14th Annual Legal Ethics & Professionalism Symposium  
February 21, 2014

Who Are They to Judge?  
Ethical and Professionalism Issues Facing the Bench

Friday, February 21

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Registration and Continental Breakfast  
School of Law, Hirsch Hall Rotunda

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  
Welcome/Introductory Remarks  
Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom

Rebecca Hanner White  
Dean and J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law

Lonnie T. Brown, Jr.  
Associate Dean and Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics & Professionalism

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.  
Featured Address:  
Collegiality and Decorum on the Bench

The Honorable David B. Sentelle  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.  
Panel Discussion: Judicial Civility, Collegiality & Professionalism

Judges often admonish lawyers for behaving in uncivil or unprofessional ways towards one another. This panel will consider whether such judges personally put into practice what they preach. The panelists will examine the level of civility, collegiality, and professionalism exhibited by judges towards one another, as well as towards lawyers and litigants. They will discuss, among other things, the tenor and tone of opinions, judicial responses to criticism by lawyers, intemperate courtroom behavior, and the potential effects of these types of actions on the justice system.

Moderator

Matt Hall  
Associate Professor, UGA School of Law
Panelists

Bruce Green  
*Louis Stein Chair in Legal Ethics, Fordham Law School*

The Honorable David Levi  
*Dean and Professor of Law, Duke University Law School*

Edward Tarver  
*U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia*

Margaret Tarkington  
*Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University, Robert H. McKinney School of Law*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Break**

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**Featured Address:**  
*The Ethics of Judicial Selection, Campaigning and Decision-making*  

The Honorable Marsha Ternus  
*Former Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
**Buffet Lunch**  
*Dean Rusk Hall, Larry Walker Room (4th floor)*

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
**Panel Discussion:**  
*Judicial Elections*

This panel will examine the ethical and professionalism issues that arise in the context of judicial elections. The panelists will discuss and evaluate the efficacy of the various models of judicial elections, as well as the ethical challenges presented by campaigning and campaign finance. In addition, the panel will consider the potential effect of the election process on judicial decision-making, including possible influence on actual outcomes and the necessity for recusal. Special attention will be given to recent judicial elections in Florida, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

**Moderator**

Richard Vining  
*Associate Professor, UGA School of Public and International Affairs*

**Panelists**

Charles Geyh  
*John F. Kimberling Professor of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law*

The Honorable Steve C. Jones  
*U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia*
Joanna Shepherd-Bailey  
*Associate Professor, Emory University School of Law*

Penny White  
*Elvin E. Overton Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law*

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.  
**Break**

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.  
**Panel Discussion: Judicial Misconduct**

This panel will explore the apparent rise in the number of judges being subject to disciplinary scrutiny or actual discipline for misconduct on the bench. The panelists will assess the true magnitude of the problem, as well as the nature of the misconduct involved and possible reasons for the increased disciplinary attention. In addition, the panel will discuss and critique the judicial disciplinary process in Georgia and elsewhere.

**Moderator**

Lonnie T. Brown, Jr.  
*Associate Dean and Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism, UGA School of Law*

**Panelists**

The Honorable M. Gino Brogdon, Sr.  
*Former Judge of the State and Superior Courts of Fulton County, Georgia*

Jeffrey R. Davis  
*Executive Director, Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission*

Lawrence J. Fox  
*Crawford Lecturer, Yale Law School and Partner, Drinker, Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA*

Robert Ingram  
*Chair of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Council and Partner, Moore, Ingram, Johnson & Steele, Marietta, GA*

4:15 p.m.  
**Adjourn**