

Student Briefs

Tiffany Rowe: Focused on the Future



Since Tiffany Rowe was in elementary school, she wanted to be a lawyer. Now this third-year student from Augusta is graduating and her

future looks bright as she heads into the public interest sector of law. "In general, my desire to practice in the public sector is that, first of all, it can be overlooked and underrepresented," Rowe said. "In the public sector, I have the opportunity to use my legal education to help those that are underrepresented and to have an impact on broad national policy. I feel like it helps the population across the board and I will get satisfaction knowing that my work will help impact people."

While Rowe was studying as an undergraduate in Washington, D.C., she confirmed she wanted to be an attorney. She took several pre-law courses and earned an internship at the Department of Justice in the civil rights section where she researched the states that redrew their voting districts to verify they were not discriminating against a particular group. "Living in D.C. has been one of the best experiences thus far," Rowe said. "Going to college there from Augusta, Ga., was a culture shock but it was a culture shock in the most positive way. I met people from all over the country and also international students. I learned a lot from the people, the culture and the diversity of the city."

This past summer, Rowe worked for the American Civil Liberties Union in Maryland in its eastern shore office. She addressed issues that were affecting the eastern shore of Maryland at that time such as voting redistricting, employment and racial profiling. As a racial profiling case turned into a class-action lawsuit, Rowe assisted the ACLU by completing extensive research during the negotiations.

While Rowe has accomplished much in her lifetime already, she considers law school to be her biggest accomplishment as well as her biggest challenge.

"[Completing] the first year of law school was one of the most challenging things I have ever done," she said. "I had the opportunity to push myself and I see how fortunate I was to make it through each semester and each year. It is almost like a dream come true to graduate and practice law."

"I got to know myself better during the first year of law school and learned to appreciate my family and friends more," she continued. "Time is short and I have to take time to still have a balanced life. I have great friends here and every day is a step forward. I feel blessed to be here."

This semester, Rowe has been busy working at the Family Violence Clinic. She has also been interviewing and focusing her job search in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Rowe is hoping to work in public interest litigation with an emphasis on employment discrimination and civil rights.

– Molly Barrett

Jim Davis: Ready for More Challenges



Jim Davis' road to law school has certainly been a fascinating one. Davis, a second-year student from Columbus, Ohio, has already accomplished much

in his life and is still looking to conquer new challenges.

Davis graduated college with a degree in architecture and worked as a traditional architect for five years. In the late 1970s, he began working for the largest, non-governmental research company in the world, Battelle Memorial Institute.

He describes the company as a "very cool, amazingly diverse place where activities range from cancer research to robotics in addition to consulting services for government agencies and private industry." While employed there, Davis' primary responsibility was to evaluate the security of U.S. nuclear facilities against possible terrorist attacks. Davis pointed out that at this time, there was no precedent for terrorism security. "The responsibility of our client (the federal government) grew over the years and, consequently, our responsibilities grew along with that," Davis said.

Davis was part of a team that posed as terrorists and would try to break into nuclear facilities. "Initially, we would go around conducting huge war game exercises in which we would try to break into facilities," he said. "At that time, what we were doing was ground-breaking and it was fascinating. Security was pretty poor in those days because the facilities hadn't yet adapted to counter the terrorist threat. It was very satisfying to see major improvements made as a direct result of our activities to the point that security at these facilities is now the best in the world."

After 20 years in the same job, Davis was ready for a new challenge. He had always wanted to go back to school so he turned his sights toward law school. "I have not always wanted to be a lawyer," he said. "But the more I looked into law school, the more I noticed a lot of skills I developed in those years doing the work for the government were the same skills that would help me excel in the legal profession. Once the idea occurred to me to look into law school, the more it seemed to be a good match."

As a law school student, Davis is focusing on international human rights. He pointed out that so many countries do not have the legal protection that Americans do and he is looking into where he can practice this type of law after graduation.

"I wish I had come to law school sooner," Davis said. "I see such an opportunity to do good things to help people. There are so many good things to be done in so little time. Law school is the perfect place for me to be being the person I am today. I see so many of my classmates in a hurry to get in the working world," he continued. "I hope they take the maximum advantage of these three short years. We have the rest of our lives to work."

Davis took maximum advantage of his first summer break in over 25 years last June to fulfill a lifelong dream of bicycling across the U.S. Because of time restrictions, he cut a month and a half off of the normal three and a half month bicycle trip. He started biking in Oregon and traveled through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. He then took a bus across the middle part of the country to Illinois where he planned to start the final leg of his ride, 500 miles to his hometown in Ohio.

