

CLASS of 2014 COMMENCEMENT

Rives encourages graduates to have PRIDE

Serving as the keynote speaker at this year's Commencement was Jack L. Rives (J.D.'77), the executive director and chief operating officer of the American Bar Association.

Rives congratulated the graduates on their accomplishment of earning a law degree and encouraged them to take "pride" in their careers as lawyers. He then defined the concept of pride as the "quiet satisfaction for knowing you're prepared, knowing you did your best" through an acronym.

P stands for professionalism, Rives explained, adding that lawyers must live by high standards. "You may be the only attorney some people work with, so they're going to make a judgment on our entire profession based off your service."

R stands for respect, not just for superiors but in regard to living by the right standards.

"What I would ask the class to do is work hard, always do your best and always treat everyone with dignity and respect," Rives added.

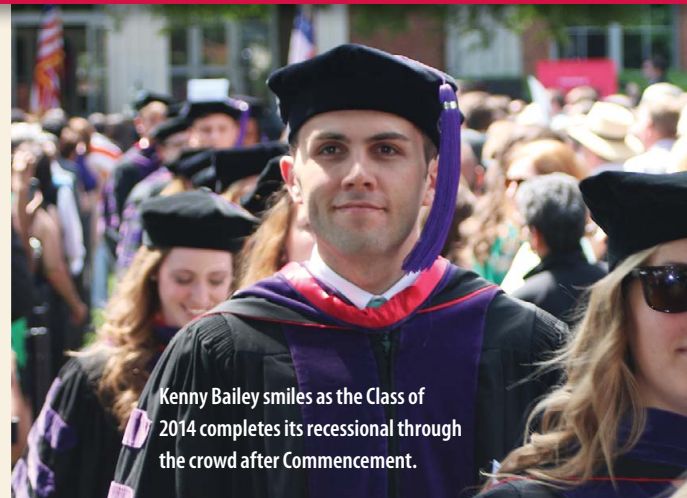
I stands for integrity, he said, stating that a person cannot be mostly honest or have a fair amount of integrity. "It's not a compliment if someone tells you you're honest most of the time, or you've got a fair amount of integrity. You either have it or you don't. The assumption of your peers, your clients and your fellow citizens is [that] you have integrity. It's yours to lose."

D stands for determination. "What makes a person successful is persevering. You're not going to get lucky very often," Rives said, adding that preparation will yield success.

E stands for enthusiasm. "What's not to love about the profession of law?" he asked. "We take pride in what each other does. The legal profession is a big team."

In closing, Rives complimented the graduates. "I commend you to do it the right way, to work hard and to earn a sense of pride – a sense of quiet accomplishment for the things you do. . . . I commend you for choosing the University of Georgia School of Law. I commend you for staying with it."

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Kenny Bailey smiles as the Class of 2014 completes its recessional through the crowd after Commencement.



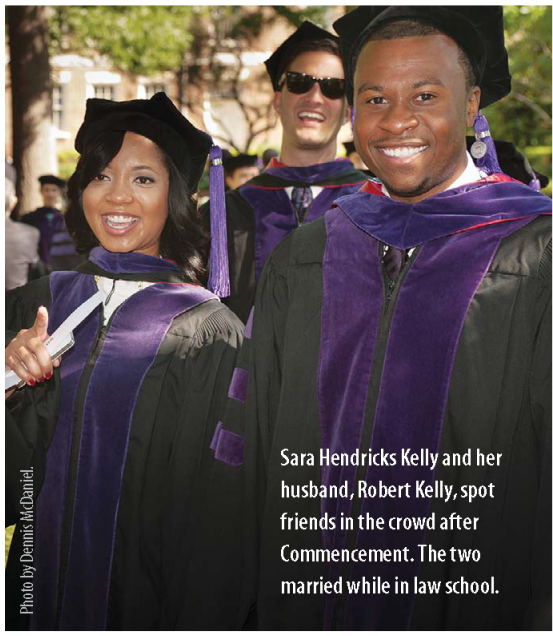
Photo by Dennis McDaniel.



Law school graduation was one of several shared moments for (l. to r.) Keri McCrary, Grace Conway, Kimberly Scott and Heather Percival, who all grew up in Albany, Ga., and graduated high school from Deerfield-Windsor Academy before attending Georgia Law together.



