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A Guide to **ATHENS**

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Dear Class of 2013,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Georgia School of Law! If you have already decided to join us, we are thrilled and excited to welcome you to the Law Dawg student body and look forward to seeing you this fall. If you are still uncertain about your decision, we encourage you to take the opportunity to explore our law school and the city of Athens to see everything our community has to offer.

Although we cannot capture everything there is to do in our town in one publication, the students at Georgia Law have created an Athens Guide to introduce you to the “Classic City.” Contrary to popular belief, there is a lot to do besides Georgia football games! While seeing the Dawgs play in Sanford Stadium on a beautiful Saturday afternoon is a great tradition, our students also enjoy the local restaurants, the thriving music scene, and the various bars, shops, and boutique stores. If you are seeking a relaxing weekend in Athens, you can find local parks, a botanical garden, art galleries, and a variety of historic sites.

Choosing the right law school can be overwhelming. Ultimately, you will have to decide which school you consider to be the best fit for you. We hope you will find this information helpful and a useful tool if you decide to join us. We cannot stress enough the importance of visiting the Georgia Law campus to talk with our students and discover for yourself all that Athens has to offer.

If there is anything that we can do to assist you in your decision, please let us know. Good luck in your pursuit of a rewarding legal education, and again, congratulations! We hope to see you in the fall of 2010.

Go Dawgs!

Charlie Bailey
Class of 2010
Student Bar Association President

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Nuts & Bolts – Getting Settled in Town

- 1) Power: Georgia Power Company, (706) 357-6000, www.georgiapower.com.
- 2) Water: ACC Public Utilities, (706) 613-3500, www.accpublicutilities.com.
- 3) Natural Gas: Various local, regional, and national companies are authorized to market gas in Georgia; a list can be found at www.psc.state.ga.us.
- 4) Cable & Internet: Charter Communications, (888) 692-8635, www.charter.com.
- 5) Garbage & Recycling: Weekly curbside pick up is coordinated by the ACC Solid Waste Department, (706) 613-3501, www.acc-recycle.org.
- 6) License & Registration: ACC Tag Office, 3025 Lexington Road, (706) 613-3130; Georgia Department of Drivers Services, 1505 Highway 29 N., (866) 754-3687, www.dds.ga.gov.
- 7) Voter Registration: Voter registration cards are available at the Board of Elections Office, 155 E. Washington Street, (706) 613-3150, and online at www.sos.state.ga.us/elections.

Housing

- 1) **Best Priced Apartments: River Club Apartments, 1005 Macon Highway, (706) 543-4400**

River Club is somewhat of an unknown treasure among law students. Not many incoming law students know about River Club, but once they do, there is no denying the extremely great rent. It's a treasure because of the reasonable rent, availability of furnished apartments, and all the amenities you could ever want. A two bedroom, two bathroom unfurnished apartment is only \$410 per person per month. A three bedroom, three bathroom unfurnished apartment is only \$375 per person per month. The River Club rates go up slightly if you want a fully furnished apartment, but the prices are still very reasonable. Additionally, the complex offers a tanning salon, pool, BBQ grills, car wash station, on-site gym, billiards table, tennis courts, and a free Friday breakfast. All units come with a washer/dryer, free basic cable, water included in the rent, and full

kitchens. The location is not terrible either; you can drive just north on Lumpkin Street until you get to North Campus, about a 15 minute drive.

2) Newest Apartment that is Likely to Get You to Class the Fastest: 909 Broad Street Apartments, 909 East Broad Street, (706) 227-6222

These brand-new luxury apartments could not be in a better location to Georgia Law's campus. Located at the corner of East Broad Street and Willow Street, you can walk or bike to class or take advantage of the multi-modal transit system right next door. There are 212 apartments in the building ranging from studios, one bed/one bath, two beds/two baths, three beds/two baths, and four beds/three baths. Enjoy nine-foot ceilings, walk-in closets, and a beautiful community pool. The complex also offers a free gym, Wi-Fi center, and recycling center. With high security as well, you will feel safe in this downtown neighborhood. You are sure to be at campus on time by living at 909 Broad.

3) Most Likely to Find a Law Student in the Neighborhood: The Summit, 1035 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 369-0948

The Summit not only has plenty of amenities and is a beautiful complex, it's also very common to find a fellow law school student as your neighbor. Located on Barnett Shoals Road just before the new Publix shopping center, The Summit offers two, three, and four bedroom cottages and apartments in a gated community. The complex has a pool, tennis courts, a volleyball court, basketball court, and a gym. Less than a mile away is a brand-new shopping center that contains Publix, Kroger, Barberito's, Hollywood Video, Inoko Express, Chick-fil-a, and Jittery Joe's. The Summit is about 10 to 15 minutes driving distance from the law school, and the complex also has an Athens Transit stop right out in front of the gate.

4) In the Heart of Campus, But You May Go Broke: The Overlook, 825 Baxter Street, (706) 546-0600

Located on Baxter Street right across from the freshman dorms (so you know it must be a good location to class)! The Overlook consists of two bed/two bath and one bed/one bath apartments with beautiful polished concrete floors and granite countertops. From your balcony, you can see all parts of campus (even Sanford Stadium). You can walk to the bookstore, the drycleaner, a few restaurants on Baxter Street, and any part of campus. Two restaurants even sit at the bottom of the building for your convenience. However, The Overlook is pretty expensive for a law student on a budget. If you can fit it into your budget, it will be well worth it!

5) Best Basic Apartment Steps Away From Campus: River Mill Apartments, 199 Stone Mill Run, (706) 548-1188

Although not as luxurious as 909 Broad, another convenient residence is River Mill Apartments. Located less than a mile from the law school and steps away from

Sanford Stadium, this complex has been a staple of Athens living for years. River Mill offers unfurnished three and two bedroom apartments from around \$500 per person per month. Prices rise for furnished and renovated apartments, but for the location the rate is still a steal. Included with rent are cable, water and trash, and the complex offers an outdoor pool with clubhouse, fitness center, washer/dryer in each unit, and assigned parking.

Restaurants

1) Best Tapas Restaurant: Speakeasy, 269 East Broad Street, (706) 546-5556

This upstairs tapas restaurant offers the perfect dining experience for a group, a date, or just grabbing a quick bite at the bar. The view is a great one that overlooks downtown and North Campus. Speakeasy is known for its delicious tapas dishes such as fried calamari, crab cakes, coconut shrimp, and spinach dip in a bread bowl. It also offers an array of wines, desserts, and cheese trays. Speakeasy offers dinner seven days a week, and you may want to make a reservation because this tapas hot spot is a true Athens' favorite!

2) Best Place for a First Date (or any date, night out or even brunch!): Last Resort, 184 West Clayton Street, (706) 549-0810

Last Resort is known to be the prime restaurant choice among students, locals, and visitors. This favorite is known to put a "twist" on Southern cuisine. Last Resort's dinner options are fantastic, ranging from salmon & grits to spinach & gorgonzola salad. Their fried green tomato sandwich is a classic lunch item, and their Sunday brunch is to die for! Five delicious omelets and the rich and tasty French toast are just a few of the treats you'll find. This Athens restaurant should be far from your last resort for a meal choice.

3) Best Sports Bar: Loco's Grill & Pub, 1985 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 208-0911 or 581 South Harris Street, (706) 548-7803

Loco's offers everything from burgers and sandwiches to seafood and salad, all while showing your favorite sports games throughout the restaurant. Loco's holds trivia during the week. Their wings are a favorite alongside the delicious Gobbler turkey sandwich and yummy chocolate bundt cake dessert. And if you aren't in the mood to watch a game, Loco's delivers!

4) Best Pizza Joint: Transmetropolitan, 145 East Clayton Street, (706) 613-8773

At this trendy pizza parlor, you can order pizza by the slice or by the pie (either thin or Sicilian style) and, with over 30 toppings to pick from, Transmet is sure to make you a tasty pie. Also on the menu are pasta, paninis, calzones, and salads. Upstairs is a

build-your-own Bloody Mary bar and many beers on tap. Transmet has an outside patio allowing you to enjoy your pizza in the beautiful Athens weather.

5) Cheapest Pizza Joint: Little Italy, 125 North Lumpkin Street, (706) 613-7100

Little Italy makes any Athens citizen feel like you just stepped into a New York pizza shop. From the foldable pizza to the late night hours, Little Italy has “pizzeria” written all over it! Little Italy is a favorite for the budget conscious student. With 20 topping choices, Italian salads, and subs available, Little Italy is one of the most popular spots in town.

6) Best Late Night Snack: The Grill, 171 College Avenue, (706) 543-4770

This 1950s diner features burgers, thick milkshakes, and, what every student loves, “feta fries” (trust us, just order them). Open 24/7, The Grill is the hot spot for late night cuisine. It has been open since 1981, and students have been flocking there ever since. Even the vegetarian can find the perfect meal at The Grill; the fakin’ bacon BLT, veggie melt, and tofu dog are all great options. With breakfast served from midnight ‘til noon and lunch and dinner also on the menu, The Grill is the late night snack place of choice.

