

Family and Friends Day 2002

Once again, the first-year students' Family and Friends Visitation Day was a huge success. This day allows students to share the challenges and experiences they face during their time at the School of Law with their loved ones. This year's festivities were attended by over 200 guests of 95 students.



Anjula Singh and her father Bharat chat with another parent during the morning registration period.



Taking notes and paying attention in class was still a focus of the day, even though parents and friends were able to sit in on select classes.



Tripp Bridges shares a quite moment with his parents, Tricia and Al, at the conclusion of the luncheon.



At the luncheon, John Copenhaver (J.D.'79) gave a patriotic address with a call to action for the first-year class to serve our country through these "tough and frightening times" in the post Sept. 11 world. Copenhaver is the former regional director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Atlanta and played a key role in the Sept. 11 emergency management team in New York City this past fall. He is currently senior vice president of Marsh Crisis Consulting.



Law Dawg blood runs in the family ... pictured are law school alumni with their sons and daughters who are first-year students. (back row, l. to r.) Carl Pedigo (J.D.'74), Kathleen Horne (J.D.'76), Judge Charles Pannell (J.D.'70), James Bisson (J.D.'76), Susan Bisson (J.D.'76), Ed Garland (LL.B.'65), (front row, l. to r.) Jason Pedigo, Chad Pannell, Professor Bob Brussack (J.D.'76), Jenny Bisson and John Garland. An interesting side note is the Bissons, Horne and Brussack were all classmates at the School of Law.



One of the last events of the day was a panel discussion, sponsored by the Black Law Student Association and the Women's Law Student Association, featuring six judges from the state of Georgia. Providing a view from the bench were: (from l. to r.) Judge Nina Hickson (Fulton County), Judge Melodie Conner (Gwinnett County), Judge Susan Tate (Athens-Clarke County), Judge Linda Walker (U.S. District Court), Judge Patricia Barron (Athens-Clarke County) and Judge Sarah McArthur (Oconee County). The session was moderated by student Timika Woods.