Awards Day
April 14, 2020
Message from the Dean

Dear Law School Community,

Each year I look forward to Awards Day as it provides an occasion to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and faculty. I regret that in these unusual times we are unable to gather together in person to recognize the award winners, but the hard work of those listed on the following pages cannot be overshadowed.

While the world has entered an unprecedented time that has no doubt caused great worry, our student body remains resilient, connected and focused on the task at hand. I am so proud of that hard work and am excited to celebrate the 2020 Awards Day recipients through this virtual forum.

As always, I am grateful to be a part of a community as strong as ours and am cheering for each of you.

Sincerely,

Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge
Dean & Herman E. Talmadge Chair of Law
Student Awards

Order of the Coif
Order of Barristers
Attorneys Title Guaranty Award for Excellence in the Study of Real Estate Law
Georgia Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student Award
National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student Award
Julian McDonnell Award for Excellence in the Study of Commercial Law
American Bankruptcy Institute Medal
State Bar of Georgia Environmental Law Section Student Award
John C. O’Byrne Award for Excellence in the Study of Taxation
State Bar of Georgia Tax Section Outstanding Student Award
Verner F. Chaffin Award for Excellence in the Study of Fiduciary Law
Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Willis J. "Dick" Richardson, Jr., Award for Excellence in Georgia Practice and Procedure
Shelley D. Knox Award for Outstanding Public Interest Student
Ellen Jordan Award for Outstanding Public Interest Student
Kerry Harike Joedecke Memorial Award for Excellence: Outstanding Moot Court Board Member
Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn, and Dial Award for Outstanding Moot Court Advocate
Outstanding Prosecutorial Clinic Student
Outstanding Legal Defense Clinic Student
Edward J. Henning Award for Excellence in Dispute Resolution
The Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Custer-Tuggle Award for Excellence in Family Law
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Law School Alumni Association Award for Highest Academic Average, Class of 2020 & 2021
Order of the Coif

Wade H. Barron  Jennifer L. Cotton  Curtis Lockaby  Margaret Roberts

Lauren E. Brown  Robert Daily  Erin Munger  Alexander H. Weathersby

John T. Cagigas  Lauren N. Giambalvo  Joseph Natt  Brooke White

Megan E. Cambre  Thomas P. Grantham  Sarah Quattrocchi  Lindsey Bunting Woodard

Shummi R. Chowdhury  Robert H. Harrison  William D. Riddle  Phillips Workman
Order of Barristers

Sonya O. Eboigbe  Haley J. Hudler  Jonathan Kaufman  John Lex Kenerly IV
Adeline Kenerly Lambert  William Ortiz  Sarah Rosenhoover  Joseph H. Stuhrenberg
Justin Van Orsdol  Spencer D. Woody
**Attorneys Title Guaranty Fund Award for Excellence in the Study of Real Estate Law**

*John Miller*
Class of 2021

“Mr. Miller is a leader in providing learning opportunities for the Law School community about real estate law. He intends to work in Georgia as a real estate attorney after graduation.”

Lisa Milot, Associate Professor of Law & Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills Director

*Cullen Threlkeld*
Class of 2021

“Mr. Threlkeld is dedicated to the practice of real estate law. He has a breadth of experience with both residential and commercial real estate transactions in Georgia.”

Lisa Milot, Associate Professor of Law & Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills Director

**Georgia Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student Award**
University of Georgia School of Law Nominee

*Mandi Goodman*
Class of 2020

Under the leadership of Shivani Patel and Mandi Goodman, the Women Law Students Association thrived. They both led initiatives to promote and educate students about female leadership and gender equity in the legal field.

Mandi led in planning the 2019 and 2020 Edith House Lecture, the lecture series highlighting female legal scholars and practitioners. Shivani used an innovative approach to educating her peers through professor round tables, panels, and public service was truly remarkable. I am confident both Shivani and Mandi will continue to lead the way for women lawyers as they enter their legal careers.

- Morgan Tickerhoof, Law School Student Affairs Professional

*Shivani Patel*
Class of 2020

**National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student Award**
University of Georgia School of Law Nominee
**Julian McDonnell Award for Excellence in the Study of Commercial Law**

![Image of Julian McDonnell]

**Named for Professor McDonnell, who joined the University of Georgia School of Law faculty in 1972 to teach contracts and commercial law, this annual award is presented to an outstanding student in the field of commercial law within the School of Law.**

**John Dustin Hawkins, Jr.**
Class of 2020

**American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence**

The American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence is awarded to the student selected by faculty as the top bankruptcy student. The recipient has performed the greatest in bankruptcy courses, achieved other recognition through a professional project, and/or is dedicated to improving bankruptcy laws.

