Class of 2016
3L & LLM Class Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
12:30 p.m.
Walker Room

Class Officers:

President: JD Howard (jdhoward@uga.edu)
Vice President: Hari Narayanan (hnarayan@uga.edu)

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Requirements for Graduation

You must satisfy the following requirements to be awarded the JD degree:*
  o Successful completion of 88 credit hours **
  o Final GPA of a 2.0 or higher
  o Completion of the Advanced Writing Requirement. This is a 30 page paper completed either through a course or a Supervised Research. The Professor’s certification must be turned in to the Law Registrar’s Office prior to graduation.
  o Completion of a Practical Skills course. You must have taken at least one of the following courses:

  - Advanced Trial Practice
  - Advanced Writing Seminar: Appellate Practice
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
  - Anatomy of a M&A Deal
  - Appellate Advocacy
  - Appellate Litigation Clinic I
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  - Community Health Law Partnership Clinic
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  - Life Cycle of a Corporation
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  - Mediation Practicum II
  - Patent Prosecution & Procedure
  - Prosecutorial Clinic II
  - Public Interest Practicum
  - Summer Externship
  - Trial Practice
  o Completion of The Law and Ethics of Lawyering, Constitutional Law I, and Property.
**Importance of the 3L Degree Audit:** Toward the end of your 3L Fall semester, the Law Registrar’s office will print a degree audit for all upcoming May graduates. **Make sure you come by the Law Registrar’s Office to pick it up!** This audit will enable you and the Law Registrar to go over your transcript and ensure you are on track to graduate in the Spring.

**Joint** degree students need to check with the Law Registrar about credit hour requirement.

**Graduation with Honors**
Honors are bestowed on the following basis:
- top 2% of each graduating class will be awarded the degree summa cum laude;
- the next 8.5% of the class will be awarded the degree magna cum laude;
- the next 37.5% of the class will be awarded the degree cum laude.

**Bar - Character and Fitness**
Sally Lockwood will visit the campus to discuss the Character and Fitness form for Georgia. Please attend this meeting. She can give you vital information as well as answer any questions you may have.

Once you have submitted your Character and Fitness form, you are still required to disclose any adverse activities or academic punishments. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to meet with the Law Registrar.

**Certification of Graduation for Bar**
The Law School Registrar will certify your graduation to the Georgia Bar. All graduates are automatically certified for Georgia. If you plan to take the Bar in another state, you must notify the Law School Registrar and submit the forms required by that state bar.

**Final Transcript for Bar**
Your final, official transcript will not be available until the end of July. The Certificate of Graduation allows you to sit for the Bar, but you must have your final transcript submitted before you can be sworn in. **The final transcript for the Bar (any state Bar) must come from the UGA Registrar's Office.** Do not request this from the Law School, and do not assume it will be automatically sent. Instructions for requesting this transcript are available at [http://www.reg.uga.edu/transcripts](http://www.reg.uga.edu/transcripts).

**Don’t Forget…..**
- To update your address and phone number in **ATHENA**.
- Your diploma will be mailed from the UGA Registrar’s Office, so make sure your name is correct with them. They will pull your information from ATHENA to print the diploma.
- If you have any flags or owe any money to UGA (i.e. parking tickets, library fines, health services fees), take care of these before you graduate! Any of these things will prevent you from getting your diploma and/or final transcript.
Remember, it is your responsibility to make certification of your writing requirement has been submitted to the Law Registrar’s Office. You CANNOT graduate until this is on file.

Make your life, the Professor’s, and the Law Registrar’s less stressful by having everything turned in on time. If you are completing your writing requirement, please do not submit it the day prior to graduation. Remember, the professor has to read it and certify it meets the advanced writing requirement standards.
BAR EXAM INFORMATION

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Sally Lockwood, Director of the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners, will come to discuss the application and review process for character and fitness, required for all takers of the bar exam. All 2016 graduates should plan to attend - the information is helpful to those seeking bar admission in other states as well.

Any who wish to schedule individual sessions for questions may do so in Symplicity.

