLP.
1985

**Katherine Dudley Helms** was named managing shareholder of Ogletree Deakins in Columbia, South Carolina.

1986

**Kevin H. Hendrickson** of Fort Pierce, Florida, is double board certified by the Florida Bar in wills, trusts and estate law and in elder law and by the National Elder Law Foundation.

1988

**Judge Juanita P. Stedman** is in a runoff election for the Cobb Superior Court open seat of Judge James Bodiford.

1989

**Dawn R. Smith** was named a 2013 Georgia Super Lawyer for family law. Also, Smith with Sheri Lake formed Smith & Lake, a Decatur-based family law firm.

**Jennifer Lowe** heads the regulatory program management for TD Bank in Maine and Massachusetts.

1991

**Lisa “Lee” Schreter** was elected chair of Littler Mendelson’s board of directors. She is the San Francisco-based firm’s first non-Californian to serve in this capacity.

1993

**Jeffrey S. York** joined McGlinchey Stafford in Jacksonville, Florida.

1994

**Shaheen I. Imami** was elected as chair of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan for 2013 – 14. Imami also was named a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

1995

**Brian F. McEvoy** was elected chair executive committee of the health law section of the State Bar of Georgia.

1996

**Paul Black** (J.D. ’10) (left) has formed the Atlanta firm of Brannon + Black, focusing on elder law, estate planning and special needs trust planning.

1997

**Marva L. Johnson** was appointed to the Florida State Board of Education by Gov. Rick Scott.

1998

**Louann Bronstein** has joined the Atlanta office of Stites & Harbison as a member/partner in the business & corporate services group.
Frank Schneider is an investigator with the Office of Labor Management Standards, after serving 13 years as an investigator with the Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Leigh Cummings, partner with Warner, Bates, McGough, McGinnis & Portnoy in Atlanta, was named a 2014 Super Lawyer.

Kathryn Wade was promoted to counsel at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton.

Alison Reich Spiers is a solo practitioner in Atlanta focusing on securities litigation, FINRA arbitration, wrongful death, medical malpractice, predatory lending and wrongful foreclosures.

2002

2004

Jeffrey D. Gordon was elected partner at Parker, Hudson, Ranier & Dobbs in the Employee Benefits/ERISA group.

Lynita Mitchell-Blackwell launched BOLD magazine. She recently was honored a leading counselor at law for the Who’s Who in Black Atlanta.

Nicholas S. Salter was named a partner at the Pennsylvania offices of Fox Rothchild.

2006

Adolphus C. Jones is vice president and senior legal counsel-ERISA/Benefits at HSBC North America in Chicago.

Melissa Segel was elected partner at Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers in Atlanta.

Adwoa Gharney-Tagoe Seymour, an Atlanta associate of Bryan Cave, was elected president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.

2008

Patrick H. Ouzts announces the birth of his daughter, Sara Elizabeth Ouzts, on March 21.

2009

Amy Tidwell Andrews lost her election for the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors.

2010

Katherine Parvis has joined FordHarrison as associate in the Atlanta Office.

2011

Ruth Hughes joined Hartman Simons & Wood as an associate in the commercial real estate practice in Atlanta.

2013

T. Evan Beauchamp has joined Carlock, Copeland & Stair in Atlanta.

Melissa G. Koefod launched 18.21 Bitters Co., a manufacturer of handcrafted cocktail mixers, including simple syrups and shrubs, ginger beer and tonics in Atlanta.

Randy Rich (J.D. ’92) was sworn in as Gwinnett County Superior Court judge by Gov. Nathan Deal.
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**ON BEHALF OF** the Office of Development and the College of Law, I extend my deepest gratitude for your tremendous efforts to make 2012–13 a huge success.

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Alumni and dignitaries help break ground for the new building on Sept. 11, 2013.
2013 Law firm campaign results

With tremendous support from the firm agents at 35 participating companies, organizations and firms and 339 participating alumni, Georgia State Law’s Law Firm Challenge had a 64 percent participation rate and raised more than $163,000. In addition, 12 companies and firms achieved 100 percent alumni participation and 15 companies and firms increased their overall fundraising totals from 2012.