However, he hit an obstacle. Greyhound Bus Lines lost his bike in Carbondale, Ill. "I just hung out in Carbondale," he said. "I stayed with the guy who ran the bus station and lived in a remodeled 1950s-era supermarket. It was a good example of how, with the right attitude, a potential disaster can actually become a good time." After he gave up on waiting for his bike to be found, he bought a bus ticket back to Ohio. In a bizarre twist of fate, his bike was actually on the bus in which he was leaving town.

Davis said he learned many of life's lessons during his 2,300 mile bike journey, and many of them will help in law school as well as in his future endeavors. He said one of them is, "You can always do more than you think."

– Molly Barrett

Stan Baker: Loving Life



Athens has a lot to be proud of as it claims Stan Baker as its own. Baker, a first-year student, grew up in Athens but branched out when he left for college. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. While he attended undergraduate school, he lettered in football and track. Aside from sports and academics, this student leader also served as the president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was extremely involved in Davidson's student government.

However, one event that impacted his life the most occurred near the end of his senior year of college. A ranch in Montana came to campus to interview summer employees. Baker jumped at the opportunity to work on the ranch for a year. "I had never been north of [Washington] D.C. or west of Austin [Texas], and it was time to branch out," Baker said. "I didn't know anybody when I went but the chance to see something new that you've heard so much about is pretty awesome. I love the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, so this was an awesome opportunity."

After his year of working out West, the ranch was experiencing a change in management. Unselfishly, Baker offered to stay on while deferring law school one more year to ease the ranch's transition. "I felt a duty to the ranch because the ranch had done so much for me," he said. "The opportunities it provided were incredible. The people in the West are a lot like the South. They take you in immediately as family. You're never just a friend."

While working on the ranch as a ranch hand, Baker did a little bit of everything, including working with the horses and cattle as well as serving as the ranch's carpenter. In the midst of the outdoors, Baker also deepened his interest in natural resources and water rights.

"I would love to practice law either here in Athens or at least the South," Baker said. "I am really interested in natural resource law, especially water rights, but I am undecided in a lot of ways. I would also like to play a part in public policy. It could be in a political office but not necessarily."

One aspect Baker enjoys about law school is that it provides direction to what students are going to do with the rest of their lives while still providing an academic environment that challenges students' minds.

In fact, he has very early memories of the law school. As an avid, young Georgia football fan, he remembers throwing the football on fall Saturdays with his older brother near the law school windows because he didn't think people should be studying on game days. Even though Baker managed to attend all the home football games this year, he said he now understands why the students had their heads buried in the books while the rest of the town was tailgating.

From the early days of football to today, one person has been Baker's biggest influence, his mom. "She raised four of us on her own and found a way to overcome a lot of obstacles that came her way," he said. "I could talk about her for hours. She's a wonderful person."

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EJF Fellowships for 2001

The Equal Justice Foundation was established in 1987 by students at the School of Law to encourage students to explore careers in public interest law. As its primary mission, EJF provides summer fellowships for students who want to work for a public interest organization but who would not otherwise be paid. Below please find the recipients for 2001.

2001 RECIPIENTS

Tiffany Rowe (ACLU of Maryland, Eastern Shore Civil Rights Project), Holly Phillips (Southern Environmental Law Center), Julia Fisher (Georgia Justice Project), Walker Stroud (ACLU of Georgia), Miranda Gatlin (Fulton County Conflict Defender, Inc.), Paul Hotchkiss (Georgia Indigent Defense Counsel), Liv LiaBraaten (Community Connection)

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Members of the winning Law Dawg team are: (back row, l. to r.) Coach Gordon Hile, Erica Hill, Meredith Milby, Charlene Swartz, Taylor Hanson, Megan Watkins, Coach Trey Stipes, (front row, l. to r.) Co-Captain Angela Lockett, Kelly Ogle, Jehan El-Jourbagy and Co-Captain Megan Jones. Not pictured: Laura Leeb and Andrea Meucci.

Law Dawgs Take Flag Football Trophy

The law school's women's intramural flag football team finished their undefeated season by clinching the All-Campus Championship against the Baptist Student Union. Over 40 teams competed in the playoff tournament with the final game being played on October 22. Although the championship game proved an easy victory for the Law Dawgs, the most exciting game came in the semifinal round where the Law Dawgs secured a victory over Campus Christian Fellowship in quadruple overtime. Team Co-Captain Megan Jones said, "Even though we are losing some of our talented third-year players, we look forward to a repeat performance next season."