Ms. Lockwood will return, along with one of the Bar Examiners, to review both the procedures for the bar exam as well as the writing and grading process.

As with the fall session, this information is helpful to those students planning to take bar exams in states other than Georgia.

HOW TO LOCATE BAR EXAM INFORMATION:

The National Conference of Bar Examiners site: [http://www.ncbex.org/](http://www.ncbex.org/) provides links to each state’s official Bar Exam site. Also available, descriptions of:

- the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE),
- the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE),
- the Multistate Performance Test (MPT),
- the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE),
- and the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE).


As you review bar admissions information:

1. *Assume nothing* - each state may have different deadlines, fees and procedures.
2. In some states, exam takers must pass character and fitness prior to registering for (and taking) the bar exam.
3. In other states, exam takers sit for the exam before passing character and fitness.
4. Others may combine deadlines or overlap processes.
5. Deadlines vary from state to state, and some have discounted fees for early registration.

CHECK EARLY TO LEARN ABOUT REQUIREMENTS IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS. *They all have one thing in common: they never waive deadlines.*
Jurisdiction Information
Select a jurisdiction from the drop-down menu for a summary of bar admission information specific to that jurisdiction and contact information for its bar admission agency.

Bar Admission Guide
Comprehensive information on bar admission requirements in all U.S. jurisdictions, including a directory of state bar admission agencies.

ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN GEORGIA

Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia is a two-step process that requires the submission of two separate applications with separate deadlines and fees.*

1. Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia;
2. Bar Examination Application.

An applicant must receive Certification of Fitness to Practice Law to be eligible to submit a Bar Examination Application.

*Petition and fitness applications for Admission on Motion are not subject to filing deadlines.
Fitness Application Filing Deadlines

By the appropriate filing deadline published below, the following two (2) items must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions:

Note: Applicants for Admission on Motion without Examination and Foreign Law Consultant applicants do not have a specific deadline; however your Fitness Application is not complete until all of the following two (2) items are received in the Office of Bar Admissions.

1. Your APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW must be submitted online. All answers must be complete and your application must be successfully submitted online. Your Authorization and Release and Continuing Application forms will be submitted as part of your Fitness Application.

2. Your FILING FEE must be received. Credit Card Payment, Money Order, or and Cashier’s Check (payable to the Office of Bar Admissions) must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline.

U.S. Postal Service postmarking by the deadline is not accepted as timely receipt.

Warning! Fitness Applications submitted to the Office of Bar Admissions without submission of ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE BY THE STATED DEADLINE will NOT be accepted.

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See Part A, Section 4 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law

Deadlines that fall on an official State Holiday have been extended to the next business day.

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Regular Fitness Application Filing Deadline

Fitness Applications filed by the regular filing deadline must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. For a complete explanation of regular filing deadlines see Part A, Section 4(a) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.

Final Fitness Application Filing Deadline

*Fitness Applications filed between the regular filing deadline and the final filing deadline must be accompanied by a regular filing fee plus a $400 late filing fee. For a complete explanation of the late filing deadline see Part A, Section 4(b) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.

Withdrawal

The Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia provide at Part A, Section 5:

"With the exception of the Application for Certification of Fitness filed for Admission on Motion pursuant to Part C, Section 4(a), provided a request in writing for withdrawal of his or her Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is filed within 15 work days of receipt of the application by the Office of Bar Admissions, the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants shall refund 2/3 of the filing fee paid by the applicant; provided however, that no part of the late filing fees described in Section 4, above, may be refunded."

In order to request a refund of 2/3 of your fitness application filing fee, a written withdrawal must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions within 15 work days of receipt of the application by the Office of Bar Admissions. Your withdrawal may be submitted via email to Flora Thompson at thompsonf@gasupreme.us or via U.S. Mail to:

Flora Thompson  
Office of Bar Admissions  
244 Washington Street, SW  
Suite 440  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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Fitness Application Filing Fees

A filing fee is required when submitting the Fitness Application. See Part A, Section 4(a) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.

Fees may be paid online by credit card (VISA or MasterCard) at the time you submit your application; or you may submit a Money Order or Bank Cashier’s Check made payable to the Office of Bar Admissions. Cash, personal checks or business checks are not accepted.