**Bloom Sugarman Everett**
Alumni funds raised: $125
Alumni participation: 40%

**Andrews, Knowles & Princenthal LLC**
Firm agent: Cooper Knowles
(J.D. ‘99)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $300

**Adwoa Seymour (J.D. ’06)**
Alumni funds raised: $300
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $850

**Company agent: Mark Padilla**
Company agent: Johnathan Gallant
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 50%
Alumni funds raised: $350

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Firm agent: Emily Yost
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $500

**Firm agent: Tony Ventry (J.D. ‘04)**
Alumni participation: 67%
Alumni funds raised: $113

**Firm agent: Steven Hopkins**
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $1,450

**Bryan Cave**
Firm agents:
Kimberly Civins
(J.D. ‘01)
Adwoa Seymour
(J.D. ‘06)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $1,720

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Firm agent: Steven Hopkins
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $8850

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Company agent: Mark Padilla
(J.D. ‘91)
Alumni participation: 40%
Alumni funds raised: $500

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Firm agent: Tony Ventry
(J.D. ‘04)
Alumni participation: 67%
Alumni funds raised: $113

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Firm agent: C.R. Wright
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Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $1,750

**Owen Gleaton Egan Jones & Sweeney**
Firm agent: Jonathan A. Page
(J.D. ‘10)
Alumni participation: 40%
Alumni funds raised: $125

**Smith Gambrell & Russell LLP**
Firm agent: Jonathan Gallant
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 50%
Alumni funds raised: $350

**Strickland, Brockington, Lewis LLP**
(Most Valuable Firm Recipient)
Firm agent: Peggy Brockington
(J.D. ‘86)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $2,200

**GROUP 2**
7–11 alumni

**Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP**
Firm agent: Kean DeCarlo
(J.D. ‘97)
Alumni participation: 56%
Alumni funds raised: $1,575

**Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair LLP**
Firm agent: Hillary Shawkat
(J.D. ‘04)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $245

**Coca-Cola Co.**
Company agent: Lynne O’Brien
(J.D. ‘94)
Alumni participation: 86%
Alumni funds raised: $3,750

**Ernst & Young**
Company agents:
Mark Mesler
(J.D. ‘87)
Eileen O’Neill
(J.D. ‘10)
Alumni participation: 60%
Alumni funds raised: $30,555

**Fulton County District Attorney’s Office**
Firm agent: Kathleen Giroux
(J.D. ‘93)
Alumni participation: 64%
Alumni funds raised: $870

**Group 3**
12 or more alumni

**Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young**
Firm agents:
*Eric Hawkins
(J.D. ‘05)
*Catherine McCormack
(J.D. ‘03)
Alumni participation: 57%
Alumni funds raised: $225

**Jones Day**
Firm agent: Christopher Dillon
(J.D. ‘04)
Alumni participation: 43%
Alumni funds raised: $1,600

**Ogletree Deakins**
(Most Valuable Firm Recipient)
Firm agent: Craig Cleland
(J.D. ‘92)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $19,250

**Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP**
Company agent: Kelly Smith
(J.D. ‘95)
Alumni participation: 14%
Alumni funds raised: $23,100

**Primeerica Financial Services**
Company agent:
Michael Lesutis
(J.D. ‘98)
Alumni participation: 13%
Alumni funds raised: $20

**Seyfarth Shaw, LLP**
Firm agents:
Benjamin Briggs
(J.D. ‘98)
Rebecca Davis
(J.D. ‘04)
Alumni participation: 70%
Alumni funds raised: $20,700

**Speed, Seta & Waters LLC**
Firm agents:
Leslie Seta
(J.D. ‘94)
Alumni participation: 20%
Alumni funds raised: $50

**Sutherland**
Firm agents:
Chris Chan
(J.D. ‘98)
Angie Fox
(J.D. ‘08)
Alumni participation: 80%
Alumni funds raised: $3,500

**Taylor English**
Firm agent: Ramsey Knowles
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 60%
Alumni funds raised: $1,281

**Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial**
Firm agent: Wendell Franklin
(J.D. ‘00)
Alumni participation: 63%
Alumni funds raised: $1,550

**Arnall, Golden, Gregory, LLP**
Firm agents:
*Kristin Aquino-Pham
(J.D. ‘11)
Robert Dow
(J.D. ‘92)
Lisa Payrow
(J.D. ‘06)
Alumni participation: 46%
Alumni funds raised: $11,425

**Drew, Eckl & Farnham LLP**
Firm agents:
Stephen Graham
(J.D. ‘06)
Andy Treese
(J.D. ‘07)
Alumni participation: 38%
Alumni funds raised: $700

**Hall, Booth, Smith PC**
(Most Valuable Firm Recipient)
Firm agents:
Nichole Hair
(J.D. ‘07)
Trey Reese
(J.D. ‘97)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $11,330

**Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP**
Firm agents:
Corin McCarthy
(J.D. ‘98)
*Hillary Rightler
(J.D. ‘10)
Alumni participation: 75%
Alumni funds raised: $1,540