7) Best Weekend Brunch: Mama’s Boy, 197 Oak Street, (706) 548-6249

The fact that the line for brunch on the weekends at Mama’s Boy is out the door should not steer you away; it should encourage you to wait for the delicious omelets, biscuits, and French toast that await inside! Mama’s Boy is locally owned and operated, and it’s very close to downtown and the law school. The food is so delectable that students are willing to wait an hour for a Mama’s Boy bacon, egg, and cheese biscuit sandwich or Mama’s “chocolate cake for breakfast.” (Arrive for an early brunch and you are less likely to have this problem!). Mama’s has indoor and outdoor seating, which is great when the weather is good. Mama’s Boy offers breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week and weekend brunch.

8) Best Italian Food: Mirko Pasta, 1040 Gaines School Road, (706) 850-5641 and 1075 Baxter Street

Students cannot stop raving about Mirko Pasta. With fresh in-house pasta each day and calamari and steamed mussels as appetizers, it’s no wonder why. The main course allows the customer to choose from 16 pastas and 11 sauces, but customers can also pick pre-arranged entrees like risotto and seafood stew. We haven’t even told you about dessert yet: the white & dark chocolate mousse and the tiramisu are worth every morsel you put in your mouth! Trust us, driving to Gaines School Road is worth it!

9) Best Place to Take Your Parents: Five & Ten, 1653 South Lumpkin Street, (706) 546-7300

Chef and owner Hugh Acheson is constantly receiving national applause for his delicious dishes at this Athens favorite. Five & Ten combines contemporary American food with French and Italian influences, and law students love it when the parents come in town to foot the bill for a fabulous night out. Located in the heart of Five Points at the corner of Lumpkin Street and Milledge Avenue, Five & Ten is worth the price (and shows your parents you are living the grand life in Athens!).

10) Best Burgers: Clocked, 259 West Washington Street, (706) 548-9175

Although some students may voice a different restaurant for a burger, it's merely because they haven't been to Clocked! Located near the 40 Watt in downtown, this diner has more than a dozen burger choices including the Ring of Fire Burger, Bacon Cheese Burger, Falafel Burger, and Mushroom & Cheese Burger. Add some delicious Clocked tater tots, onion rings, or chili cheese fries, and you have one heck of a meal. Clocked is the perfect stop before a concert downtown.

11) Best Steak in Town: Porterhouse Grill, 459 East Broad Street, (706) 369-0990

Porterhouse is the perfect alternative to the many steak chain restaurants. Offering filets, New York strips, T-bones, prime ribs, and porterhouse steaks, this is the steak lover's dream restaurant with a local touch. The upscale atmosphere is also great for a date or taking the parents when they visit. For those not fond of steak—duck, shrimp, swordfish, pork, salmon, and chicken are also on the menu.

12) Best Sushi: Shokitini, 251 West Clayton Street, (706) 353-7933

Shokitini has become the new favorite law school sushi attraction of choice. When you step into this brightly decorated restaurant with a wall-sized TV screen, you'd never guess you were still in Athens. Shokitini is a fun change of scenery from the typical Athens joint, and the sushi is delicious. Some rolls are aptly named after the city including the UGA Roll, the Dawg Roll, and the Red & Black Roll. The best kept secret: if you can snag a seat at the bar, a salad, mussels, and fried Oreo dessert is all yours for free, compliments of the chefs! Even better, law school students are frequently known to reserve one of the three private karaoke rooms upstairs.

13) Best Mexican: Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 1376 Prince Avenue, (706) 543-1500

Agua Linda is authentic Mexican food that law school students constantly crave. Just look at its constantly packed patio! The cheese dip is a delicious start to your meal. If your belly can hold it, the Manager Burrito is the biggest burrito you may ever see. Less spicy but equally tasty menu items are also available. To top off your Aqua Linda experience, don't forget your margarita.

14) Best Vegetarian: The Grit, 199 Prince Avenue, (706) 543-6592

The Grit offers such delicious food that even non-vegetarians have been coming back for more than 20 years! The Grit has received widespread applause for its meat-free menu and casual atmosphere. The menu not only has a variety of vegetable options but also offers a mix of Italian, Mexican and Middle Eastern cuisine. The veggie Big Daddy Burger and the Golden Bowl (a mix of tofu, soy sauce, nutritional yeast, and rice) are well known and keep meat lovers happy as well! The Grit also offers brunch on the weekends including omelets, pancakes, and French toast.

15) Best Soul Food: Weaver D's, 1016 East Broad Street, (706) 353-7797

Even those who don't like southern food are obsessed with Weaver D's. It's obvious why: in 2007, this Athens favorite was named an American Classic by the James Beard Foundation. The restaurant's slogan, "Automatic for the People," was even used by international superstars R.E.M. Owner Dexter Weaver creates homemade dishes such as squash casserole, buttered potatoes, collards, fried chicken, pork chops, macaroni & cheese, green beans, and corn bread.

16) Best BBQ: Jot 'Em Down, 480 Macon Highway, (706) 549-2110

This BBQ favorite used to be located on Whitehall Road, but that never deterred students from heading out for some great lunch or dinner! Luckily for all of us, Jot 'Em Down moved right off Milledge Avenue onto Macon Highway in September 2008. The inside still looks as quirky and rustic as before with classic checkered table clothes and vintage memorabilia. The restaurant offers pulled pork and ribs along with seven homemade sauces ranging from mild to scalding hot. Jot 'Em Down has well known side dishes like cabbage casserole, Brunswick stew, potato salad, coleslaw, and baked beans. Jot 'Em Down also offers outside seating and catering.

17) Best Thai Food: Thai Spoon, 149 North Lumpkin Street, (706) 548-9222

This downtown Thai favorite prides itself on its variety. Thai Spoon offers mild and hot dishes, noodles, various meats, and veggie dishes. Soup is at the beginning of every meal. Thai Spoon's classic dish is the pad Thai, but the "mee krob" is a delicious noodle dish as well. A variety of Asian import beers are also offered. Don't be surprised if you see a professor or two at this Thai hot spot for lunch during the week.

Movie Theaters

1) **Most Likely to Save You Some Cash: Georgia Square Value Cinemas 5**

Although the real name of this theater is “Georgia Square Value Cinemas,” every student knows it as the Dollar Theater. And the theater is true to its name; every ticket is only \$1.99. This could be the cheapest date you ever go on or the cheapest night out with your friends. There is only one small catch (which no one ever seems to mind): the movies that come to the Dollar Theater are a bit delayed. They are not new releases, but just wait a few months and the movie you have been dying to see is bound to come to the Dollar Theater. Located just behind the Georgia Square Mall, this is a great place for a low key night out.

2) **Best (and Only) Drive-In: Highway 17 Theater, 2395 Bowman Highway, Dewy Rose, GA 30634, (706) 213-7693**

This drive-in theater opened in 2002 and is apparently one of the last of the seven drive-in theaters in the state of Georgia. Dewy Rose, Ga., is about 33 miles away from Athens. A drive-in is such a fun way to spend a night away from studying, and Highway 17 Theaters may be the last chance you ever get to experience this type of movie watching.

3) **Two Most Popular Theaters: Beechwood Cinemas and Carmike 12 Cinemas**

The reason these two theaters are tied for most popular is simple: they both show almost the exact same movies at the exact same prices and are easily accessible from campus. Beechwood Cinemas is located in the Beechwood Shopping Center at the intersection of Alps Road and Baxter Street. It’s a great theater because there are over 10 restaurants in the vicinity to catch dinner or lunch before your movie. The downside tends to be that the parking lot is always extremely packed. Carmike 12 is at the corner of Barnett Shoals Road and Lexington Road and tends to be popular with those living on the Eastside of town. The parking lot is not as packed as Beechwood, but restaurants are nowhere in sight, so driving to one is necessary. Both theaters offer online ticketing, stadium seating, and all ticket information on their websites (www.carmike.com and www.georgiatheatercompany.com).

4) **Best Art Theater House: Ciné, 234 West Hancock Avenue, (706) 353-3343**

Filled with tons of personality and showing Indie films, small budget films, and foreign films, Ciné is Athens’ newest theater house. Ciné is located just behind downtown on West Hancock Avenue, and is housed in what was known as the “Old Snow Tire Building.” The space is 10,000 square feet and has stadium seating for the often shown subtitled films. Ciné also offers a full bar with small pastries and snacks.

Transportation

1) **Best Taxi Cabs: An easy job, pick your favorite!**

Finding a cab in Athens is not like finding one in New York City, but it's not too tough. A good secret to know is that taxis are always sitting at the Arch downtown on weekends to provide rides home, and they are floating around downtown as well. It's also a great idea to keep a few numbers stored in your phone when you may need one. Here are some of our top choices:

- A&A Athens Taxi: (706) 353-2424
- Top Dawg Taxi: (706) 552-0744
- United Taxi: (706) 549-0808
- Your Cab Company: (706) 546-5844

2) **Best Mass Transit Around Campus: UGA Bus System, (706) 369-6220**

Even though the law school is centrally located in two main buildings on North Campus, if you ever plan to venture south to catch a glimpse of the other parts of campus (which we highly recommend), UGA Buses are the way to go. With a newly purchased fleet, the UGA buses are spacious and helpful for traveling the hilly parts of UGA's campus. Even better, the UGA buses are free to ride! You can pick up a map of the system on any campus bus or check it out online: <http://www.transit.uga.edu/>.