Dean David Shipley on the stand with "Judge" Ron Carlson presiding during the annual SPAM trial.

Dean's Aptitude Monitor Remains on Trial

Who knew the combination of a plastic mailbox, 117 law school students, one dean and one law school professor could turn an ordinary Tuesday into a day to remember? For the third year, Callaway Professor Ron Carlson put Dean David Shipley on the witness stand to defend the Shipley Placement Aptitude Monitor (otherwise know as SPAM). SPAM allegedly predicts a student's success rate in a particular field of law.

The dean's trial gave the second- and third-year students an opportunity to apply the objections they learned in class to a "real life" courtroom situation. Over twenty students physically participated in the trial while the rest listened intently for missed or wrongfully applied objections. Professor Carlson created the game and also wrote the script.

"This [competition] encourages students to review the material covered early in the semester," Carlson said. "Dean Shipley's presence imparts to the students the seriousness of this practical objections exercise. We are indebted to him for making this a wonderful experience."

— Molly Barrett

Auction Continues to be Popular

Master auctioneers, Associate Dean Paul Kurtz and Professor Dan Coenen, helped the Student Bar Association and the Equal Justice Foundation rake in nearly \$18,000 in this year's annual auction. It was attended by approximately 150 people.

The most popular items up for bid were: a R.E.M. signed guitar, dinner for two with Ralph Nader, a BarBri course, dinner for eight with the Dean, the ol' switcheroo (where first-year sections X and Y bid for the chance to have their torts professor, Eaton or Wells, put the other in the hot seat for the day), and win your professor (where either Professor Coenen or Professor Eaton will host a keg party for the winning first-year section). Most of the money raised will go toward the EJF Fellowship Program.

2001 Order of the Coif Inductees

On March 30, highest academic honors were bestowed on 21 graduates of the School of Law when they were inducted into the law school's chapter of the Order of the Coif. Coif membership, the legal profession's equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, is reserved for those who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class and is the highest academic honor in legal education. 2001 Order of the Coif inductees are:

David Q. Cross
 Cindy Andrist
 Kristin H. Jones
 Chandler P. Thompson
 George G. Thompson
 Samuel C. Burch
 Matthew J. Pulliam
 Cassandra S. Haurly
 Ansel F. Beacham III
 James W. Stevens II
 Natalie H. McFarland
 James L. Roberts IV
 Jamie L. Baker-Roskie
 Robert L. Anderson
 Jennifer L. Auer
 Mace E. Gunter
 Karl H. Koster
 Anne C. Alias
 Victor P. Valmus
 Charles W. Whitney Jr.
 Jana A. Willingham

Awards Day

The University of Georgia School of Law 2002 Student and Faculty Awards

Outstanding Performance in First-Year Courses Criminal Law, Fall Semester 2001

Jason Carter, Noah Peeters and Heidi Rine

Civil Procedure, 2000-2001 Academic Year

Stacey Carroll, Sarah Hoagland and Matthew Horvath

Contracts & Sales, 2000-2001 Academic Year

Jason Alloy, Broderick Grady and Nicholas Walter

Property, 2000-2001 Academic Year, State Bar of Georgia Real Property Section Award

Stephen Barden, Sarah Schindler and Rebecca Wasserman
**Torts, 2000-2001 Academic Year, Class of 1933 Torts
Award for Excellence in Study of Torts Law**
Stacey Carroll, Patton Dycus and Rebecca Wasserman

2002 Student Bar Association Faculty Book Award

Hosch Professor Rebecca White

2002 Student Bar Association Professionalism Award

*Cleveland Professor of Legal Ethics
& Professionalism Ronald Ellington*

2002 John C. O'Byrne Memorial Award for Furthering Faculty-Student Relations

*Hosch Professor Dan Coenen
and Associate Professor Randy Beck*

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal

Christopher Phillips

Verner F. Chaffin Award for Excellence in Fiduciary Law

Emily Hammond and Michelle Homier

Donald P. Gilmore Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Employment Law, Class of 2001

Samuel Burch

State Bar of Georgia Award of Excellence in Employment Discrimination

Paige Younkins

State Bar of Georgia Award for Excellence in Labor Law and the American Bar Association & Bureau of National Affairs Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor Law

*Spring 2001: Edward Marshall
Fall 2001: Claire Hanlon*

American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs Award for Excellence in Employment Law