**King & Spalding LLP**
Firm agents:
Dawn M. Jones
(J.D. ‘00)
*Anthony Tatum
(J.D. ‘97)
Jennifer Wheeler
(J.D. ‘87)
Alumni participation: 22%
Alumni funds raised: $3,975

**McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP**
Firm agents:
John C. Allen
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $2,625

**Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers LLP**
Firm agent: John C. Hillis
(J.D. ‘04)
Alumni participation: 69%
Alumni funds raised: $710

**TROUTMAN SANDERS LLP**
Firm agents:
Jeremy Burnette
(J.D. ‘05)
Alumni participation: 100%
Alumni funds raised: $1,370

**New firm**
**New firm agent**
Georgia State Law’s Intellectual Property Program and the Center for Law, Health & Society celebrated their 10th anniversaries this year.

10

18,760

Hours that student externs work to assist state, local and federal government and agencies. Students receive academic credit for their work.

14,681

Pounds of food raised by Georgia State Law’s students (27.95 pounds per person), equating to $3,670.16 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) during the spring Legal Food Frenzy, a friendly competition among the state’s five law schools to benefit the food bank. Georgia State Law won the law school division.

RANKINGS

No. 5

The Center for Law, Health & Society was recently ranked among the top 10 health law programs by LawStreet Media.

No. 14


No. 24

Tipping the Scales ranks the college for the quality of our accepted students and graduate successes.

No. 45

Above the Law ranks the college among its top 50 schools for preparing graduates to earn a job and living in the legal industry.

48

Our alumni practice law in 48 of the 50 states.

5

Georgia General Assembly enacts 4 bills and 1 resolution, supported by Georgia State Law students through the Health Legislation & Advocacy class.

6,000

Number of people assisted by HeLP since 2004.

Georgia General Assembly enacts 1 bill, 911 Amnesty, supported by first-year student, Justin Leef.
Crossword | Giving Back

Each of this puzzle’s four longest Across answers illustrates one way to GIVE “back.”

By Samuel A. Donaldson

ACROSS
1. Wrap
6. Distort
10. Barn birds
14. Specialty
15. Burn soother
16. ___ Pet (novelty item)
17. Class for wannabe novelists
20. What the Supreme Court grants or denies, briefly
21. “___ the season …”
22. Big name in software
23. First family’s home
25. 777, for one
27. Nic Cage picture of 1995
33. Gastric woe
34. “Dies ___” (hymn)
35. “___ Abner”
36. Small: Prefix
37. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
39. When doubled, an island near Tahiti
40. Blazers, on a scoreboard: Abbr.
41. “Mon ___!”
42. Spell-casting group
43. “Jaws” director
47. Dweebs
48. Hightailed it
49. Prepare for winter takeoff
51. Short answer to “Hey, baby, what’s your sign?”
52. Calendar span
56. 1996 Clinton bestseller
60. Student taking Torts and Civ Pro
61. All alternative
62. Stationed
63. X-ray units
64. Many a trucker
65. Ed ___ (1979 runner-up at the Masters)

DOWN
1. 1960s civil rights org.
2. Put on the payroll
3. Laptop brand
4. Common teen reply
5. Court decision
6. Signaling with hands
7. Pub pints
8. Column’s counterpart
9. ___ capita
10. Station identification?
11. Kind of close inspection
12. Pickup shirk?
13. Droops
18. Cal.-to-Fla. route
19. Donor’s boast (fitting, given this puzzle’s theme)
25. Reduce, as expenses
26. Future J.D.’s hurdle
27. Blocks of sugar
28. “Middlemarch” author
29. Certified, as a college
30. Visibly elated
31. Broadcaster
32. What “yo mama” is
37. Farm sound
38. Pool opening?
39. “Blowin’ in the Wind” singer
41. Shortstop Jeter
42. Credits earned by lawyers
44. What karaoke tracks lack
45. “Should that come to pass”
46. Race in “The Time Machine”
49. Last name in fashion
50. European erupter
51. Highway division
53. Alleviate
54. James who wrote “The Morning Watch”
55. Foxx of “Sanford and Son”
57. Abbr. at the end of a letter
58. Cry loudly
59. Weight abbr.

The answer to the puzzle may be found at www.law.gsu.edu/S13answers.

(Answer also available on page XX.)
Members of the Class of 2014 listen to Judge Amy Totenberg of the Northern District of Georgia. “As you proceed, still never forget the call of justice and humanity. We need you. Our fragile and public world needs you. Now go forth brilliantly” Totenberg said during the 30th Commencement and Hooding Ceremony in which the college conferred degrees on 225 graduates from the full-time and part-time programs. Learn more at law.gsu.edu/2014graduation.