View more photos from this year's commencement at www.law.uga.edu/photo-gallery.



Sara Hendricks Kelly and her husband, Robert Kelly, spot friends in the crowd after Commencement. The two married while in law school.



Courtney Coons Poole smiles while Student Affairs Advisor and Civil Clinic Instructor Tricia Hackleman assists her with her hood.



Michael Ong assists classmate Michael Snow with his regalia before the ceremony.



Dean Rebecca White (left) and Law School Association President Alan Rothschild Jr. (J.D.'85) (second from right) are presented a check representing the Class of 2014 pledge of \$62,000 by Legacy Gift Co-chairs Alex Seay (class president) and David Dove (Student Bar Association president) to support law school programs and services.

Order of the Coif named

Each year, the Georgia Law community gathers together to recognize the outstanding achievements of its students and faculty during Awards Day. Honors range from outstanding performance in an individual class to induction into the school's Order of the Coif, which is one of the highest academic accolades a recent law school graduate can receive as membership is reserved only for those who finish in the top 10 percent of the class.



Class of 2013 Order of the Coif inductees include: (front, l. to r.) Sajid Saleem, Brad Chynoweth, Ava Conger, Katie Croghan, Barclay Hendrix, Brian Lake, Mary Elizabeth Martinez, Matthew Onyett, (back, l. to r.) Lawrence Winsor, Lucas Bradley, James Matthew Brigman, Matthew Noller, John Dixon, Crystal Johnson, Rory Weeks and Daniel Monahan. Also receiving this honor, but not photographed, were: Kelly Blair, Marguerite Ellis, Robert Jacques, Alexander King, Colleen McCaffrey, Virginia Norman, Alan Poole Jr. and Jacob Reif.

Law School Life



Flags given to Georgia Law

Ural Glanville (J.D.'87) presented Georgia Law with American and university flags that were flown in a combat zone at Camp Phoenix in Kabul, Afghanistan, while Glanville was the commanding general of the Rule of Law Field Force and the NATO Rule of Law Field Support Mission. Law Library Director and former classmate of Glanville's Carol Watson (J.D.'87) (left) and Foreign and International Law Librarian Anne Burnett (J.D.'90) hang the framed flags and certificate in the Louis B. Sohn Collection on International Relations library.



Reunions bring alumni together

Law school classes celebrating significant anniversaries were invited to a reunion reception at Georgia Law in November. Celebrating their graduation from law school 10 years ago were: (l. to r.) Dee Kennedy, Taylor Haley and Charla Hall, all members of the Class of 2003.



Homecoming 2013

For Georgia Law alums, this year's Homecoming theme, "There's No Place like Homecoming," proved true, with the law school holding its annual BBQ on Herty Field. Enjoying time together at the day's events, which included live music, food, refreshments and a pre-game visit from Uga, were: (l. to r.) Joel Wooten (J.D.'75), Steve Jones (J.D.'87) and his wife Lillian Kinsey, and Kathleen and Jeff (J.D.'82) Lewis.

Alumni attend reception for Georgia Superior Court judges

Georgia Law alumni and friends in the Athens area attended a law school reception in honor of the state's Superior Court judges, who were in Athens for their annual winter seminar. Lawton Stephens (J.D.'81) (left) and David Bell (J.D.'77) pause for a photo.



View more photos from this year's law school events at www.law.uga.edu/photo-gallery.



Julius Husley (LL.B.'63)



Wiley Wasden (J.D.'84)

Firm & Corporation Alumni Challenge winners named

Georgia Law alumni competed in the Fourth Annual Firm & Corporation Alumni Challenge during the 2012–13 fiscal year. This contest seeks to achieve 100 percent participation in alumni giving from firms with five or more law school graduates. The annual competition is for firm-wide participation, with Georgia Law alumni making a minimum \$100 personal gift to the law school during the university's fiscal year. Last fiscal year, 15 firms reached 100 percent participation, with Husley, Oliver & Mahar taking home the trophy in the more than 10 Georgia Law graduates category, while Brennan, Wasden & Painter (formerly Brennan & Wasden) won the 5 to 10 Georgia Law graduates division. Julius Husley (LL.B.'63) and Wiley Wasden (J.D.'84) led their firm's initiatives, respectively.