Paige Younkins

American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law

Cynthia Davis, Christopher Thomas and Jason Voyles

Georgia Municipal Association Award for Excellence in Municipal Corporation Law

Jennifer Sekerka

Ed Sumner Memorial Scholarship

Tracey Wagner

Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund Award for Excellence in Real Estate Law

Jefferson Upchurch

John C. O'Byrne Excellence in Taxation Award

Sarah Moore

Georgia Association for Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award

Laura Wheaton

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Graduate

Emily Meazell

Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Award

*Student: Jehan El-Jourbagy
Practitioner: Amy Gellins*

Environmental Law Association Award for Environmental Advocacy

Jehan El-Jourbagy

Environmental Law Association Award for Outstanding Service

Alvin Bridges

Law School Association Award for Greatest Improvement in Academic Standing

*First to Second Year: David White
Second to Third Year: Rebecca Crumrine*

Law School Association Award for Highest Academic Average

*Class of 2002: Kyle Wallace
Class of 2003: Rebecca Wasserman*

West Publishing Company Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement

*Class of 2002: Emily Hammond and Heather Stern
Class of 2003: Eston Orr Jr. and Sarah Schindler*

Jessie and Dan MacDougald Memorial Award for First Honor Graduate and the Isaac Meinhard Award for Highest Academic Average Throughout Three Years of Law School

Class of 2001: David Cross

Advocacy Success

The success of the School of Law's advocacy program continued this year under the leadership of the program's director, Kellie Casey. Both the moot court and mock trial programs won several prestigious awards. The following chronicles the continuation of a winning tradition at the law school.

MOOT COURT

Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition

Team - *Stacey Carroll, Missy Davis and Tonya Stokes*

Student Coach - *Brian Stimson*

National Champions

Best Oralist - Stacey Carroll

3rd Best Brief

Georgia Intrastate Competition

Team - *Jarrod Burch, Nathan Cronic and Ben Pope*

Student Coaches - *Eric Getty and Darius Patillo*

Champions

Best Brief

Best Oralist - Ben Pope

Philip C. Jessup International Competition

Team - *Patrick Kelly, Katie Lahnstein, Tiana Mykkeltvedt and Ryan Strickland*

Brief Editor - *Claudio Campo*

Student Coach - *Megan Watkins*

Team Advisor - *Myra Creighton*

Regional Champions

Regional Best Brief

Regional Best Oralist - Tiana Mykkeltvedt

National Finalists

World Quarterfinalists

National Competition

Team - *Clint Pridgen, Emily Hammond and Jeffrey Ward*

Regional Champions

Regional Best Oralist - Clint Pridgen

American Bar Association Competition

Team - *Mack McGuffey, Bart Newman, and DaVida Sams*

Student Coaches - *Ali Sawyer and Mary Paige Tucker*

Team Advisor - *Holly Pierson*

Regional Champions

Regional 2nd Best Oralist - DaVida Sams

National Quarterfinalists

Hulsey-Kimbrell Competition

Team - *Eric Getty and Darius Patillo*

Student Coach - *Natalie Woodward*

Champions

Vanderbilt 1st Amendment Competition

Team - *Drew Baiter and Lauren Sheridan*

Student Coach - *Tiffany Rowe*

National Quarterfinalists

MOCK TRIAL

Georgetown White Collar Crime Competition

Team - *Michael Cates, Julie Hall, Todd Hayes and Addie Smith*

National Finalists

Best Advocate - Michael Cates

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition

Team - *Clint Pridgen, Caroline Rogers, Brian Vick and Tracy Wagner*

Student Coach - *Todd Hayes*

Regional Champions

National Trial Competition

Team - *Andy Goldner, Nick Walter, Dylan Wilbanks and Meagan Jones*

Student Coach - *Julie Hall*

Regional Semifinalists

William Daniel Competition

Team - *Kylie Higgins, Rob McNiff, David White, John Oliphant, Lee Richards, Walker Stroud, Kasi Whitaker and Steven Loube*

Team Advisor/Coach - *Michelle Harris*



Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition Moot Court Team - (l. to r.) Coach Brian Stimson, Tonya Stokes, Missy Davis and Stacey Carroll



Georgia Intrastate Competition Moot Court Team - Surrounding their trophies are (l. to r.) Nathan Cronic, Coach Darius Patillo, Ben Pope and Jarrod Burch. Not pictured: Coach Eric Getty



Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition Mock Trial Team - (l. to r.) Clint Pridgen, Caroline Rogers, Tracy Wagner and Brian Vick. Not pictured: Coach Todd Hayes