3) **Best Mass Transit for Getting Around The Classic City: Athens Transit, (706) 613-3430**

Although the UGA Buses are great for campus transportation, Athens Transit is more ideal for getting around other parts of Athens. "The Bus," as the company calls itself, runs 18 routes throughout Athens. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The best part: as a student, you ride the bus for free! For more detailed information of the routes and schedules, visit The Athens Transit Web site at www.athenstransit.com. Athens Transit is a good alternative for driving to campus as many apartment complexes have stops for the bus line.

4) **Best Airport Shuttle: AAA Airport Express, (404)767-2000**

The Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport located in Atlanta is about 80 miles from Athens. If you are looking to save gas and money or don't have a car, a shuttle to the Atlanta Airport is available from AAA Airport Express. There are nine departures daily for \$40 one way. Kids under 10 ride for free with one paying adult. The shuttles pick up at locations including the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School, Foundry Park Inn & Spa, Hilton Garden Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, UGA Center for Continuing Education, and Comfort Inn. Check out their website for complete shuttle details: <http://www.aaaairportexpress.com/>.

5) Best Way to Avoid Traffic: Ride A Bike, www.bikeathens.com

Local nonprofit BikeAthens puts out a free bike map showing topography, bus stops, and streets. Many streets have bike lanes and with practice, you will learn to avoid hills. For bike gear and repair, visit one of the many cycle shops in town: Georgia Cycle Sport, 1029 Baxter Street, (706) 549-2453; At The Hub Bicycles, 1245 S. Milledge Avenue, (706) 355-3989; or Sunshine Cycles, 294 West Washington Street, (706) 548-6088.

Parking

1) Best Parking Location for Class: North Campus Parking Deck

Over the years, the North Deck, as the students call it, truly has become the parking deck of choice for students attending Georgia Law. With an annual parking pass, the deck always has plenty of spots and is just a crosswalk away from the front doors of the law library and the law school entrance. Unfortunately, an annual pass for the North Deck costs about \$40 per month. However, most students feel the monthly charge is well worth it, considering how many law books you must carry to class each day! For more information about campus parking, visit www.parking.uga.edu.

2) Most Reasonably Priced Parking for Class: Other UGA Parking Lots

If you are willing to walk a few blocks to class (and perhaps up a short hill) and are looking to save some cash, there are plenty of other parking lots offered by the university located around campus. The Parking Services' Web site is a great tool to use (and is a must for registering for a parking pass, as all registration is done online). Check out www.parking.uga.edu to see what lots are cheaper by the month and located close to Hirsch Hall. The parking lots we recommend are: N02, N08, W04, and W02.

3) Parking to Visit Downtown: College Avenue Parking Deck and North Campus Deck

If you are headed downtown for an evening out or for a quick dinner, trying to grab a parking spot on the street can be tough, considering how small downtown actually is compared to the large population of the university (almost 34,000 students, which doesn't even include local Athens residents!). Two popular parking choices among law students are the College Avenue Parking Deck and the North Campus Deck. After approximately 11 p.m., the North Campus Deck does not require a parking pass for entry and is just about a block from downtown. (Even better is if you do have an annual parking pass, you can leave your car overnight if needed and not incur a charge to retrieve it the next morning. Talk about a safe decision!). The College Avenue Parking Deck is located on College Street just before the intersection of College Street and Clayton Street and is also an option. This deck is not free, but it is more centrally located in downtown.

Grocery Stores

1) **Closest to Campus, Yet Most Crowded: Kroger, 191 Alps Road, (706) 543-0209**

The closest and most convenient grocery store is the Kroger located on the corner of Alps and Baxter. Many students and professors shop here because of its convenience. This Kroger is a very clean and well stocked store and boasts a great sushi section plus a large selection of beer and wine. The parking is limited in the shopping center, so you might have to search for a spot.

2) **Best Bargains: Wal-Mart, 1911 Epps Bridge Parkway, (706) 369-9366**

The Wal-Mart on Highway 316 has the lowest prices in Athens. If you are coming from campus on Hwy 10 (The Loop), it is off exit number 1 (the Hwy 316 exit). This Wal-Mart is your typical Wal-Mart Supercenter. It provides low-cost groceries as well as brand-name groceries at lower costs than its competitors. This Wal-Mart has plenty of parking, but it can get crowded inside. Its main drawback is that it is about a 10 to 15 minute drive from campus, but it's well worth it for the law student on a budget.

3) **Newest & Nicest: Publix, 1860 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 227-6265**

Just built in 2007-08, this Publix is the newest, cleanest, and thus nicest grocery store in Athens. Located on the Eastside, it has an excellent selection of high-quality meats and fish, as well as a great selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. It also has a good sushi section for those wanting something a little different. The high quality does come at a price. Their prices are a little higher than the Kroger located right next door, but the food is of a higher quality. The store often tends to be less crowded while still offering all the same selection of items you are looking for.

4) **Best Place to Buy in Bulk: Sam's Club, 4365 Atlanta Highway, Bogart, GA, (706) 548-3666**

Located on the very end of Atlanta Highway, Sam's Club is great for shoppers buying in bulk. It has great deals on large quantities of frozen meat, as well as many other items. Sam's Club requires their shoppers to be Sam's Club members in order to shop there. This is a yearly fee that shoppers generally get back in savings. The store is located about 20 minutes from campus, but can really be worth it for large events such as tailgates and birthdays!

5) **Best Place to Find Organic Foods: Earthfare, 1689 South Lumpkin Street, (706) 227-1717**

The Earthfare grocery store on South Lumpkin Street is the best place to go for organic and eco-friendly products. Earthfare is similar to the store called Whole Foods but on a smaller scale. It has a great ready-to-eat section that has take-out salads,

sandwiches, sushi, and make-your-own salads. It also offers a deli case of dinner entrees, picnic salads and other enticing items as well as high-quality meats and seafoods. The prices are higher than other grocery stores and parking can sometimes be at a premium, but Earthfare is a great store overall for high-quality organic foods.

Bars/Clubs

1) Biggest Law School Hangout: Walker's Coffee and Pub, 128 College Ave, (706) 543-1433

By day, Walker's is a cozy coffee house offering wireless internet, a variety of beverages and snacks, and plenty of space to study. By night, the coffee is replaced with a vast selection of beers, wines and liquors. Law students will enjoy the laid-back mature atmosphere in contrast with bars like Bourbon Street where the clientele is mostly undergrads. A secluded outdoor patio in the rear of the bar offers al fresco seating in warmer months.

2) Best Dance Club: The Loft Dance Lounge, 164 East Clayton Street, (706) 613-7771

The Loft has a spacious dance floor and tends to play upbeat dance music. The Loft has an energetic feel, but it also provides comfy couches and pool tables in the back area for a more laid back feel. With three fully stocked bars, put your dancing shoes on because you are sure to dance all night at the Loft!

3) Best Outdoor Bar: Farm 255, 255 West Washington Street, (706) 549-4660

Farm 255 is in fact a restaurant, but it is also a popular bar with a patio that law students really enjoy. Farm offers locally farmed and sustainable foods and presents almost an entirely organic menu. Their mojitos are very popular and music typically fills the air at Farm 255.

4) Best Themed Bar: 8e's Bar, 120 East Washington Street, (706) 613-1764

The hits of the 1980's are played nonstop at 8e's Bar (yes, that's how it's spelled). The theme swarms the bar ranging from old school video games to posters of Madonna and Ferris Bueller. The drink specials also make 8e's Bar a smart choice for your wallet. This bar may sound cheesy, but trust us, you'll have a blast remembering the past.

5) Most Likely to Remind you of Undergraduate Years: Bourbon Street, 333 East Broad Street, (706) 369-1313

Bourbon Street takes on the theme that its name suggests: Mardi Gras style! Bourbon Street has a reputation for being popular with undergrads and is a good place to start a night on the town. The patrons at Bourbon Street are often seen drinking brightly colored cocktails. Hurricanes and Bloody Mary's get the crowd excited, and from 10 p.m.

to 11 p.m., drinks are only \$1- the ultimate power hour. Watch out though- you may be the oldest one in the bar! This bar is known for frequent undergrad student sightings!

Clothing Stores

1) Best Priced Women's Stores:

Pitaya, 282 East Clayton Street, (706) 425-8880

Pitaya is one of a variety of boutiques downtown that carries trendy clothing at an affordable price. Though a bit small, it is a great place to find a quick outfit. They also carry shoes, jewelry, and jeans.

Fortson's Clothiers, 154 East Clayton Street, (706) 613-8224

Fortson's carries dresses, as well as the occasional good find on a top, particularly when searching for a quick outfit to wear on gameday. Customers have been known to "bargain" prices for their clothing from time to time with the owner, B. Fortson.

Rouge Clothing and Gifts, 1860 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 208-1102

Rouge is located on the Eastside of Athens, away from the more crowded downtown shopping. This boutique is known for carrying a variety of brands and various sizes. This boutique also carries items such as jewelry and candles, so this is an excellent place to pick up a birthday present or a nice gift for a friend.