Regular fees and late fees may be combined in one Money Order. Applications are not considered filed until all required fees have been paid.

Note: Credit Card payments and Money orders and cashier’s checks must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:30 p.m. on the Filing Deadline.

Your Applications for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is not considered timely filed unless all of the required items are received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:30 p.m. on the Filing Deadline.

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Applicants for Admission on Motion without Examination and Foreign Law Consultant applicants do not have a specific deadline; however your Fitness Application is not complete until all of the **required items** are received in the Office of Bar Admissions.

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NOTE: IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR FITNESS APPLICATION, PAYMENT OF A LATE FEE DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE ISSUED CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS.

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**Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines**

The Bar Examination Application is available only to applicants who hold a valid [Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia](https://www.baradmissions.org/certification). If your Application for Certification of Fitness is pending, then you are not yet eligible to submit a Bar Examination Application.

In order sit for the Georgia Bar Examination, you must submit a [Bar Examination Application](https://www.baradmissions.org/exam) to the Board of Bar Examiners. All Bar Examination Applications must be submitted online and the appropriate filing fee(s) must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions on or before 4:30 p.m. on the posted Bar Examination Application Filing Deadline. **U.S. Postal Service postmarking by the deadline is not accepted as timely receipt.**

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In order to apply for the Bar examination you must first log in to the Bar Admissions website at www.gabaradmissions.org. If you have not previously done so, you should click on the Register link at the top of the page and provide the requested information.

You should log in to your User Home, click on Application Forms, then click on Apply under the Bar Exam Application heading.

You should answer the six (6) Exam Eligibility questions and click Submit. Your eligibility request will be forwarded to the Office of Bar Admissions. Within 2 business days, a staff member will review your request and you will receive an email with instructions on how to complete the Bar Examination Application process and pay the appropriate filing fee.

Keep in mind that you are not registered for the Bar Exam until you complete all of the steps outlined in your emailed instructions.

### Bar Examination Dates

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Applications not received in the Office of Bar Admissions by the published Regular Bar Examination Application filing deadline may be filed in accordance with Part B, Section 2(e) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, which states:

"An applicant who fails to file in a timely manner an application to take the bar examination or fails to submit charges to the NCBE as provided above shall nevertheless be permitted to take the examination if, within 30 days of the [Regular] Bar Examination Application Filing Deadline as provided above, he or she files an application to do so and pays a late fee of $200 (in addition to the regular fee prescribed by these Rules) and submits all applicable charges to the NCBE."

Withdrawal

The Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia provide at Part B, Section 3 that "an applicant who withdraws no less than fourteen (14) days prior to an examination shall be refunded 50% of the bar application fee paid. National Conference of Bar Examiners charges are not refundable."

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In order to request a refund of 50% of your bar exam fees, a **written withdrawal** must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions **by the deadline posted above**. The withdrawal request must contain identifying information, including the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security number and the signature of the applicant. Your withdrawal may be submitted via email to Flora Thompson at thompsonf@gasupreme.us or via U.S. Mail to:

Flora Thompson  
Office of Bar Admissions  
244 Washington Street, SW  
Suite 440  
Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Bar Examination Application Filing Fees**

A filing fee is required when submitting the Bar Examination Application. See Part B, Section 2(b) of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](https://example.com).

Fees may be paid online by credit card (VISA or MasterCard) at the time you submit your application; or you may submit a Money Order or Bank Cashier’s Check made payable to the **Board of Bar Examiners**. Cash, personal checks or business checks are not accepted.

Regular fees and late fees may be combined in one Money Order. Applications are not considered filed until all required fees have been paid.

**Note:** Credit Card payment, Money Order, or Cashier’s Check must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:30 p.m. on the Filing Deadline.