![Image of Gretchen Edelman]

**Gretchen Edelman**
Class of 2020

**State Bar of Georgia Environmental Law Section Student Award**

“Chris has excelled in the environmental law curriculum he’s taken under my direction this academic year and he has gone way beyond the pale in terms of assignments for both of those classes. He’s also undertaking volunteer work on a couple of additional env’tal cases. As a first year last year, he re-energized and grew the Environmental Law Association, worked with the administration to secure additional environmental law classes and he led the student team in putting on an outstanding Red Clay Conference this year. I also understand from other profs that he’s done exceedingly well in other subjects relevant to an Environmental Law practice.”

- Laurie Fowler, Environmental Practicum Director, UGA River Basin Center Director for Policy and Odum School of Ecology Director of Public Service and Outreach

**Christopher J. Bertrand**
Class of 2021
John C. O'Byrne Award for Excellence in the Study of Taxation

“Caroline has taken two of my tax classes — Federal Income Tax and Timing Concepts opf Federal Income Tax. She excelled in each of those classes. Caroline is an excellent student in general, she works hard, participates in class and does very well on final exams. In addition, I supervised her law review note, which was on a tax topic and it was chosen for publication.”

- Camilla Watson, Ernest P. Rogers Chair of Law

State Bar of Georgia Tax Section Outstanding Student Award

“Regarding Paul Scott, he has taken 5 tax courses at UGA Law, which I think is the maximum amount he could possibly have taken and the most of any 3L, and he performed excellent in all of them.”

- Gregg Polsky, Francis Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law

Verner F. Chaffin Award for Excellence in the Study of Fiduciary Law

The Verner F. Chaffin Award is presented to the students of excellence in the study of Fiduciary Law, perpetuating the name of Dr. Chaffin as a standard of excellence in the study and practice of fiduciary law.

Amy E. Shehan
Class of 2020

Brianna G. Taylor
Class of 2020
Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Willis J. "Dick" Richardson, Jr., Award for Excellence in Georgia Practice and Procedure

The Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Willis J. "Dick" Richardson, Jr., Award for Excellence in Georgia Practice and Procedure is presented to the outstanding student in the Georgia Practice and Procedure course within the School of Law.

Wade H. Barron
Class of 2019

Shelley D. Knox Award for Outstanding Public Interest Student

“This year’s committee chose Andrea Aldana for the Shelley D. Knox Award because of her clear commitment to public service, evidenced in her dedication to public interest work in the summer months as well as during the school year with Athens Peer Court.”

- Shelley D. Knox Award
Student Selection Committee

Andrea G. Aldana
Class of 2020

Ellen Jordan Award for Outstanding Public Interest Student

The Ellen R. Jordan Public Interest Law Award is presented to the rising or past graduate of the Law School who has best demonstrated both exceptional accomplishment in and commitment to Public Interest Law through public interest activities in the Law School community and beyond.

Olivia Bowman
Class of 2020
Kerry Harike Joedecke Memorial Award for Excellence:
Outstanding Moot Court Board Member

Addison Smith
Class of 2020

The Kerry Harike Joedecke Memorial Award for Excellence Outstanding Moot Court Board Member is awarded to a third-year member of the Moot Court Board within the law school who has the greatest overall contribution to both the Moot Court Program and Law School community through unselfish service, academic achievement and strength of character.

Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn, and Dial, LLP Award for Outstanding Mock Trial Advocate

Amelia C. Stevens
Class of 2020

Georgia L. Turner
Class of 2020

Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial, LLC extends our wholehearted congratulations to Amelia Stevens and Georgia Turner, the 2020 recipients of the Outstanding Mock Trial Advocate and Outstanding Moot Court Advocate awards. Graduates of the UGA School of Law are some of the very best legal minds entering the profession. We are therefore grateful to be able to sponsor these awards, which set apart the cream of the crop of advocacy in our state and, in our opinion, the nation. Weinberg Wheeler is proud of its national reputation for outstanding trial advocacy and its support of students committed to the pursuit of excellence in the courtroom. We are glad to have the opportunity to encourage and spotlight these outstanding students who have shown their skills in the courtroom, and we wish them success in their legal careers. Congratulations, Amelia and Georgia!

