

Getting behind what we truly believe in



A letter to alumni from the Law School Association

It is a great honor to assume the duties of president of the Law School Association.

First, I want to thank all of the alumni who gave so generously of their resources to support the University of Georgia School of Law during the fiscal year that just ended. We were successful in reaching our fundraising goal but, in these challenging times, it is important that we maintain our momentum in the coming year.

The university's Archway to Excellence Campaign has just concluded. The law school raised nearly \$20 million, which surpassed its campaign goal of \$17 million

by a significant margin. This money will primarily be used to continue to attract the best and the brightest to Georgia Law by increasing the amount that can be spent on scholarships as well as expanding and enhancing our educational programming. Additionally, these funds will be used to recruit and retain outstanding faculty, which greatly enriches the academic environment at our law school.

At a recent alumni function, I was asked by a fellow alumnus what he could do to help the law school. The easy answer is to make a donation, whether large or small, to the Law School Fund.

Your gift is vital in providing the necessary resources our alma mater needs to compete in attracting top students to Athens. Frequently, these outstanding students are offered large scholarships and other incentives to attend other top law schools in our country and sometimes "bidding wars" ensue. We cannot afford to lose these talented students, particularly Georgia residents, to competing schools. Last year, nearly 85 percent of the entering class called the Peach State home.

Almost 75 cents of every dollar contributed this year was spent on our students with the bulk going to scholarships. Our

goal for the Law School Fund for the coming year is \$700,000, and we are counting on your support.

Dr. Giles Kennedy, who served the last 26 years as the law school's admissions director, retired in December. The new admissions director Paul Rollins, a Yale law school graduate, assumed this post on April 1. He is assisted by Georgia Law graduates Greg Roseboro (J.D.'87), the associate director of admissions since 2000, and Ramsey Henderson Bridges (J.D.'05), who serves as assistant director.

I want alumni to send a powerful message to our new admissions director that he can count on us to provide the needed scholarship dollars that he and his team need to take our law school to the next level. What better time than the present to get behind something we all truly believe in – our law school, the University of Georgia School of Law.

Sincerely,

Henry C. Tharpe Jr. (J.D.'74)
2008-09 Law School Association President

Development Report

As I write this column, Athens is overflowing with color. Spring so often marks new beginnings. This spring, however, marks an ending – the close of the university's most ambitious fundraising campaign ever.

The Archway to Excellence Campaign is set to close on June 30, 2008, and will do so having surpassed all goals.

The law school set out to raise \$17 million in gifts and pledges. We are proud of our alumni and friends who have generously given nearly \$20 million in support of our students and faculty.

Over the past six months, the law school development staff has been meeting with alumni and friends of the school across the state and the country. Alumni and friends in North Carolina, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and Georgia have welcomed us into their homes and offices.

One anonymous gift we are pleased to share news about comes from a former member of the law school's advocacy program.

Through a foundation, this gift was directed to help expand and enhance the school's mock trial program. In light of this year's outstanding performances, by both our mock trial and moot court teams, this gift is especially timely.

We are also grateful to Sue and Kenneth M. Henson (J.D.'47) for their most recent leadership gift to the law school. Kenneth's strong conviction that private investment in this law school is key to our success is admirable. He continues to demonstrate his love of his law school and his loyalty to it by both his words and actions.

All of the gifts, large and small, received during the Archway to Excellence Campaign have made a difference at this law school.

The participation and loyalty shown during this historic effort have been inspiring.

It is exciting to think what the future holds for the University of Georgia School of Law.

- *Director of Development Anne S. Moser*

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Alumni Advocacy Series

This spring, Bruce Harvey (J.D. '77) (left) and Ed Tarver (J.D. '91) returned to Georgia Law to share their expertise with students as part of the Third Annual Alumni Advocacy Series, which is organized by Callaway Chair Emeritus Ron Carlson. Harvey presented "The Art of Cross-Examination," while Tarver spoke on "Ethics in Public Service and Professional Advocacy." Afterwards, both were presented with framed certificates of appreciation.



B.J. Bernstein (J.D. '87) (left) and Cale Conley (J.D. '95) also participated in this series earlier this spring sharing with students how to make an impact with oral arguments and how to write an effective brief, respectively.



Superior Court Judges Reception

Loring Gray (J.D. '76) (left) and Richard Cowart catch up at a reception honoring Georgia Superior Court judges in January. The reception was coordinated by Georgia Law and held in the Sanford Stadium Sky Club.



Midyear State Bar of Georgia Alumni Events

State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting alumni events are always a great chance for alumni to reconnect with old friends. Bill Withrow (J.D. '78) and Mary Stansel (J.D. '75) pose for a quick photo at the Friday night reception, which was hosted by LSA President Steve Gilliam (J.D. '74) and held at Troutman Sanders.



Also enjoying the reception are 2002 classmates: (l. to r.) Chris Rosselli, Ashley Halfman and Laura Linville.



JHLS Spring Twilight Affair

Edward Lindsey (J.D. '84) (left) and his wife Elizabeth graciously hosted this year's Joseph Henry Lumpkin Society Spring Twilight Affair. Posing with Edward for a photo are Bridget (J.D. '80) and Mike (J.D. '80) Bagley. Photo by Dennis McDaniel.

2008 Reunion Weekend

**Oct. 17 & 18
(Fri. & Sat.)**

Save the Date!

Back by popular demand – Reunion Weekend will be held again in conjunction with the law school's Homecoming BBQ! The following law school classes will have a significant anniversary reunion this year: 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003.

Plan to join your classmates in Athens to celebrate your reunion!

For more information, go to www.law.uga.edu/alumni.