**TWO-DAY GEORGIA BAR EXAMINATION – $442**  
**ONE-DAY GEORGIA ATTORNEYS’ EXAMINATION – $378**

*Note. If you pay by credit card, a $10, nonrefundable convenience fee will be applied.*
THE MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION (MPRE):

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) is required in Georgia and all but three U.S. jurisdictions. Information on test dates, deadlines and fees can be found at: http://www.ncbex.org/about-ncbe-exams/mpre/. Students may take the test prior to graduation, and should be prepared to sit for the MPRE following the completion of their professional responsibility course.

**REGISTRATION**

NCBE contracts with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) to provide test registration and administration for the MPRE, while NCBE performs scoring and score reporting to examiners and jurisdictions.

Please direct all inquiries regarding MPRE registration and administration to:

LSAC
MPRE Service
Phone: (215) 564-3886
Fax: (215) 564-1277
MPREInfo@LSAC.org

**ADA Accommodations**

NCBE makes decisions on requests for test accommodations for the MPRE and provides reasonable accommodations for examinees who have qualified disabilities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) and who provide appropriate documentation in a timely manner. Please see ADA Accommodations for more information about how to request accommodations for the MPRE and the deadlines for doing so.

**Dates and Deadlines**

Registration for the 2016 MPRE test dates opens on December 14, 2015.

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Online registrations must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on the late registration deadline. Telephone registrations must be completed by 4:45 p.m. eastern time on the late registration deadline. Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after the late registration deadline.
Applicants whose religious beliefs preclude them from taking the MPRE on a Saturday may apply with LSAC to take the exam on the designated alternate date, usually the following Monday. Applicants must provide a letter to LSAC on official stationary from their cleric confirming their affiliation with a recognized religious entity that observes its Sabbath throughout the year on Saturday. The letter must be received by LSAC by the late registration deadline or the applicant will not be allowed to test. Contact LSAC at (215) 504-3886 or MPSInfo@LSAC.org.

Registration Process

Online Registration

Applicants must log in to their NCBE Account to access the link to register online for the MPRE. The online MPRE registration is hosted by our test contractor, LSAC, on its server. Online registration for the MPRE requires applicants to create an MPRE Account (in addition to the NCBE Account). An applicant’s NCBE Account and MPRE Account are separate.

Information concerning registration and test administration, such as the applicant’s Admission Ticket, will be posted to the applicant’s MPRE Account.

Information about MPRE scores, score services, and testing accommodations, if applicable, will be posted to the applicant’s NCBE Account.

Applicants who register online for the MPRE will receive email confirmation from LSAC when their registration is processed.

Telephone Registration

Before registering by telephone, applicants should create an NCBE Account if they do not already have one. To register by telephone, applicants must call LSAC at 215-504-3886. Paper application forms are not available.

Fees

The fee to register by the regular deadline is $80; the fee to register by the late deadline is $160. The MPRE fee must be paid by credit card or by e-check. The email confirmation of registration sent by LSAC includes the fees paid and serves as a fee receipt. Separate fee receipts are not provided.

All fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If you are unable to test on the date for which you are registered, your registration cannot be transferred; you must complete the registration process for another test date and pay the full fee.

The MPRE application fee entitles you to receive a score release for your own records and to have a score report sent to the board of bar examiners of the jurisdiction you designate in your registration application. If you decide you would like to have your MPRE score sent to other jurisdictions, you must request additional score reports after the examination through MPRE Score Services.

Exclusive Remedies

NCBE and LSAC take steps to ensure that MPRE registration materials are properly handled and processed, and that exams and answer sheets are properly prepared, printed, handled, and scored. In the unlikely event that a mistake occurs in preparing, handling, processing, scoring, or reporting scores, NCBE will correct the error, if possible, or permit the affected examinee(s) either to retake at additional fee or to receive a refund of the examination fee(s). These remedies are the exclusive remedies available to examinees for errors in preparing, handling, or processing registration materials; in printing, handling, or processing exams and exam answer sheets; and/or in determining or reporting scores.

http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/
STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

To help you as you plan your career and finances, there is basic information available about student loan repayment support:

- [http://studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov)
- [http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/ed-debt](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/ed-debt)

You can review your individual student loan information:

- [https://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/](https://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/)

There are repayment options - depending on your student loan specifics - for:

- income based repayment for both private and public sector employment;
- loan forgiveness after a certain number of payments;
- forbearance for those who are unemployed.