Josh S. Wood, Partner, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial, LLC
University of Georgia, B.A., magna cum laude 2006
Phi Beta Kappa
University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., 2010
Order of the Coif
**Outstanding Prosecutorial Clinic Student**

Connor W. Dooley  
Class of 2020

Landon M. Fogle  
Class of 2020

“Connor Dooley and Landon Fogle have both demonstrated a commitment to the field of prosecution, working in prosecution placements throughout their law school career. Landon completed a felony jury trial in his office (Athens-Clarke County District Attorney) and Connor led his office (Barrow County District Attorney) in preparing for a complex appellate issue with which very few prosecutors in the state are familiar.

In addition to the outstanding work in their placements, the required reports submitted by both students were consistently timely and thorough. Lastly, they both regularly contributed to our discussions in class.” 

-Melissa Redmon, Assistant Clinical Professor and Prosecutorial Justice Program Director

**Outstanding Legal Defense Clinic Student**

William J. Blount  
Class of 2020

“Will Blount - hardworking, very smart, does great research, thorough investigations and review of discovery, and is always available and willing to do assignments or court appearances!”

– Imani Carter, Assistant Public Defender, Western Judicial Circuit  
University of Georgia School of Law,  
J.D. Class of 2015
Edward J. Henning Award for Excellence in Dispute Resolution

“The Edward J. Henning Award for Excellence in Dispute Resolution is awarded by the Atlanta Bar Association’s Dispute Resolution Section to a law student at each of Georgia’s law schools who best exemplifies excellence in dispute resolution. UGA’s winner for 2020 is Daniel Goeckel. Daniel is being honored for his work in the Mediation Clinic, where he mediated cases in Athens Clarke County Magistrate Court for three semesters.

Daniel helped spearhead and develop a pilot program to mediate cases in university housing and he has served as a trusted mentor to other clinic students. Ed Henning, a UGA Law graduate (double dawg), is considered one of mediation's founding fathers in Georgia, and Daniel Goeckel is well-deserving of this honor for his commitment to the art and science of dispute resolution.”

- Eleanor C. Lanier, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning, Clinical Professor and Director, Mediation Practicum

The Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Custer-Tuggle Award for Excellence in Family Law

“The Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, is honored to present Anne Reynolds with the Custer-Tuggle Award of Excellence for the year 2020. This is the twentieth year this Award has been given, and is presented to Miss Reynolds in recognition of her achievements in the study of Family Law. Larry Custer and Joe Tuggle brought great credit to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and to the Board itself. They were the types of lawyers who give practitioners in our field a good name.

On behalf of the Georgia Chapter of the Academy, we wish Miss Reynolds a long and successful career.”

- The Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Daniel Goeckel
Class of 2020

Anne Reynolds
Class of 2020
Ronald Carlson Award for Excellence in the Study of Evidence

Evidence law dramatically impacts both trials and appeals. Appellate lawyers keenly appreciate the need for a comprehensive evidentiary record when arguing an appeal. At UGA, our appellate program is under the guidance of an outstanding director who understands the value of evidence advocacy in both trials and appeals. This translates to the students through competitions, and our UGA student boards are an essential component.

Here is where the dedicated service of Victoria Barbino comes in. Her work as Chair of the Moot Court board represents the best in student volunteerism. Doubtless her interest in advocacy was spurred by her work as a litigation associate in New York in a class action which complained about lead poisoning of children. Tori’s exemplary law school citizenship is also illustrated by her service as President of the Student Bar Association and as a talented member of the Lumpkin Inn of Court.

- Ronald L. Carlson, Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law Emeritus

Victoria H. Barbino
Class of 2020

Ronald Carlson Rising Advocate Award

This award recognizes a 2L student who exhibits skills in advocacy as well as developing an excellent record of law school citizenship. Cameron Keen displayed a promising future as an advocate during his moot court and closing argument presentations. His contact with the litigation process was enhanced when he served as an intern with U.S. District Judge Lisa Godbey Wood, and will be furthered when he serves as an extern with the Hon. Nels Peterson, Supreme Court of Georgia, commencing in August.

His record of service includes prior service as President of University of Georgia Student Government Association when he was in college. He continued that approach while in law school. Cameron presently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law.

- Ronald L. Carlson, Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law Emeritus

Cameron Keen
Class of 2021
Class of 1933 Torts Law Awards: Sections X, Y, and Z

The Class of 1933 Torts Law Award was established in 1968 as a memorial to the University of Georgia Law Class of 1933. It is awarded to first year student in each section for excellence in the study of torts law.