2) Best Store for an Athens Guy: Dick Ferguson's, 196 Alps Road, (706) 548-7246

Dick Ferguson's is a one-stop shop for any male in Athens looking to make shopping quick and easy. It offers every element of a man's wardrobe from suits, blazers, and pants to underwear, socks, and belts. Dick Ferguson's provides knit shirts by Polo and Lacoste and dress shirts as well. To outfit any formal event, Dick Ferguson's has tuxedos and dress shoes. Better yet, it has gameday outfits, including the typical red trousers needed to root on the Dawgs! Locally owned and with a new online catalog to make ordering simple, any Athens guy cannot go wrong at Dick Ferguson's.

3) Most Likely to Find High-End Fashion: The Downtown Boutiques

Encore, 186 East Clayton Street, (706) 354-8826

Encore is your classic boutique. It carries a wide variety of clothing, as well as a variety of designers. In addition, Encore carries a great selection of jeans and purses. Though a bit pricier than some of the other boutiques downtown, there is something that is sure to please everyone in this boutique.

Heery's Clothes Closet, 195 College Avenue, (706) 543-0702

Heery's is a staple in downtown Athens, having been downtown since 1959. Heery's carries an outfit for any occasion. This boutique carries standard designers as well as the typical college attire, such as polos and other designer handbags. Their shoe selection is pretty expansive as well. Heery's carries both evening wear and everyday wear, so it is perhaps the best place to look for different pieces to complement other outfits.

Opulence Fashion, 153 East Clayton Street, (706) 543-6850

Opulence recently moved from its location in Five Points to downtown Athens. It is known for having a savvy style and carrying more sophisticated clothing, as well as having trendier or more hip clothing lines, such as Hale Bob and People's Liberation. Opulence generally carries the newest selection of popular labels. They also carry fashion accessories.

4) The One That Has it All: Georgia Square Mall, 3700 Atlanta Highway, (706) 549-5470

The Georgia Square Mall is located down Atlanta Highway on the Westside of town. Macy's is one of its anchor stores, though it is much smaller than one you may find in a larger city. The mall also has traditional mall stores such as Aeropostale, American Eagle, Express, Gap, Belk, and Bath & Body Works.

Gyms/Workout Facilities

1) Best Bang for Your Buck: Ramsey Center, 330 River Road, (706) 542-5060

Ramsey is the best bang for your buck because it comes as part of your tuition for law school! Ramsey has a large cardio and strength training room where you can do everything from lift weights to run on the treadmill. Ramsey also offers personal training for a fee- even cheaper if you are willing to "share a trainer." Parking at Ramsey can be tricky, but it is still possible. The East Campus Parking Deck allows free parking before 7:30 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. during the week. A pay lot is in front of Ramsey, but don't depend on that for your workout parking as it tends to fill up fast, especially since parking is only about \$2. Group Fitness is one of the best options at Ramsey; for a reasonable fee per semester, you can participate in cycling, yoga, pilates, dance, zumba, kick boxing, and other group activities that whip you into shape! Ramsey also has swimming pools, volleyball courts, racquetball courts, and basketball courts. If you are interested in the outdoors, Ramsey also conducts the GORP (Georgia Outdoor Recreation Program), and has a climbing wall. Talk about getting the best bang for your buck- Ramsey is your place!

2) Most Glamorous Gym: Omni, 2361 West Broad Street, (706) 369-3111

Omni truly is the fanciest gym in Athens. It offers everything you would want from a country club while being right on Broad Street. You feel like you have stepped out of Athens when you walk into Omni. Omni offers personal trainers, nutrition specialists, and state of the art strength training equipment. There are over 100 pieces of cardio equipment which means you are rarely, if ever, waiting on a machine. Omni also has a Juice Bar with shakes and coffee. The locker rooms are gorgeous, with wooden lockers, sauna, steam room and full showers. So many aerobic classes are offered (from yoga, pilates, zumba, cycle, FIRE, and step) that with your busy law school schedule, there is bound to be a class for you. Watch out though; Omni is very costly, and the sales staff has no qualms about trying to commit you to a yearlong contract that you cannot get out of! Use your common sense (and legal smarts!) to not get suckered in unless you are truly interested.

3) Smaller and Convenient: BodyPlex, 196 Alps Road, (706) 548-3481

Bodyplex is one of the newer gyms in town, with a warm feel when you walk in the door. There is a wide variety of aerobics classes, ranging from cardio sculpt, step & abs, trimmed & toned, to cycle. The gym is open as early as 5:00 a.m. for the early risers. With a second location on the Westside, your location won't hinder you from getting to the gym! BodyPlex is more reasonably priced than larger gyms if you are looking for an off-campus alternative.

Coffee Shops and Study Spots

1) Study Spot Crawling with Fellow Law Students: The University of Georgia Law Library

Whether it's the night before a final exam and students are huddled together in study groups, or a lazy Sunday afternoon and students are slowly trickling in after a fun weekend of cheering on the Dawgs in Sanford Stadium, the UGA law library is a great place to study. This isn't your typical library; the UGA law library is warm and inviting, boasting tall ceilings and a glass wall that enables students to look out onto Herty Field and the beautiful surroundings of North Campus. The main room is filled with tables and chairs, each equipped with power outlets. Upstairs, you will find cubbies tucked away in the stacks for a more focused setting. There is always a friendly librarian on staff to guide you in the right direction if you are conducting legal research or simply want to know where the nearest printer may be.

If the main room gets to be too noisy, students can head to the library annex, an addition built onto the law library that offers a quiet 'no talking' zone. When students need a break from the books, the law library is just a short walk from downtown Athens, where students can grab a bite to eat or refuel on coffee. Whatever your study preference, the UGA law library offers an ideal setting to accomplish your work.

2) Most Likely to Not be Crawling with Law Students: The Main Library, Jackson Street, University of Georgia, (706) 542-3251

If you are looking to escape the law school atmosphere while still maintaining a quiet, library feel, the Main Library is the perfect getaway. The facility is much larger than the law library, with about six floors, including a basement (which is somewhat eerily quiet) for studying. The Main Library also has a small café called “Tween the Pages” which offers snacks, beverages, and light meals. The Main Library has hours similar to the Law Library, usually 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., although the weekend hours are a bit more restricted (not opening until 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, respectively). Because the Main Library is just across the North Lawn from the law school, it’s convenient and easy to access in case you ever need your books or need to meet with your professors while studying. The Main Library is an all around great change of pace for studying.

3) The Library #2: Cups, 1911 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 208-8131

Cups Coffee Shop provides a cozy setting with more tables and space than a typical coffee shop—and more law students than any other coffee shop in town! Cups has become one of the typical study spots where you are bound to see a study group or just an individual peer getting coffee. And it’s no doubt why; Cups provides free Wi-Fi, tasty coffee, scones, bagels, milkshakes, ice cream, and cakes. Cups also offers light lunch items like egg and chicken salads. Cups’ décor is fun-filled; local artists line the walls with their items for sale. Cups also sells T-shirts, mugs, and candles. Additionally, Cups has a “quiet” room in the back for serious studiers. Cups happens to be on the Eastside of Athens and, best of all, there is plenty of parking in the Green Acres Shopping Center where Cups is located. Also, Cups has great extended hours for the law student studier: Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

4) A Good Ole Cup Of Joe: Jittery Joe’s Coffee Shops, 1210 South Milledge, (706) 208-1979; 1860 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 354-8000; 1480 Baxter Street, Suite C, (706) 548-1099; and Student Learning Center, (706) 549-2124

An Athens favorite, Jittery Joe’s Coffee Shops offer students an edgy, relaxed environment to study. There are four locations throughout Athens, in addition to one that is located in the Student Learning Center on campus. On some mornings, students can even smell the Broad Street location micro-roasting the coffee grounds. Each Jittery Joe’s coffee shop offers free Wi-Fi, along with a great menu of delicious coffee drinks, ranging from Joe’s House Blend to an Iced Turtle Mocha. And don’t forget to get there early enough for breakfast; Joe Momma’s egg and cheese biscuits are the best. Locations & Hours: <http://www.jitteryjoes.com/locations/index.html#athens>.

5) The Two Story Coffeehouse, 1680 South Lumpkin Street, (706) 850-5422

The Two Story Coffeehouse, located in Athens' Five Points district, offers students a warm, relaxed study space. Featuring multiple rooms to find that perfect study nook, students can enjoy free Wi-Fi and tasty treats, including delicious desserts in addition to an array of coffees and teas. Downstairs offers a more social setting with flat screen TVs, tables, chairs, and bar stools for students to gather to watch sporting events or gather socially. In contrast, the upstairs area is more conducive to studying and intimate conversations, providing plenty of tables and chairs for students to hook up their laptops and spread out their work materials. Did you forget a stapler? No worries; the Two Story Coffeehouse provides school supplies ranging from staplers to three-hole punchers. Current hours are 7 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

6) Study Spot that will Put you in Undergrad Again: The Student Learning Center

Recently renamed in honor of Georgia Governor Zell B. Miller, the Miller Learning Center (known to many students as the SLC), is the prime study spot for the undergraduates who attend UGA. With 26 classrooms, four state-of-the-art learning labs, a coffee shop, and 96 study rooms, the SLC towers in the center of campus. For the law student, the SLC is a haven from anything law related. Just a walk downhill from Hirsch Hall, the SLC is filled with undergraduates studying for Biology, English, and History, among other subjects. However, the downside to the SLC is that it tends to be a social hot spot, which translates to a somewhat loud and busy building. However, if you can get a study room for the day, the SLC is the perfect on-campus study spot to escape the law school. Jittery Joe's is on the second floor for a quick caffeine fix. There are plenty of large wooden tables on each floor to spread out all your books in case you are unable to snag a private study room.