You will want to review your individual loan status to educate yourself about your options.

The School of Law operates the Downs’ Loan Repayment Assistance Program, an annual grant program, to help those in public service employment with their student loan debt. Full information about the Downs’ Loan Repayment Assistance Program and applications can be found here: [http://www.law.uga.edu/downs-loan-repayment-program](http://www.law.uga.edu/downs-loan-repayment-program). Applications are due annually on December 31, beginning the December after you graduate.
Criminal Defense Clinic I & II, Russell Gabriel

There is no application to enroll. Register through the routine Law School registration process, starting with the point allocation.

Course Description: The Criminal Defense Clinic places law students inside the Public Defender Office for the Western Judicial Circuit. The PD office is located at 440 College Avenue, in downtown Athens, a short walk from the Law School and very near the Clarke County Courthouse. The full-time staff of the public defender office includes 17 attorneys plus investigators, a social worker, and other support staff. The Western Judicial Circuit includes Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties and the Public Defender Office handles all manner of criminal cases in juvenile, municipal, state and superior courts, plus appeals. It also handles certain civil cases in juvenile court.

During the summer term, students may enroll in the Clinic and extern at certain other PD offices, especially those in close proximity to Athens (including Atlanta). Attendance at the weekly seminar is still required; it will be held in the afternoon so it is still possible to work at your placement in the morning. Contact Professor Gabriel for more information on summer placements.

Criminal Defense Clinic I (JUR 5170) serves as an introduction to working in the public defender office, the local courts and the criminal justice system. The course is designed for 2d year students and they are given preference during registration, but 3d year students may enroll. Students in CDC I are required to observe all of the standard court appearances that occur in the criminal process – bond hearings, committal hearings, motion hearings, arraignments, trials, guilty pleas and sentencings.

Students are supervised by one of the attorneys in the public defender office. Students assist their attorney with factual investigation, legal research, case preparation and courtroom representation of clients. The Criminal Defense Clinic I seminar addresses various issues related to criminal defense practice, including search and seizure, pre-trial motion practice, investigation independent of the police investigation, case theory, the practical workings of the courts, the ethics of criminal defense, and racism in the criminal justice system, to name a few.

Criminal Defense Clinic II (JUR 4500) students actually represent clients in court. Pursuant to Georgia’s 3rd Year Practice Rule, 3rd year law students may engage in the full range of courtroom advocacy while under the supervision of a licensed attorney. Defense Clinic II is structured much like Defense Clinic I, in that students assist attorneys in the public defender office with specific cases and clients, doing all manner of work that these cases require. The Criminal Defense Clinic II seminar focuses more on trial practice skills and discussion of current cases on which students are working, though we also address issues that are of specific current
interest in the criminal justice arena. Both seminars rely heavily on actual cases handled in the office as the basis for discussion. Completion of the course in Evidence is a pre-requisite for enrollment in CDC II, and completion of Criminal Procedure I and II is highly recommended.

**Course Schedule and Requirements:**

Criminal Defense Clinic I students are required to work in the public defender office 11 hours each week during fall and spring semesters, and 20 hours each week during summer semester. Some, but not all, of the work can be done on the weekends and in the evenings. You will establish a schedule in collaboration with your supervising attorney. There is definitely some room for flexibility in the scheduling of your work. Clinic I is a three credit course and attendance at the once/week seminar is required. **During the first Saturday of the semester, new students enrolled in Criminal Defense Clinic I participate in an orientation session. Please make sure you are available on the first Saturday of the semester if you enroll in CDC I.** The summer schedule will be different and orientation will probably (hopefully!) be during the week.

Criminal Defense Clinic II can be taken for 4, 5 or 6 hours of credit. Clinic II students are required to work in the public defender office 18 hours a week if they are enrolled for 6 hours of credit, 16 hours if enrolled for 5 hours credit, and 14 hours if enrolled for 4 hours credit. (Summer students: 35, 31 or 28 hours/week.) As with Clinic I, you will establish a schedule after consulting with your supervising attorney, and attendance at the weekly Defense Clinic II seminar is required.