Terry Franzén: Lending a helping hand

For as long as she can remember, Terry Franzén (J.D.'80) has always been committed to lending a helping hand.

"I have been involved in various nonprofit organizations probably my whole life," Franzén said. "I am a strong believer in giving back to others."

It was not until she was diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time, however, that she really became motivated to start taking action and getting more involved in philanthropy.

"I was in for a routine check-up at the doctor when they found cancer in my other breast," Franzén said. "After my diagnosis, I decided that if I was going to do something, I better get going and do it. You never know what can happen with cancer."

Once she was again in remission in 2002, Franzén, who always had an interest for mission work overseas, joined with her husband in going on organized trips to Juárez, Mexico, to build houses with an organization called Casas por Cristo.

When that part of Mexico became too dangerous in 2007, she and her husband were given the opportunity to begin traveling to the Diocese of Haiti by partnering with an Episcopal church in that country. Now, Franzén carves out time in her busy schedule twice a year to travel back to the island nation on missions.

"It has changed my whole perception of life in the U.S. and what is really important," she said. "You hear people complain about the small things, but when you go to a place where people don't even have clean water and their biggest concern is how they are going to feed their children, it makes you have a different attitude about things."

Franzén takes pride in the fact that the missions are making a difference by providing health care and education to people who would otherwise not have it. She believes that educating them is beneficial because it teaches the people how to get themselves out of poverty.



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"In regard to the medical and dental clinics, there are no other services where we are, so we have made tangible and impactful results within the community," she said. "The first time we went, it seemed like almost everyone had sexually transmitted diseases, but now it is rare to see any. It's just the little bit that you do that can change people's lives."

Like everything else in her life, Franzén has never let a challenge stop her from doing something she believes in.

When the Atlanta mortgage and finance company where she worked as general counsel shut down 17 years ago, she turned a wall into a window and teamed up with a friend to start their own law firm, Franzén and Salzano. She currently manages the firm's consumer financial services litigation and regulatory enforcement practice.

"Of the things I have done, opening my own firm has been the best professionally," Franzén said. "It has given me so many

opportunities and more control over my own destiny."

Franzén believes it is important for other attorneys to challenge themselves and take more risks when it comes to their careers.

"I would really encourage lawyers to think about the business of law and to consider starting their own firm because it has been very rewarding," she added. "I think a lot of lawyers are scared and not risk takers, but they need to step outside of themselves and really explore their options."

As she works toward retirement, Franzén knows that no matter what is in store for her next, she wants to continue to dedicate her time to helping others.

"I am thinking about how I can take the skills I have developed over the years and use them in a different way," she said. "I'm not exactly sure what that will look like, but I want to use that expertise to help people rather than help financial institutions."

—Stephanie Ackerstein

Francys Johnson: A man with many hats

Georgia Law alumnus Francys Johnson (J.D.'04) has always felt a calling to social justice. “The church was the first institution where I heard the gospel of social justice,” Johnson said. “It’s about feeding the hungry body and soul but also working to eradicate poverty through advocating for a living wage that encourages people to live their best lives now.”

As an ordained minister in the Baptist Church for the past 18 years, Johnson uses the knowledge and experience he has gained to help him when it comes to practicing law.

“My experience as a minister shapes my outlook on the role of the law,” he said. “The church and the law are important institutions in ordered society, and I appreciate how the law touches the lives of everyday individuals.”