7) Coffee Shop that Also Sells A Frosty Mug of Beer: Trapeze Pub, 269 West Washington Street, (706) 543-8997

This locally owned brewery and coffee shop combination has law students flocking downtown morning, evening, and afternoon! Trapeze is a European style pub with 36 taps and 240 bottles. With such a comprehensive list of premium brews, the selection can be a bit overwhelming, but the staff allows you to try (in a shot glass!) any beer you are interested in. You are encouraged to try something new, instead of just sipping on your typical domestics. Trapeze also offers delicious meals, such as mushroom soup, a hummus plate, and a vegetarian Reuben. There are also the locally roasted coffee and pastries served in the second room of Trapeze, which during the daytime hours is also a great study location with large wooden tables.

Haircuts and Salons

1) Best Rated Salons:

Republic Salon, 312 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor, (706) 208-5222

Republic boasts innovative hairstyling techniques, as well as providing great haircuts and excellent coloring services. They also provide therapeutic scalp and hair treatments and length extensions. This salon gets great customer service reviews as well. A woman's haircut starts at around \$45 and for men \$25. You can enjoy wine and other beverages while you are served at Republic.

City Salon & Spa, 100 Athens Town Boulevard, (706) 552-1515

City Salon & Spa is located further away from the busy crowds of downtown, so it is a great option for those who live on the outskirts of Athens. A popular place among college students and Athens locals alike, this salon has many stylists. They also offer services such as nails and skincare. *Flagpole*, one of Athens' local publications, calls City Salon & Spa "Athens' crown jewel of style."

2) Most Reasonably Priced (and Convenient) Barber Shop for Guys: Lock Nest Hair Studio, 156 College Avenue, (706) 546-7288

Lock Nest offers great customer service as well as a great haircut. Unlike some of the other salons listed, this place is also the most affordable for those looking for a great cut on a budget. Just walk about a block from the law school, and Lock Nest is right at your fingertips.

3) Trendiest & Reliable Hair Salons:

Bob (Salon), 398 Foundry Street, (706) 546-0950

Bob gives you not just a haircut, but an experience. Guests are offered their choice of beverage while waiting for their appointments. It has a hip, urban feel and offers unique hair care products. Many people feel that a haircut at Bob (Salon) is akin to the quality of hair care found in big city locations.

Rage Hair Studio, 132 College Ave, (706) 548-8178

Rage is a trendy and upbeat Athens salon. The stylists are funky and fun and they create unique styles while teaching customers how to use hair products to achieve a salon look. This salon also boasts the widest variety of training schools that their stylists attend.

Music Venues

1) Best Place to Catch Big Touring Bands: 40 Watt Club, 285 West Washington Street, (706) 549-7871

The 40 Watt is the beating heart of the music scene in Athens, Ga. Since its origin in the 1980s, the 40 Watt has hosted a veritable Who's-Who of musical talent. Nirvana, Wilco, REM, Radiohead, and Cheap Trick are just some of the luminaries that have graced the storied stage of the 40 Watt over the years. The venue is large and usually filled with aspiring musicians, writers, music aficionados, and fans of a good time. The 40 Watt is the perfect destination for those who need a break from the law library. Best served with a cold Pabst Blue Ribbon.

2) Best Place to Catch Up-and-Coming Touring Acts: Caledonia Lounge, 256 West Clayton Street, (706) 549-5577

Located immediately behind the 40 Watt Club, Caledonia Lounge is the venue in which touring bands perform before they make it to the 40 Watt Club. The room is narrow, creating an intimate atmosphere conducive to meeting and greeting the touring bands. An outside patio is perfect for those with mid-show fatigue. The Caledonia Lounge is the best venue in town for up-and-coming national acts, as well as a mainstay for interesting local bands. The Caledonia Lounge is a great way to familiarize yourself with the Athens music scene and meet a couple of the tattooed locals as well.

3) Best Place to Catch "Jam" Bands and Miscellaneous Acts: Georgia Theater, 215 North Lumpkin Street, (706) 549-9918

Last summer, a fire gutted the historic theatre, severely damaging the Athens landmark. While artists have not been able to play in the venue since, the theatre's legacy is far from being over. Many big-named artists like The Zac Brown Band and Kid Rock have banded together to hold benefit concerts for the Georgia Theatre, and fundraising efforts are still under way. While this venue may not currently be able to hold concerts, it remains an important part of Athens history.

4) Best Place to Catch Punk/Noise Rock Acts: Tasty World, 312 East Broad Street, (706) 543-0797

Tasty World has recently revamped their live music philosophy, moving bands to its upstairs room and reserving the downstairs room as a bar. Early results indicate that Tasty World is a music venue to watch over the course of the next several years. While Tasty World books a variety of acts, they specialize in local and young bands. And the location of the venue—right on Broad Street and a mere minute's walk from the law library—make this venue a must visit. Watch the next REM perform to a sea of avid music fans from right here in Athens, Ga.

5) Best Place to Catch Singer-Songwriter/Jazz Acts: Melting Point, 25 East Dougherty Street, (706) 254-6909

The Melting Point could just as easily have been labeled “Best Place to Bring a Date.” Its jazz nights are unparalleled in town and are a great way to show that special someone you are at least somewhat cultured. The Melting Point also brings musicians with a more mature approach to performance. Singer songwriters regularly perform to seated audiences who order food from a delicious menu provided by the venue. The Melting Point is an intimate and respectful venue where acts like Aimee Mann, Gillian Welch, Leon Russell, and Leo Kottke have performed to rave reviews. While this venue is off the beaten path, it is well worth a visit. Your date will appreciate it.

Local Festivals/Events

1) Best Music Festival This Side of South by Southwest: AthFest

AthFest is an annual music festival held right here in Athens in late June. While many law students are away during the summer months, AthFest definitely merits a trip back. For three days, the streets of Athens are overrun by bands and music industry types. Nearly every venue in town hosts bands, and street vendors set up shop. Now in its 13th year, AthFest has featured performances by the B-52's, Pylon, Olivia Tremor Control, Neutral Milk Hotel and many, many others. If you aren't already in love with the Athens music scene, this festival is bound to send you falling head over heels. At the very least, it will inspire you to move your feet.

2) Best Bicycle Race This Side of France: Twilight Criterium

Those in the know refer to this event as the most fun in Athens all year. At Twilight Criterium, hundreds of bicyclists race through downtown Athens right at dusk. Though the event essentially is a mammoth bicycle race, it truly is so much more. For the second year in a row, the University of Georgia Music Business Program's outdoor Jazz Festival will supplement the race. Attendance at this event regularly reaches the thirty thousands. Now in its 13th year, Twilight Criterium is the most uniquely fun event Athens has to offer, and it's a great place to catch some of the cyclists who eventually make it over to the Tour de France.

3) Best Film Festival This Side of Sundance: Robert Osburne's Classic Film Festival

Now in its fifth year, Robert Osburne's Classic Film Festival is a great excuse to broaden your vocabulary of classic films, or just revisit some of your old favorites. Osburne is the host of Turner Classic Movies and columnist for The Hollywood Reporter. Each year, he picks eight films that demonstrate classic cinema from the 1930s to the 1980s. Hosted at the Classic Center in downtown Athens, Robert Osburne's Classic Film Festival is further proof that Athens is a cultural hub of the Southeast and truly the “classic” city in more ways than one.

4) Best Potluck This Side of Super Bowl Sunday: Taste of Athens

Though more expensive than some of the other festivals (\$45 in advance), Taste of Athens is a wonderful excuse to sample the best food in Athens and beyond. The three-hour event raises money for Community Connection of Northeast Georgia. The event includes a silent auction as well as a chef competition modeled after the Food Network's "Iron Chef" program. Just as Athfest is to the local music scene, so is Taste of Athens to the local food scene. All the major local restaurants participate. Consider yourself a gourmand? This is the event for you.

5) Best Outdoor Concert Series This Side of Red Rocks: Sunflower Live Music Series at the Botanical Gardens

Summer in Athens is a wonderful time, and there is no better way to celebrate that fact than attending the Sunflower Concert Series at the Botanical Gardens right here in Athens. The concert series now includes four summer concerts—one each in June, July, August, and September—held on the International Garden lawn. Ticket prices include beverages and light snacks. If you're itching to actually experience the so called lazy days of summer, the Sunflower Live Music Series is a great way to relax, listen to good music, and soak in the beautiful foliage.