Donald P. Gilmore, Jr., Memorial Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law

The Donald P. Gilmore, Jr., Memorial Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law recognizes the student who demonstrates, through their enrollment in and outstanding performance in the Labor and Employment Law curriculum, superior potential as a practitioner or scholar in the field of Labor and Employment Law.

Georgia Municipal Association Municipal Corporations Award

“The study of the municipal law allows practitioners to explore a wide variety of interesting and novel legal topics but often is not as glamorous as some other areas of the law. Today, in the current public health crisis afflicting our entire world, we are seeing local governments have to step up and explore legal issues that are new, unique, and unprecedented. The Georgia Municipal Association sponsors this award because in normal and crisis times, municipal attorneys help keep city government functional and students with an interest in helping society function smoothly should be acknowledged and recognized.”

- Georgia Municipal Association
William King Meadow Award

“Charles is the person that gets to know every single person and can always find a way to make their day better. In his last three years at Georgia Law, Charles has advocated for change at the law school and has done so much for diversity and minority interests across the law school. He is truly a great advocate, attorney, person, and an even better friend.”

- Shivani Patel, Class of 2020

“From the dean down to every administrative position, no matter how small or out of sight, Charles seems to be on a first name basis with everyone. There hasn’t been a time when we have walked to lunch where Charles hasn’t greeted someone I have never met before. He brings good humor and happy moments to everyone he interacts with, and is a fine choice for the William K. Meadow Award.

- Bryce Bailey, Class of 2020

Dan MacDougald Memorial Award for First Honor Graduate

The Dan MacDougald Memorial Award was established in 1953 to honor the memory of Dan MacDougald. Each year, the award is given to the first honor graduate of the School of Law.

Isaac Meinhard Award for Highest Academic Average

In addition to having the highest academic average in the Class of 2019, Wade Barron served on the editorial board for the Georgia Law Review and in the Appellate Litigation Clinic.

Law School Alumni Association Award for Exceptional Diligence and Dedication in the Study of Law, Class of 2019 & 2020

Jared Koebble
Class of 2019

Carter Tilashalski
Class of 2020

Nicholas A. Mugge
Class of 2020

Law School Alumni Association Award for Highest Academic Average, Class of 2020 & 2021

Jason N. Sigalos
Class of 2021

Wade H. Barron
Class of 2019
**Message from the Associate Deans**

Dear Faculty,

Whether it is their first cold call by Professor Burch, first client intake interview with Professor Gabriel, or the legal writing "tip of the day" from Professor Hale, students at UGA Law report high levels of satisfaction with their overall educational experience compared to students at other institutions. Our students recognize that they receive a great legal education and they appreciate the faculty who make that possible. Teaching awards recognize faculty members who challenge and inspire students to grow intellectually, professionally, and ethically.

Faculty are not selected for these awards by accident; recognition by the student body represents the culmination of countless hours of careful preparation, dedicated instruction and supportive mentoring. We join with our students in celebrating these colleagues who have poured themselves into carrying out their calling as legal educators.

Sincerely,

Associate Deans of the Law School

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**Randy Beck**  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Justice Thomas O. Marshall Chair of Constitutional Law

**Eleanor C. Lanier**  
Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning  
& Mediation Clinic Director

**Elizabeth Weeks**  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development & Charles H. Kirbo Chair in Law
Faculty Awards

Faculty Marshals
Outstanding Legal Research or Writing Professor
Student Bar Association Professionalism Award
John C. O’Byrne Memorial Award for Significant Contributions
Furthering Student-Faculty Relations
Eleanor C. Lanier Award for Excellence in Clinical Education
C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching
**Faculty Marshals**

“The first time I saw Professor Coenen walk into the classroom, I remember being terrified and praying that he would not call on me. However, as the semester continued, I realized that he really cared about each and every one of his students. He challenged us in class to become better attorneys and better people. He reminded us to be good people and treat others with kindness, and he truly wanted us to learn. So many great memories were formed with Professor Coenen... from him having us over to his home so we could all get to know one another and support one another to him writing a poem with all of our names in it for the last day of Contracts. I can’t think of a better faculty marshal to represent our class. Thank you for everything. (P.S. Professor Coenen, hoping you find that green tie)”

- Shivani Patel, Class of 2020

“Professor Mayson joined UGA Law as a faculty member at the same time that the Class of 2020 joined UGA Law as students in the fall of 2017. Our class immediately realized that she was a special professor; few possess the combination of professionalism, academic intensity, and genuine care for the success of students that Professor Mayson has constantly exhibited toward us over the past three years. Professor Mayson, thank you for urging all of us toward academic excellence, while setting the highest example of how to conduct yourself as an attorney and a human being. The pedigree and culture of Georgia Law have both been immensely improved by your presence. There is no more deserving recipient of the Class of 2020 Faculty Marshal Award”