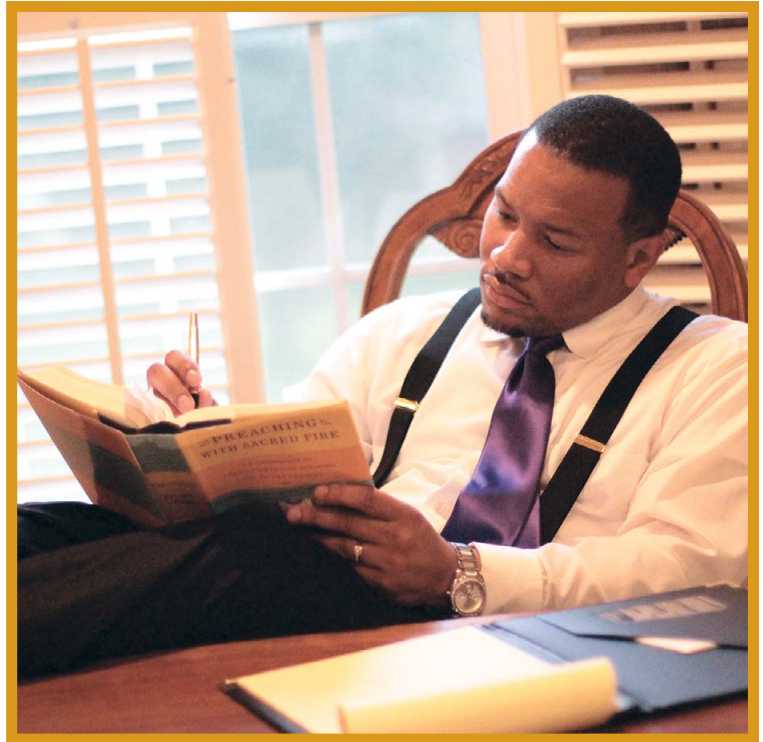
Johnson believes his religious work and his time spent working as a lawyer have been beneficial because both establishments come together to help others.

“In seeking to build the ‘Beloved Community’ on shared values, it is clear throughout human history that there can be no community without the abiding presence of justice, and there can be no justice without the love for the fellow man. I think they work hand in hand,” he said.

Johnson also pursues social justice through his time as the president of the Georgia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His first exposure to the NAACP was when he was an elementary school student and was wrongly placed in a special education class.

“I was trapped in a system of tracking where African-American boys, in particular, and low income students, in general, were pressed into special education classes because there were perverse economic incentives for the school systems to do so,” Johnson explained. “It was through the NAACP’s lawsuits and advocacy work that ended the system of tracking in Georgia that took me from a special education class to a gifted program. This was all possible because someone cared enough about what America was supposed to be to advocate for me.”

Now, Johnson has taken on the responsibility of being an advocate for others, helping in the fight for American justice and making sure people understand the NAACP’s mission.



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“People often mistake the NAACP as an organization only concerned with black and white issues, but it was founded by a diverse group of citizens who believed that America could do better,” he said. “Demanding economic sustainability through equal opportunity and fair play, providing a world-class public education to our children, promoting safe and healthy communities and protecting the right to vote are red, white and blue issues. It is our time to make real the promises of America’s democracy.”

Johnson has made it his goal to help people embrace diversity and eradicate race as an impediment in today’s society.

“Diversity is not about taking from one and giving to another,” he said. “It is about producing an environment where we all benefit and are more prosperous and truer to our values as a country because we are not burdened by meaningless things like the color of a person’s skin, gender, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or ethnicity.”

As a man with many hats, when asked how he finds time to balance everything, Johnson explains he is just having fun doing what he loves to do and what he believes he has been called to do.

“To be the youngest elected president of the Georgia NAACP signals a changing of the guard and a renewal of a sacred promise to make America a more perfect union. As a caretaker of the great legacy of freedom fighters like Atlanta’s attorney A.T. Walden or Savannah’s legendary preacher Rev. Ralph Mark Gilbert, it is truly a dream come true,” he said. “If I can help somebody as I pass along then my living will not be in vain.”

—Stephanie Ackerstein

Chris Carr: A passion for politics

Politics has been a longtime interest and passion for Georgia Law 1999 alumnus Chris Carr. “Part of why I went to law school was my interest in policy and politics,” Carr said. “I knew that what I wanted to do with my life would have a foundation in the law, even if I wasn’t practicing it.”

It was not until he began working for Georgia Pacific, after earning his bachelor’s degree from UGA, that he truly decided he wanted to pursue a law degree.

“I had gotten tired of school at the end of undergrad, so I wanted to gain some real world experience,” Carr said. “Once I was working, however, my desire to go to law school started to peak again.”

While still with the pulp and paper company, he began to volunteer on then-state Sen. Johnny Isakson’s U.S. Senate campaign. The next year, Carr obtained a full-time internship with the senator’s 1996 campaign, which was the summer before he started law school.