Local Historic Sites

1) Most Likely to Confuse You as to Why It's Historic: The Tree that Owns Itself

As one of the most historic spots in Athens, the Tree that Owns Itself, a large white oak, sits at the corner of Dearing and Finley Streets. Many years ago, Colonel W.H. Jackson executed a deed regarding the tree: "For and in consideration of the great love I bear this tree and the great desire I have for its protection for all time, I convey entire possession of itself and the land within eight feet of it on all sides."

The story of the tree appeared in the Athens Weekly Banner in 1890, and The Junior Ladies Garden Club has tended to the tree since 1946. The tree is visited frequently by tourists and known by local Athens residents. In 1942, the oak was over 100 feet tall and 15 feet around and, at that point, it fell as a result of high winds and rotting. The Junior Ladies Garden Club planted a son of the original Tree that Owns Itself in 1946.

2) The UGA Landmark: The Arch

The Arch of the University of Georgia serves as an entrance to UGA's North Campus and a beautiful historic landmark for all of downtown Athens to see. The legend is that if a student walks beneath the Arch during their freshman year, the student will never graduate. Some students take the legend so far that they refuse to walk beneath the Arch until graduation day.

The legend began in 1910 from UGA Alumnus Daniel Huntley Redfearn. Redfearn came from Florida with only a trunk, a suitcase, less than \$200 in his wallet,

and a determination to graduate. When he approached the gateway to the campus, he promised he would not walk beneath the wrought iron Arch until he graduated. Redfearn even stood by his word when a freshman ritual demanded he run beneath the Arch in his underwear with his classmates before the Georgia Tech football game; he ran with his classmates but around the Arch! One of Redfearn's professors found out about the promise and announced it his classes; thus the tradition began.

The Arch is modeled after the one on Georgia's seal. It represents Georgia's constitution, and the three columns represent wisdom, justice, and moderation. The Arch originally held heavy gates that closed off campus, but those were taken away around 1885. In 1946, two electric lights were added to the top of the Arch while it was moved six feet south, away from the street. Now the Arch is an emblem which serves as UGA's official logo and appears on UGA paraphernalia, business cards, T-shirts, stickers, and more.

3) Music to Your Ears: The Chapel Bell

The Chapel with its bell is one of the most "aesthetically pleasing" buildings in Athens. The Chapel was built in 1832, and it used to be the center of campus activities. Many years ago, students were required to attend daily religious services there, and assemblies and commencements were also held at the chapel. The bell tower originally sat on the Chapel's roof, but in 1913, it rotted and was removed. The bell was placed instead at the top of a wooden tower at the back of the Chapel. The bell rang at the beginning and end of classes and in emergencies.

Now, the bell rings mainly only at two times: at the end of UGA Bulldogs' athletic victories and other special occasions (usually graduation days which are flooded with students lined up to ring the bell).

The bell tower was taken down in spring 2008 for some much needed repairs. University officials were concerned that the tower holding the 700-pound bell since 1913 was not fully safe. In the summer of 2008, UGA physical plant workers built a sturdy replica of the bell tower and polished the 173-year-old bell. Both were installed in August 2008, just in time for the first UGA football game of the season.

4) A Garden Your Mother Would Die For: State Botanical Gardens, 2450 South Milledge Avenue, (706) 542-6130

Founded 40 years ago, the State Botanical Gardens is home to nature trails, tropical plants, specialty gardens, and a conservatory. Covering 312 acres, the Garden has four major facilities to support education programs and special events. On the five miles of nature trails, visitors can see small populations of birds and other wildlife. There are plenty of activities at the Botanical Gardens. With a café and various art forms to view, there is plenty to do in this nature wonderland. The Garden Gift Shop has great pieces for family and friends. Special events and concerts are often held at the Gardens including

law school formals in past years. Located just three miles from UGA's campus, visiting the Botanical Gardens is one of the best ways to de-stress as a law student!

Dog Friendly Venues

1) Most Dog Friendly Restaurant: Big City Bread, 393 Finley Street, (706) 353-0029

Located just two blocks behind downtown on Finley Street, this breakfast and lunch restaurant is known for having a host of dogs and its owners sitting on its patio. Big City Bread serves fresh baked breads, pastries, and cakes made in-house by its local owners. Bring your dog and sit under the beautiful elm trees on Big City's patio while enjoying their delicious Sunday brunch. You and your dog won't ever want to leave! Open daily 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2) Other Top Dog Friendly Restaurants:

Athens is an extremely dog friendly town, and most restaurants downtown with an outdoor space will not object to the inclusion of your well behaved dog. Some examples:

- **Mama's Boy**, 197 Oak Street, (706) 548-6249
- **DePalma's Italian Café**, 401 East Broad Street, (706) 354-6966
- **Transmetropolitan**, 145 East Clayton Street, (706) 613-8773
- **Amici Italian Café**, 233 East Clayton Street, (706) 353-0000
- **Taco Stand**, 247 East Broad Street, (706) 549-1446
- **Five Star Day Café**, 229 East Broad Street, (706) 543-8552

3) Best Dog Kennel/Groomer: Pawtropolis, 130 Whitetail Way Bogart, GA, 30622, (706) 227-7887

Pawtropolis is heaven on earth for your dog or cat, and as a law student, you may find it heaven on earth as well! Pawtropolis offers everything from doggie daycare (where your dog learns "social skills" and how to become potty trained) to dog boarding, grooming, dog supplies, doggie baths, and obedience classes. Pawtropolis offers a dog sitting service where sitters come to your house while you are away. It also offers a "Kitty City" area for cat lovers that need sitting services. Pawtropolis even provides adoption services if you are looking for a fuzzy creature. Located just past the Georgia Square Mall, Pawtropolis has everything your dog or cat needs.

4) Best Place to Lend a Hand to Abandoned Dogs: Athens Clarke County Animal Control, (706) 613 3540

With so many abandoned sweet puppies and dogs in Athens, Athens Animal Control has become the best place to adopt a pet or lend a helping hand. For only \$50, you can adopt an adorable puppy that needs a home. This cost includes vaccinations, de-worming, and a microchip so you can find your new companion if she ever gets lost! The Animal Shelter always needs volunteers, and it's a great way to de-stress during law

school. The Student Bar Association often volunteers at the Animal Shelter. Come with SBA and give back to the Classic City.

5) Best Off-Leash Dog Park: Memorial Park, 293 Gran Ellen Drive, (706) 613-3616

In the heart of Five Points, Memorial Park is a favorite for dog loving law students. The 72-acre park has a swimming pool, three-acre lake, a playground, and a walking trail called the Birchmore Trail. There is no cost to enter the park, and hours are 9 a.m. to dusk, daily. Grab your fellow law students and some doggie treats because your pups will love Memorial Park!

6) Best On-Campus Dog Park: UGA Intramural Fields, College Station Road, Across from UGA Health Center, (706) 542-5060

Here you will find an extensive network of trails on which you can run with your dog, as long as he or she is leashed. There is also a large designated off-leash area available for use. To access the dog park, follow the main road until it dead ends, then walk past the gate on the wide gravel trail until you see the off-leash area. If you keep going straight, you cannot miss it! This is an area that is usually slightly less crowded than Memorial Park and is primarily used by students. The area is open until dusk.

7) Best Dog Friendly Coffee Shop: Walker's, 128 College Avenue, (706) 543-1433; and Starbucks, 100 College Avenue, (706) 543-0114

Not only are these two coffee shops constantly filled with law students, they are also great for sharing a cup of joe with your dog. Both Walker's and Starbucks are located at the corner of Broad and College Streets in downtown and have patios for your dog to sit next to you while you study or enjoy a cup of coffee. While you read your torts book, your dog can people watch and enjoy the fresh air of Athens.

8) Top Three Pet Supply Stores:

Pet Supplies Plus, 191 Alps Road, Ste 15, (706) 353-0648

Pet Supplies Plus is a full service pet store. It is closest to campus and has everything your pet needs. You can even take your dog in with you, just in case you need their approval for a new toy or treat.

Mary's Tack Feed and Pet, 4860 Atlanta Highway, (770) 725-1977

Mary's is a more rustic, traditional pet store. Mary's contains many high quality items for dogs, horses, and other kinds of pets.

**Z Dog Bakery, Homewood Village Shopping Center, 2475 Jefferson Road,
(706) 354-1804**

Z Dog Bakery is truly a unique pet store. In addition to carrying dog food and other essential supplies, this store contains a bakery, offering various types of interesting dog treats. You can even order a “cake” decorated to your dog’s specifications!

Online Resources

1) Most Comprehensive Athens Guide: www.flagpole.com

The Flagpole is a free, weekly newspaper distributed around Athens at over 275 locations. The Flagpole contains comprehensive information on art, entertainment, music, politics, clubs, events, movies, and more. Found mainly in Athens, its thorough coverage can span nationally depending on the event or time.

Luckily for the non-locals, Flagpole has created a “Guide to Athens” (very similar, yet more all encompassing, to what you are currently reading). This print and online version covers every aspect of the Classic City from restaurants and bars to films, art, and lodging. The Flagpole writers are not just locals but also students; some are even law students. If you are in need of something to do in Athens, somewhere to go or some event to attend, just pick up a Flagpole (or log onto their web site) for a never ending list of possibilities in Athens.