**Basis for Grade:** Grades are based on a combination of recommendations from the supervising attorneys, competent and timely completion of work assigned by the supervising attorneys, a written (3 page) journal submitted twice during the semester, the completion of at least one written research assignment done for the supervising attorney, the completion of the requisite number of hours of work each week, and the quality of participation in the weekly seminar. Both Criminal Defense Clinic I & II are clinical courses and the credit is clinical credit which counts toward graduation.

**Registration:** You enroll in the Defense Clinic through the regular Law School registration process. It is on the point system along with the non-clinical courses. For summer school enrollment points are not used, but enrollment is still through the regular registration process. Summer school enrollment is usually in the middle of May, after fall enrollment. The Defense Clinics (CDC I and CDC II) are offered fall, spring and summer semesters and students may enroll in either course for more than one semester. You must be a third year student and complete CDC I in order to enroll in CDC II. It is highly recommended that you take Evidence and Criminal Procedure I as soon as possible, but they are not pre-requisites to enrollment.

**Additional Questions:** The Western Circuit Public Defender Office is located in downtown Athens at 440 College Avenue, phone: 706) 369-6440. Please contact Russell Gabriel, Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic, if you have questions. (706) 542-7818, gabrielr@uga.edu.
**D.C. Semester in Practice Program: Spring 2016**

Registration is now open for the Spring 2016 D.C. Semester in Practice program providing students the opportunity to live and work in our nation’s capital while earning 13 credit hours. Placements are varied and have included Department of Justice (Criminal and Civil Divisions), Public Defender Service, U.S. Senator David Perdue and the National Women’s Law Center.

Read what past participants have said about their semester in Washington:

“The D.C. Semester Program has been the highlight of my law school experience. I have learned so much about myself and what it means to be a lawyer in these few short months.” *(Spring 2015)*

“It really opens up opportunities…I never would have gotten this job had I not participated in the DC semester program.” *(Spring 2014)*

“The DC Program propelled my legal career.” *(Fall 2014)*

“The DC Semester program got me a job offer!” *(Spring 2013)*

The application form and a list of current placement opportunities are available at [http://www.law.uga.edu/dc-semester-practice-program](http://www.law.uga.edu/dc-semester-practice-program).

Please email Jessica Heywood ([jheywood@uga.edu](mailto:jheywood@uga.edu)) with questions.
3L Legacy Program

It is tradition for Georgia Law graduating classes to establish a class legacy at the law school by making a 3L class pledge or legacy pledge. The gift is presented to the law school dean and alumni association president during the graduation ceremony.

Classes who have gone before the Class of 2016 have made significant gifts to the school that will enrich future law students' educational experiences. The most recent record of legacy gifts can be found in the attractively framed plaques on the wall between the coffee shop and the vending room, where the names of those law students who made the commitment to support the law school through a legacy gift are featured on the plaques. We look forward to seeing your name on the Class of 2016 list!

Upon graduation, you and your fellow 2016 classmates will embark on a new journey in your professional lives, one that will take you away from the law school. The legacy gift to the law school provides important financial support and helps to ensure the school’s continued excellence for the classes that will follow you. It also serves as an inspiration to alumni who are considering their own investments in Georgia Law.

During your third-year you will be asked for a commitment to the Class of 2016 Legacy Gift. A pledge payment reminder will be mailed to you in the Spring of 2017, as payment is not due until a year after graduation.
The Law School Fund is the school’s annual operating fund. Each year, Georgia Law relies on annual contributions from its alumni and friends to provide essential operating dollars. More than $1,000,000 in contributions to the Law School Fund is needed for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Think of the Law School Fund as your annual salary – you have to earn it before you spend it. Dollars raised this fiscal year are spent next fiscal year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. All expenditure are approved through an itemized budget request presented to the Law School Association Council and voted on by Georgia Law’s Alumni Association each year during our annual meeting.

FY2015-2016 Law School Fund Budget:
2016 Class Gift Legacy Pledge Form

I will participate in the Legacy 2016 Class Gift and support Georgia Law at the University of Georgia.