With his law degree in hand, Carr went to work for Alston & Bird, but soon began to feel as though a career in trial and appellate litigation was not the right fit for him. So, when a vice president and general counsel position at the Georgia Public Policy Foundation opened up in 2001, Carr took advantage of the opportunity.

“I focused on policy and fundraising,” Carr said. “It felt great to be concentrating on the public policy aspect of the law.”

In 2003, Carr once again reunited with Sen. Isakson as his campaign manager and four years later became his chief of staff.

“I loved every minute of my 11 years with Sen. Isakson,” he said. “I got to know a lot of issues from a 50,000-foot level as well as both the challenges and opportunities facing the state.”

Today, Carr serves as Georgia’s economic development commissioner, a post he assumed in 2013.

“Having the opportunity to continue public service in the form of economic development was very exciting and a great honor,” Carr said.

He describes the Georgia Department of Economic Development “in a nutshell” as the marketing arm of the state.

“It is our job to sell Georgia and to tell the story about why it makes sense to do business here,” Carr added. “Our mission is to increase jobs and investments and take an integrated approach to that by focusing on a lot of different areas.”

Carr is devoted to helping the state thrive and be successful.

“We have a great model in this state, and I want to continue to support the people who do that, but I also want to find new ways to remain competitive and ways to further the growth of this state,” he said.

One thing Carr has found really enjoyable about his current role is being able to help the residents of Georgia more directly and on a smaller scale.

“What has been interesting for me going from the federal government to the state government is to really have a much more immediate impact on people’s lives,” he said. “We can make someone’s life better because they have a new job or opportunity. It is all very rewarding.”

Carr’s passion for the state is apparent through his commitment to wanting to make his time as commissioner count.

“When you are given opportunities to have a position like this, where you can make an impact, it is important not to waste any of it,” Carr said. “These chances don’t come along very often and when you look back on them, they go by very quickly.”

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Senior Director of Law School Advancement
Greg Sowell (J.D.'83) and Callaway Chair
Emeritus Verner Chaffin (LL.B.'42)

Closing Argument

Introducing the Verner F. Chaffin Society

In our stewardship of the law, all we've got is a life estate interest.

Callaway Chair of Law
Emeritus Verner F.
Chaffin (LL.B.'42), who
turned 95 years young in

September 2013, taught me about life estates and about many other fiduciary law concepts. He tried to teach me about the Rule in Shelley's Case, but that's another story. I'll come back to Dr. Chaffin in just a minute.

A healthy program of fundraising for the law school includes three sources: annual gifts, major gifts and planned gifts – sort of like the co-equal legs of a three-legged stool.

We are blessed with many alumni and friends who understand the critical need to invest in future generations of lawyers through our three sources of private giving. But, as state budgets continue to tighten, private gifts become all the more important. And, if we don't provide for the quality education of future generations of lawyers, then who will? Who will be there to accept the baton to see that justice is served and to advocate for those in need of legal services when our life estate in the law ends?

This brings me back to Dr. Chaffin.

A native of Toccoa, Ga., Dr. Chaffin received his undergraduate degree from UGA in 1939. He then earned his law degree *summa cum laude* from the university in 1942. Following graduation, Dr. Chaffin served as a naval intelligence officer in both World War II and Korea and then worked at the Justice Department in Washington. In 1947, he joined the faculty at the University of Alabama and began his distinguished teaching career. In 1958, Dr. Chaffin returned to Georgia Law as a full professor. Somehow, he found the time for graduate study and earned a J.S.D. from Yale Law School in 1961. He retired from the law school's faculty in 1989, having established his specialties in the fields of wills and trusts, federal estate and gift taxation, future interests, estate planning and the administration of decedents' estates.

Although a prolific legal writer and scholar, as evidenced by his induction as an Academic Fellow into the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and his life membership in the

American Law Institute (to name just a couple of his honors), his first and foremost interest was always his students.

Ask any graduate of this law school from 1958 to 1989 to name his or her favorite professors and invariably "Shaky" Chaffin will be at the top of the list.

