

## Conference focuses on 21st century policing



The law school's student-edited legal journal, the *Georgia Law Review*, presented a conference titled "Protect and Serve: Perspectives on 21st Century Policing."

Scholars from across the country discussed the current and future state of policing and its convergence with criminal law during three panel discussions titled "Policing: Problems, Perspectives and Remedies," "Policing and Prosecutorial Ethics" and "Emerging Issues and Controversies." Erwin Chemerinsky, then-dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law, gave the symposium keynote address.



## Symposium explores national health crisis

The law school, along with healthcare firm Boling & Company, hosted the Rural Healthcare Symposium as part of an annual effort to bring attention to the national rural healthcare crisis.

Key topics explored at this year's daylong conference included: the opioid epidemic

and addiction treatments, an overview of current rural healthcare legislation and public policy, the impact of technology on rural healthcare delivery, the economic realities facing rural providers and an inside look at the operations of rural healthcare facilities.

Georgia Sen. Dean Burke, a physician and rural health advocate from Bainbridge, gave a lunchtime presentation. Dr. Bruce B. Struminger, the associate director of Project Echo, an internationally renowned telehealth initiative, and James B. Langford, the executive director of the Georgia Prevention Project, provided plenary session addresses.

## Johnson keynotes WIPI

The School of Law held the 12th Annual Working in the Public Interest Law Conference, which explored issues surrounding vulnerable persons in custody, expanding access to justice through community lawyering, and healthcare access and disability rights.



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Francys Johnson (J.D.'04), who currently serves as the president of the Georgia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, delivered the keynote address. Conference panelists included representatives from groups such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, Atlanta Legal Aid, the Georgia Advocacy Office and the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Late last year, the State Bar of Georgia awarded the WIPI conference its 2016 Law School Excellence in Access to Justice Award. Presented by the State Bar of Georgia's Access to Justice Committee, the Young Lawyers Division and the Pro Bono Resource Center, the award recognized the WIPI group for its "commitment to, and support for, the delivery of pro bono civil legal services to the poor and underserved communities in Georgia."

## 29th Annual Red Clay Conference

"Emerging Issues in Environmental Law" was the title of the 29th Annual Red Clay Conference, which included three panel discussions focusing on the management of coal ash in the wake of changes to Environmental Protection Agency and Environmental Protection Division rules pertaining to solid waste management, transboundary water issues stemming from the *Florida v. Georgia* litigation, and the future of the Clean Power Plan and other air regulatory matters.

Judson H. "Jud" Turner, the former director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, delivered the keynote presentation, while Community Newspapers, Inc., President Dink NeSmith provided a special address.

The annual Red Clay Conference is entirely student-organized by members of the law school's Environmental Law Association.



Jud Turner, former director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and the law school's 2016-17 practitioner in residence.