

Conrad becomes sixth Georgia Law alumnus chosen for U.S. Supreme Court clerkship



Out of law school just a little more than a year, Adam M. Conrad (J.D.'05) has already made it to the top of the U.S. judicial system. While he is not a U.S. Supreme Court justice, he is enjoying working for one.

Conrad was selected for a prestigious judicial clerkship with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and he began his term in October.

Applicants for this position come from students at the top of their class and from the top law schools in the nation. Selected from this elite group, Conrad joins five other Georgia Law graduates who have served as Supreme Court judicial clerks.

Hosch Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre (J.D.'88), a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk herself, recalls Conrad as a hardworking, dedicated and amicable law student.

In addition to his work with Justice Thomas, Dupre said Conrad has the opportunity to network with peers from across the country, many of whom will have the potential to influence the legal system in years to come.

"This will be a fantastic experience for Adam. The clerkship will give him invaluable experience and a perspective on the U.S. Supreme Court that is only accessible to a few," Dupre said.

"In addition, he will show all those who come in contact with him at the court just how terrific the students are here at Georgia Law. We are delighted for him and glad to claim that he is a Georgia Law alumnus."

Conrad, a native of Brandon, Miss., came to law school after graduating *magna cum laude* with a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 2002.

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During law school, he served as editor in chief of the *Georgia Law Review*.

Graduating first in his class, he received numerous honors, including the LSA Award for Highest Academic Average, the Jesse and Dan MacDougald Memorial Award for First Honor Graduate, the Isaac Meinhard Award for Highest Academic Average for the Class of 2005 and induction into the Order of the Coif.

Prior to his Supreme Court clerkship, Conrad clerked for Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He also worked as a summer associate in the Atlanta firms Alston & Bird and Finnegan Henderson during law school.

The Supreme Court clerkship was not the only big news for Conrad this past fall. He and classmate Danielle A. Logan (J.D.'05), an attorney with Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, N.C., were married in October.

A typical clerkship appointment is for a period of one year, and each justice usually has four clerks per term.

Alumni who have clerked for a U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Benna R. Solomon, a 1978 graduate who clerked for Justice Byron R. White in 1980

Bruce P. Brown, a 1984 graduate who clerked for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger in 1986

Glen M. Darbyshire, a 1984 graduate who clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall in 1985

Anne Proffitt Dupre, a 1988 graduate who clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun in 1989

John H. Longwell, a 1999 graduate who clerked for Justice Steven G. Breyer in 2005

Faculty who have clerked for a U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Associate Professor J. Randy Beck clerked for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy in 1990

University and Hosch Professor Dan T. Coenen clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun in 1979

Hosch Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre (J.D.'88) clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun in 1989

Assistant Professor John Neiman clerked for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy in 2001

Assistant Professor Sonja R. West clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens in 1999