□ Option 1:

**I commit to make a five-year commitment** to support Georgia Law by giving:

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for a total commitment of $1500. Pledge reminders will be mailed each February, beginning with February 2017, and each year’s installment is due by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the same calendar year.

Signature ________________________________________________ Date ____________________

□ Option 2:

**I commit to give for ____ years:**  □ $25  □ $50  □ $100  □ $250*

Pledge reminders will be mailed each February, beginning with February 2017, and each year’s installment is due by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the same calendar year.

Note: $25 is the minimum pledge amount

Signature ________________________________________________ Date ____________________

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**CHOOSE ONE:**

□ I do wish for my name to appear for Georgia Law publications identifying me as a donor. I would like for my name to appear as: ____________________________.

□ I do not wish for my name to appear for Georgia Law publications identifying me as a donor. I understand my gift and pledges will appear as “Anonymous”.

Return to: JD Howard or Kate O’Reilly, Director of Alumni and Alumnae Relations (Rusk Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

*All commitments of $250 or greater are void if I do not have a job within twelve months after graduation.*
Graduation Events 2016

Pre-Graduation Cocktail Reception: Friday, May 20, 2016
Tate Student Center, Grand Ballroom

Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 21, 2016
North Campus Quandrangle in front of the School of Law

Rain location: Stegeman Colliseum

Regalia Orders: Monday, Nov. 2, 2015
UGA Bookstore comes to the law school to take orders for academic regalia for one day only from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Payment accepted by credit card or debit card only.

Regalia Distribution: To be determined

Hotel Blocks for Guests Attending School of Law Graduation
May 19, 20, & 21, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn 706.353.6800 Code: OOLSG/University of Georgia
390 East Washington Street rate: 139.00++ Block ends 4/28/2016
Athens, GA 30601 www.hiltongardeninn.com

Holiday Inn Hotel 706.549.4433 Code: LAW/University of Georgia
197 E. Broad Street rate: 109++ Block ends 4/28/2016
Athens, GA 30601 www.hi-athens.com

Holiday Inn Express 706.546.8122 Code: LAW/University of Georgia
513 W. Broad Street rate: 99.00++ Block ends 4/28/2016
Athens, GA 30601 www.hiexpress.com
**Student Bar Association Faculty Awards**

Each year the 3L Class is responsible for nominating and selecting recipients for **3 special faculty awards**. Below is a description of the three awards. Nominations are accepted from the members of the 3L class, and then the class votes on those who are nominated.

The awards are as follows:

- **C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching**
  This award recognizes the faculty member who most effectively conveys a knowledge and understanding of what the law is and inspires his/her students to think analytically and critically about what the law can become. Previous recipients include Professor Levin, Professor Hashimoto, and Professor Dupre.

- **John C. O'Byrne Memorial Student-Faculty Award**
  This award recognizes the faculty member who makes significant contributions helping to further student-faculty relations. Previous recipients include Professor Turner, Professor Shipley, and Professor Rutledge.

- **SBA Professionalism Award**
  This award recognizes the faculty member that best succeeds in the teaching of professional responsibility and service to the community within his or her class. Previous recipients include Professor Brown and Professor Ellington.

**William K. Meadow Award**

This cash award was established through a bequest in the will of Emily Burney Tichenor to honor her friend, the late William K. Meadow. Mr. Meadow was a 1914 alumnus of the School of Law and a longtime attorney with King and Spalding.

The award recognizes a graduating student who plans to practice law and best exemplifies the integrity, sense of responsibility, and high standards of the legal profession and who has a keen sense of humor necessary to afford a proper human perspective to the resolution of legal problems.

The 3L Class will be invited in the spring to nominate a classmate for this prestigious award. A committee consisting of the Dean of the School of Law, a partner from King and Spalding, the Student Bar Association President, the Chief Investigator of the Honor Court, the President of the 3L class, and the Faculty Chair of the Admissions Committee, will make the final decision.