2) Your Law School Headquarters: www.law.uga.edu

Once you enter law school, the Georgia Law homepage is no longer just a website for recruiting students—it’s a great source for everything you need for making it through your graduate education (and we aren’t joking). The “Student Resources” tab is filled with all sorts of information from class and exam schedules to transcript request forms to curriculum requirements and course descriptions. The same tab contains info on extracurricular activities, law school calendar of events, computer policies, and study abroad information. It seems you may never have a question about law school again! Well, maybe not...

3) The Second Best Online Athens Guide: www.visitathens.com

Athens Life Unleashed (ALU) is similar to Flagpole.com, with a bit more mainstream, yet still comprehensive, feel. The site is ideal for law students’ parents planning a visit or trying to find out everything about the Classic City. ALU has about eight pages devoted to the music scene in Athens, and another great section called “Meeting Planners” for those individuals looking to plan an event in Athens. You can also view ALU’s event calendar for what’s going on in Athens this month. The best part of ALU is their free guide to Athens which includes information about where to stay, where to eat, where to golf, where to shop, and info on spas, sports, transportation, and city tours!

4) Everything UGA Sports: www.georgiadogs.com

Athens is known for being a college town and along with that comes great sports. Georgiadogs.com contains everything a student needs for Bulldog sports. It provides team schedules, ticketing information, and up-to-date articles about how the Dawgs are doing. The site has streaming audio and video for most sports so you can take a break from studying to watch or listen in on your favorite Bulldog team. The website additionally has an online store to purchase jerseys and other apparel (saving you a trip to the bookstore).

5) Best (and only) Student Newspaper: The Red & Black www.randb.com

As UGA's official student run newspaper, The Red & Black was established in 1980. It provides daily news and stories for Athens citizens and UGA students regarding campus life, sports, national headlines, and more. But the paper goes beyond just the black and white; it is also published online and can provide the law student on-the-go with quick stories when needed. The Red & Black has a comprehensive classified section helping you search for apartments, jobs, roommates, cars, subleases, computers or tickets. In addition, the online paper has schedules and nightly specials for downtown hotspots and a picture gallery displaying people, sites, and scenes from around town.

6) Most Likely to Keep Your Butt In Shape While Sitting at the Computer: Ramsey Center Web site www.recsports.uga.edu

The Recreational Sports website is a comprehensive way to find out about all the programs, facilities, equipment, and services that the UGA's Ramsey Center offers. The site gives all the information needed for intramural sports including basketball, softball, flag football, wiffleball, volleyball, and more. The website also gives detailed info and schedules about their fitness programs, including indoor cycling, yoga, Pilates, martial arts, and numerous aerobics classes. The Ramsey website is key for knowing times and schedules for all your workout needs- and trust us, taking a break to workout is key to your law school routine.

Parks

1) Best Bike trails: North Oconee River Greenway and Park, 300 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, 205 Old Commerce Road, (706) 613-3615

The Greenway is a 3.5-mile long path and park. It links together local parks, neighborhoods, and community centers. The paths are concrete and 10 feet wide, allowing cyclists a safe ride. The Greenway also has an associated park just down MLK Parkway, which is great for throwing a Frisbee, walking your dog, or having a picnic.

2) Best Hiking Trails: State Botanical Gardens, 2450 South Milledge Avenue, (706) 542-6130

As mentioned in the Historical Sites section, the State Botanical Gardens are a prime spot for hiking trails. On the five miles of trails, hikers can see wildlife and gorgeous scenery. Although you won't be hiking Mt. Everest at the Gardens, the wildlife, gardens, and plants are beautiful. No other park in town can offer such great scenery while giving you a moderate hike.

3) Most Likely to Find Fireworks on the Fourth of July: Bishop Park, 705 Sunset Drive, (706) 613-3589

Bishop Park offers athletic fields, basketball courts, a gym, playground, seasonal swimming pools, and tennis courts (covered and uncovered). The park also has one walking trail and a picnic area. Bishop also has a seasonal farmer's market. Athens-Clarke County's youth sports teams play at Bishop so watch for crowded areas. Bishop Park is also the prime spot for Fourth of July fireworks in the summer time!

4) Most Comprehensive Park Location: Sandy Creek Park, 400 Bob Holman Road, (706) 613-3631

Sandy Creek Park is 782 acres of picnic sites, trails, horseback riding trails, swimming areas, and playgrounds. It also offers canoes, campsites, and sports equipment. The free enclosed dog park makes this park dog friendly! If you want to bring your large group to Sandy Creek, large pavilions, community buildings, and BBQ areas are also available. In 2006, Sandy Creek completed a disc golf course, the only one in the Athens area. Park entry is \$2.

5) Best Educational Center: Sandy Creek Nature Center, 205 Commerce Road, (706) 613-3615

Sandy Creek is an educational center which focuses on the local Athens environment. Covering 225 acres, Sandy Creek is known for local wildlife such as beavers and birds. Hiking trails pass through the nature center's wetlands and forests. Deeply embedded in the nature center are a 19th century log cabin and a brick factory that is over 100 years old. An approximate four-mile trail called Cook's Trail runs between Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park and connects to the North Oconee Greenway. Many classes and programs are held in the Environment, Natural Science, and Appropriate Technology Center (ENSAT). The ENSAT building houses interactive exhibits, live snakes, turtles, a science library, and a gift shop. Whether you are looking for some relaxation on a trail or a science program, Sandy Creek is your place!

Museums/Art Galleries/Dance Lessons

1) Best Place to Learn to Dance: Spicy Salsa, 420 East Clayton Street, (706) 424-1022

Held at The Library downtown, Spicy Salsa is a great way to move in ways you never thought possible. Spicy Salsa caters to groups and individuals with any level of experience. Spicy Salsa offers weekly lessons along with various events and performances throughout the year. Although the salsa is their specialty, be prepared to incorporate swing, salsa, merengue, bachata, and reggaeton into their fun and innovative dance moves!

2) Most Likely to See Student Designed Artwork: UGA Lamar Dodd School of Art Galleries, 270 River Road, (706) 542-0069

As one of the largest art programs in the nation, the Lamar Dodd School of Art is sure to give you diversity in perspectives, mediums, and pure talent. Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the gallery organizes a wide variety of exhibitions featuring various artists and media by season. A sampling of featured media includes drawings, paintings, ceramics, digital photography, fabric designs, and metalwork.

3) Best Place for Pottery Creations: Good Dirt, 510 B North Thomas Street, (706) 355-3161

Good Dirt is a place for individuals of all ages to make pottery on or off a wheel, create tiles, sculpt, glaze, and more. Specializing in workshops to try out the potter's wheel and then decorate what was created, you can easily create a masterpiece to take home. Once you've finished a creation of your own, you can view their gallery, where pottery from local and national studio potters is thoughtfully displayed. The Gallery is open from Wednesday to Saturday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is *the* gallery for finding unique pottery pieces.

4) Most Historic Performance Art Venue: Morton Theater, 195 West Washington Street, (706) 613-3770

The Morton Theatre was built in 1909-10 and was originally owned and operated by Monroe Morton. The theater, hosts performances by local and traveling groups and has been a venue for music videos by the B52s and R.E.M. The Morton Theater is also home to the Flagpole Athens Music Awards Show each year. In addition to its artistic roots, the theater offers Sunday church services and can hold up to 548 people for its performances.

5) Best Variety of Dance Performances: UGA Department of Dance, 263 Dance Building on campus, (706) 542-4415

The shows provided by UGA's Department of Dance are truly phenomenal. The department has many different companies including ballroom performance, ballet ensemble, and concert dance company. These shows are great for a night out, and tickets are usually free or affordably priced.

Everything Georgia Football

1) Best Football Web Site: A tie between www.georgiadogs.com and www.uga.rivals.com

For all things UGA sports related, www.georgiadogs.com is the place to go. From student tickets to volleyball and football news, Georgiadogs.com is the official website of the UGA Athletic Association. Georgiadogs.com is a free access Web Site.

For football and basketball news, www.uga.rivals.com has frequently updated articles and heavily populated message boards. Rivals.com is best known for recruiting information, but their football and basketball articles are second-to-none. Rivals.com is a monthly pay Web Site.

2) Best Place to Tailgate: North Campus Quad

North Campus is the place to be before game time. Space is first-come, first-serve. The Quad is close to the stadium, and hundreds of fans tailgating together guarantees a good time. The Student Bar Association always hosts a law school tailgate each home game weekend on the North Campus Quad, just in front of the Law Library. All law students are welcome, and it's bound to be a great event before you watch the Dawgs take the field!

3) Best Tailgate Food: Weaver D's

A local treasure in Athens, there is nothing better on a Saturday morning than soul food. Fried chicken, pork chops, and all the fixins are available in this restaurant, which is located on East Broad Street. See more information on Weaver D's in our Restaurant section.

4) Best Tailgate Attire:

It's commonplace at UGA for students to dress their best on gameday. Although some wear T-shirts, don't be surprised when you see girls decked out in red, black, or white dresses with complementing jewelry and guys in red or black polo shirts with khakis (that might even bear a Georgia "G" on them). We love to look good for our Dawgs!