- Jack Donlon, Class of 2020

**Outstanding Legal Research or Writing Professor**

“Congratulations on winning the Outstanding Legal Writing Professor Award. You are an amazing Professor who always puts your students first. When we first started your class, we were bright-eyed 1Ls who knew nothing. By the time we finished, we had all the tools we needed to begin a successful legal career as aspiring lawyers. Thank you for always being available to us. Thank you for the tough love and hard lessons. We are prepared to take on the world ... and it’s all thanks to you.”

- Amber Greenaway and Sydney Hamer, Class of 2020
Student Bar Association Professionalism Award

“Everyday I would walk in to see Professor Brown, with his microphone on, starting the second class was supposed to—never late—and lecturing with unwavering eye contact. Everyday he demanded excellence of us. And everyday, he demanded that same excellence in his own teaching. I recently sat talking with a 1L, 2L, and myself a 3L about Lonnie Brown’s courses. What we loved about them, and him, is not the rigor of the course or his passion for the material—it’s his pursuit of excellence and that the demands we pursuit it as well.”

- Gretchen Edelman, Class of 2020

“Professor Brown’s dedication and charismatic teaching abilities have allowed him to create a course that engages students to think critically about ethics in a way that is both entertaining and intriguing. Moreover, Professor Brown serves as a positive example of ethical conduct that all students and practitioners should aspire to emulate. Congratulations, Professor Brown!”

- Justin Van Orsdol, Class of 2020

John C. O’Byrne Memorial Award for Significant Contributions Furthering Student-Faculty Relations

“Sandy Mayson’s commitment is best illustrated by the fun and interactive environment she has created at the University of Georgia School of Law. Her unbridled enthusiasm for learning and distinguished expertise bolster her ability as an educator and make Point Allocation for her classes that much more competitive. Besides being a stellar professor, Mayson is an even better human being. She is kind, funny, and passionate, and if more people were like her, the world would be a better place.”

- Erin McGonigle Class of 2020

“While I had to wait to take my first class with Professor Mayson until Fall of my 2L year, she had already gained a reputation as an amazing professor—yes, tough, but knowledgeable and always finding fun and interesting ways to convey the material to her students. Let us never forget her interactive Evidence hypos. Professor Mayson’s passionate, empathetic, and energetic demeanor is what makes her one of the best professors, and I, for one, am so thankful for her mentorship.”

- Lindsey Hughes, Class of 2020
Eleanor C. Lanier Award for Excellence in Clinical Education

“Nobody dedicates their time to the development of students’ practical skills like Professor Morgan. I cannot count how many times I have asked my classmates if Professor Morgan was a superhero that required no sleep. I am incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from her. Congratulations!”

- Andrew Klemm, Class of 2020

“Professor Carol Morgan has been such a strong advocate for clinical learning and advancement. Her commitment to students in the corporate counsel arena is unmatched and truly appreciated. Thank you Professor Morgan for all that you have contributed to my peers and I through the years.”

- Joy Bonner, Class of 2020

I am so excited and honored that Professor Carol Morgan won the inaugural Eleanor C. Lanier Excellence in Clinical Education Award. I cannot think of a more worthy recipient. She is an excellent and organized communicator and I have learned so much from her. Way to go, students, for recognizing her!

- Eleanor C. Lanier, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning Clinical Professor and Director, Mediation Practicum

C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching

“Caring. Reliable. Respected. It was her inaugural semester as a full-time Professor and our first semester of law school. But, from day one of Criminal Law, Professor Mayson showed Section Z how much she cared about her students’ success. Professor Mayson did not just talk about wanting her students to succeed, she showed it, and her actions made her respected amongst the Georgia Law student body.”

- Addison Smith, Class of 2020

“Professor Mayson is far too humble to brag on herself, so I’ll gladly do it for her. She is an extraordinary professor. She always goes the extra mile to create a fun and engaging classroom environment; there was never a dull day in either of the classes I took with her. She pushes her students to think critically and creatively. Beyond being an extraordinary professor, she is an equally (if not) extraordinary person. Professor Mayson, I speak for the Class of 2020 when I say that it was an honor and a joy to be taught by you. Thank you for everything you’ve given us. We’ll miss you. And remember: always keep the receipts”

- Caroline Melton, Class of 2020