**Commencement Marshals**

The 3L Class will select two faculty members to serve as Commencement Marshals. The Commencement Marshals will be responsible for announcing the names of the members of the graduating class at the Commencement Ceremony in May. It is an honor to be selected to serve as a Commencement Marshal and is usually indicative of a special connection with the graduating class.
Many of you are already familiar with the Dean Rusk International Law Center. Founded in 1977 as Georgia Law’s nucleus for global research, education, and service, the Center builds on a tradition of excellence in global practice preparation begun seventy-five years ago, when noted German-Jewish judge Sigmund Cohn arrived at Georgia Law seeking refuge from the ravages of World War II. Other professors reinforced the tradition he began; for example: the Center’s namesake, Dean Rusk, who joined our faculty after decades of service as the Secretary of State to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson; Louis B. Sohn, a scholar who helped draft the Charter of the United Nations and the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea; and Gabriel Wilner, a dispute settlement expert who mentored decades of LL.M. students.

You may know the Center, on the main floor of Dean Rusk Hall, as the place that helped with your study abroad, your global externship, or your journal’s annual symposium. If you haven’t been to the Center this year, however, please come by. You’re in for a surprise.

Student Ambassadors will welcome you to a renovated unit, and the new home of the Louis B. Sohn Library on International Relations. You can check out books from here, and enjoy the benefits of a quiet, old-school reading room. Soon you may find yourself in a seminar or other session in our Center’s new conference room. And we’ll be hosting numerous visitors, including Sanders Political Leadership Scholar Saxby Chambliss or Bar-Ilan University Law Professor Ziv Bohrer; no doubt some of you have registered for their courses.

We’re now on Twitter @DeanRuskIntLaw and LinkedIn at https://www.linkedin.com/company/dean-rusk-international-law-center; follow both for news, event announcements, and retweets of job notices.

Everyone is most welcome to join us at this year’s exciting events:

**September 24** (Thursday, 4:45-6 p.m., Sutherland Courtyard) **Mixer** for members of law school community interested in international, comparative, transnational, or foreign affairs law and policy. Center cosponsors with Georgia Society for International & Comparative Law.

**October 22** (Thursday, 4:45-6 p.m., room TBA): **Jess Bravin**, a Berkeley Law J.D. and Supreme Court reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, gives lecture related to his award-winning book, *The Terror Courts: Rough Justice at Guantanamo Bay*, as part of his daylong visit to Georgia Law.

**Fall Semester’s Main Event: October 26** (Monday, 4-6 p.m., event in Larry Walker Room; reception & tours on main floor of Dean Rusk Hall): **Rededication** of the Louis B. Sohn Library on International Relations in its new home in the renovated Dean Rusk International Law Center, a UN70 event. Dr. Kannan Rajaratnam (LLM 1988), Head of Office, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, Basra, Iraq, will speak on “The United Nations at 70: Pursuing Peace in the 21st Century,” to be published in the *Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law*. Additional
remarks by Professor Harlan G. Cohen; Dorinda G. Dallmeyer (JD 1984), Director, Environmental Ethics Certificate Program, University of Georgia and former Rusk Center Associate Director, as well as former Sohn student; and Ken Dious (JD 1973), Dious & Associates, Athens, Georgia, former Rusk student. **Cosponsors:** Asian Law Students Association, BLSA (invited), Georgia Society of International & Comparative Law, Jewish Law Students Association, American Bar Association Section of International Law, American Branch of the International Law Association, and the American Society of International Law.

**Spring Semester’s Main Event:** **February 19** (all day Friday, rooms TBA): *Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law* symposium marking publication of the *Updated Commentaries on the First Geneva Convention of 1949*, with keynote address by lead editor, Dr. Jean-Marie Henckaerts (LLM 1990), Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland, and Head of the Project to Update the Commentaries on the 1949 Geneva Conventions and 1977 Additional Protocols (also, formerly an Associate Editor of *GJICL*), and commentary by multiple experts on international humanitarian law. Cosponsored with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

If you have any questions, please visit us at the Center or e-mail ruskintlaw@uga.edu.

Thank you for your support!

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Associate Dean for International Programs & Strategic Initiatives  
Emily & Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law