George Gibson's, 1059 Baxter Street, (706) 548-4663

George Gibson's is the place to go for men's gameday gear. George Gibson's offers name brands including Austin Reed, Burberry, Lacoste, Ralph Lauren, Zanella, and Vineyard Vines. Gibson's prides itself on offering gameday "britches" and gameday polo shorts and vests. Gibson's even offers tuxedos rentals and wedding attire. A true Dawgs fan needs to check out George Gibson's before entering Sanford Stadium.

The Red Dress Boutique, 147 College Avenue, (706) 559-7488

As one of the newest Athens boutiques, Red Dress recently moved into its downtown location on College Avenue. Previously located on Baxter Street, the store has a wide variety of dresses, jeans, tops, skirts, and accessories that fit any girl's perfect gameday outfit. The customer service is wonderful, which makes your experience even better. Red Dress even offers formal gowns and jewelry and has a range of prices. A jewelry item at Red Dress can cost \$8 and a dress \$325. With the variety at Red Dress, a Georgia girl is bound to find great red & black attire for gameday.

5) A Must for Any New Dawg: Learning the UGA Traditions!

It's important to know the UGA traditions when you get to Athens. Saturdays are gamedays! Sanford Stadium is where the Dawgs play, and everyone knows the famous hedges that outline the field. Thus, when you hear announcers or fans say "Between the Hedges," they are talking about the field at Sanford. Also, at the beginning of every UGA football game, a trumpet player will play the battle hymn. For every kick off, students raise their hands, arms, caps, or pom-poms, while yelling "Gooooooooooooo." Once the ball has been kicked, the chant finishes with "Dawgs, Sic 'em, Woof Woof Woof." Another famous chant led by the Georgia Cheerleaders has one side of the stadium saying "Georgia," then the other side saying "Bulldogs." Lastly, at the start of the fourth quarter, all fans hold up four fingers to show team spirit for the last quarter. Don't forget to go ring the Chapel Bell on North Campus when the Dawgs win the game!

Miscellaneous

1) Best Dry Cleaner: One Price Dry Cleaning, 1300 Baxter Street, (706) 208-9761, and 1945 Barnett Shoals Road, (706) 543-6383

One Price Dry Cleaning is true to its name; not only is this the cheapest dry cleaning you will ever pay for, but it's also one of the highest quality with the best staff. The staff is so kind and caring about your clothes, and after years of service, their performance is on target every time. The only catch is that you must pay up front for your dry cleaning but, to have perfect dry cleaning, most individuals don't seem to mind.

2) Best Alterations Place: Thomas & Palmer Alterations, 1021 Baxter Street, #3, (706) 546-8829

A trustworthy alterations shop in Athens is truly hard to come by, but Thomas & Palmer handles your clothes with care. Started in 1978, the shop is run by two women doing alterations by themselves. We suggest you give yourself plenty of time before you need your garment back.

3) Best Shoe Repair: Alps Shoe Repair, 1078 Baxter Street, (706) 548-3477

This convenient shoe repair shop is the place to go when your shoes get you down. It's close to campus and the prices are reasonable. Hopefully those law school books are not weighing you down so much that you have to visit Alps Shoe Repair more than once!

4) Best Video Rental: Hollywood Video, 1860 Barnett Shoals Road # 12, (706) 548-0777; Blockbuster Video, 3190 Atlanta Highway #100, (706) 543-7133, and 1045 Gaines School Road, (706) 353-0083

Hollywood Video and Blockbuster are your typical video rental stores, but the locations of these are key in Athens. They are both placed next to other locations you use all the time. Hollywood and Blockbuster #1 are near Publix, Kroger, and various restaurants on the Eastside. Blockbuster #2 is on the Westside of town, also near another Publix and many restaurants. With such great locations, you don't feel as bad not jumping on the Netflix bandwagon!

5) Best Way to Recycle: ACC Recycling or Ramsey Center Recycling

If your apartment complex or housing arrangement does not offer recycling services, don't fret! There are many recycling centers around Athens, and they are very easy to find. The ACC Recycling Division's Web Site is www.acc-recycle.org, and you can use the site to find the closest center. There is a center located just behind downtown on the left when you are headed north on College Street towards Martin Luther King Jr. Additionally, another great recycling center is at the Ramsey Center; just bring your recycled goods with you when you go to work out. The recycling bin is right in the parking lot.

6) In Case of Emergencies: Athens Regional Medical Center, 1199 Prince Avenue, (706) 475-7000; St. Mary's Hospital, 230 Baxter Street, (706) 389-3930; and UGA Health Center, 370 River Road, (706) 542-1162

Athens has two wonderful hospital facilities, and UGA's Health Center offers various services for non-emergency needs. Athens Regional is located just down Prince Avenue, and St Mary's Hospital is located on Baxter Street before Alps Road. UGA's Health Center has an impressive facility that has been remodeled to provide more efficient care. The Center provides many services ranging from acute care, women's

clinic, physical therapy, allergy clinic, dental clinic, and a dermatology clinic. No matter what your medical needs, there is no need to travel home to find a medical professional to serve you.

7) Best Bowling Alley: King Pin Bowl & Brew, 2451 Jefferson Road, (706) 546-4746

This unique bowling alley offers bowling, beer, and food seven days a week. King Pin also offers arcade games and live music and will host private parties of all types. King Pin is only two miles from downtown off Prince Avenue and is a fun way to spend a night off from studying. For the avid bowler, Kingpin also offers bowling leagues.

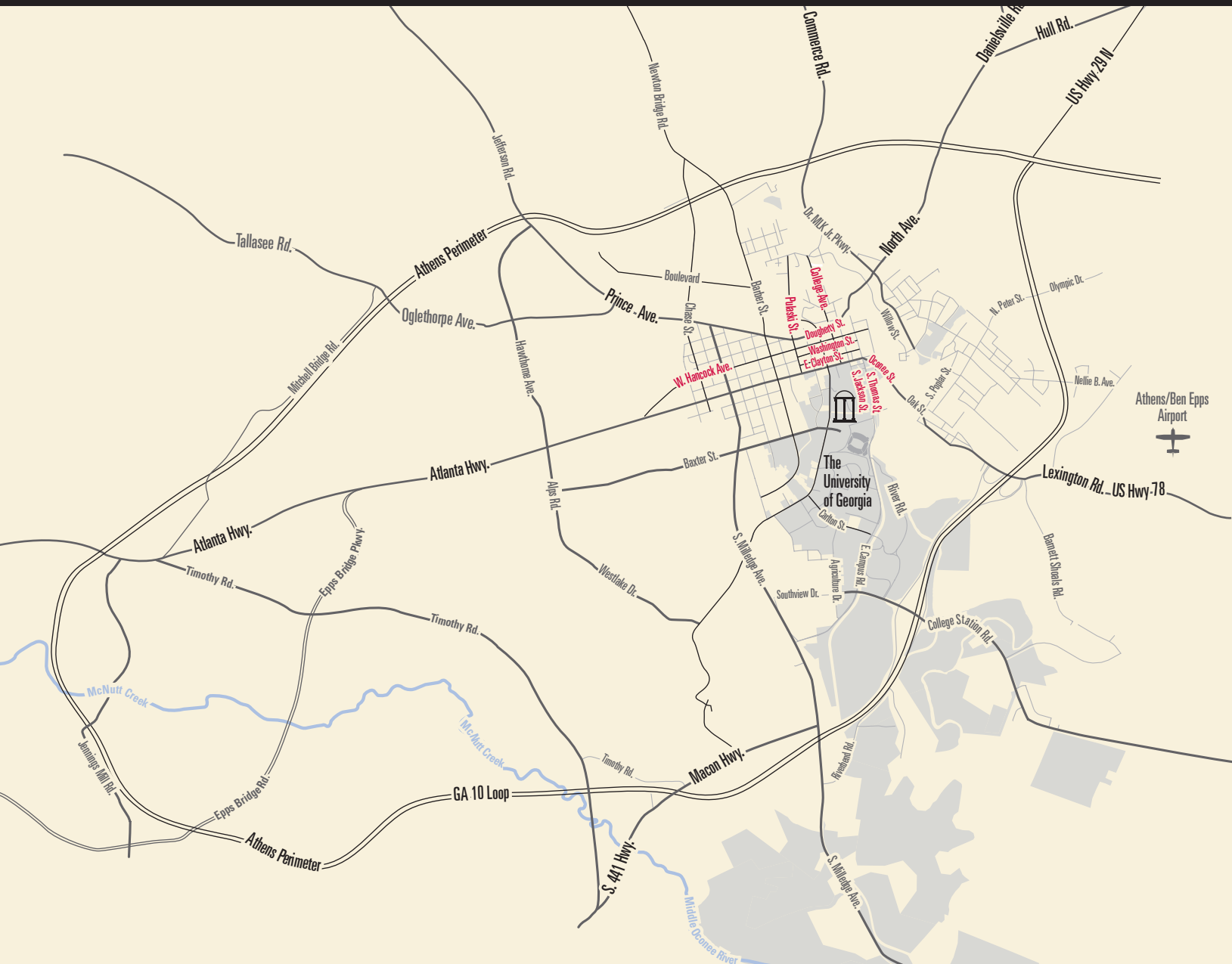


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