Because of his loyalty to our law school and his strong interest in its students, Dr. Chaffin has been generous with both his time and his money. As an alumnus, he served for 29 years as secretary to the Law School Association, and he has been recognized with the law school's Distinguished Service Scroll. He and his lovely bride of 71 years, Ethel, have also invested in the next generation of lawyers by providing student financial support through the Verner F. Chaffin Endowment Fund and by providing for top quality teaching through the Verner F. Chaffin Distinguished Professorship in Fiduciary Law. This distinguished professorship will become the Verner F. Chaffin Chair in Fiduciary Law with his current planned gift.

In recognition and appreciation of his service to our law school and his generous level of financial support, we are pleased to announce the creation of the **Verner F. Chaffin Society**. Membership in the Chaffin Society is available for all those who make a planned gift to the law school.

Planned gifts come in a variety of forms – from a last will and testament to naming the law school as beneficiary of a life insurance policy, from the creation of a charitable gift annuity to the assignment of a qualified retirement savings plan – to name just a few.

Adjacent to this article, Alan Rothschild, immediate past-president of the Law School Association (and past chair of the Georgia Fiduciary Law Section and past chair of the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law), provides great information to help you in your planned gift thinking.

All we ask is that you sign the one-page Statement of Future Gifts Form (available at www.law.uga.edu/ways-make-gift) so we will know that you qualify for the Chaffin Society and can talk with you about any specifics you may have for the use of your planned gift.

Please join Dr. Chaffin, me and many fellow alumni as TOGETHER we make an investment in the next generation of lawyers who will, for an important season, hold the life estate interest in the critically important stewardship of the law and who will step up as the civil soldiers of our society.

—Senior Director of Law School Advancement
Gregory C. "Greg" Sowell (J.D.'83)

Ways to include your law school in your estate planning

While many of my colleagues were called to the trial bar by *To Kill A Mockingbird's* depiction of a small town southern lawyer, Callaway Chair Emeritus Verner



F. Chaffin has always been my Atticus Finch. After taking his estate planning courses during my second and third years of law school, there was no doubt that I was destined for a career helping families plan for their wealth. I can think of no greater way to honor my mentor than by sharing with you ways that we, as loyal alumni of Georgia Law, can support the newly-created Verner F. Chaffin Society.

There are many other types of charitable planning tools, but these are some of the most common and effective ways to provide for ourselves and our families while still giving back to Georgia Law. Each of these gifts can be structured to pay tribute to a family member or a member of the law school faculty or be given anonymously. As Greg Sowell noted in his article on the adjacent page, Georgia Law is increasingly dependent upon our support to ensure the ongoing excellence of the school, its faculty and students. By considering a planned gift as part of your overall estate plan, you ensure your gifts to the law school are structured in a way that provides the maximum benefit to both your family and Georgia Law.

—Alan F. Rothschild Jr. (J.D. '85)
Law School Association Immediate Past-president

Life Insurance

Our need for life insurance changes through a variety of factors, such as the completion of our children's education, an inheritance or the accumulation of wealth in a retirement plan. If you have outgrown the need for your existing life insurance, consider giving the policy to the law school by designating it as both the owner and beneficiary of the policy. If future premium payments need to be made on the contributed policy, those premium payments are also gifts to the law school and entitle you to charitable income tax deductions.

Retirement Plan Assets

Most retirement plan assets, including IRAs, are exposed to double taxation – estate tax at the time of a person's death and income tax when distributions are made from the account to the designated beneficiary. For anyone considering a charitable gift, thought should be given to your retirement plan as a source of this gift. The designation of the law school as the beneficiary of your retirement plan avoids both estate and income taxes, meaning that 100 percent of the plan benefits are available to support the law school's good work.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity is an agreement under which you transfer cash or securities to the law school in exchange for a fixed income payment for life. You are entitled to an immediate charitable income tax deduction equal to the difference between the value of the annuity provided and the value of the property contributed. A slight variation on this concept is a deferred annuity where the annuity payment is deferred to a point in the future, such as planned retirement age. In today's low interest rate environment, many people find the returns offered by Charitable Gift Annuities, when combined with the upfront charitable income tax deduction, provide a generous tax benefit, a secure income stream for life and a meaningful contribution to their favorite charity.

Outright Bequests

Georgia Law has counted on our support annually through the Law School Fund during our lifetimes, what better way to ensure your continued support than an outright gift in your Will? This can be done through a fixed dollar bequest, the bequest of a percentage of your estate (which provides for an adjustment up or down based on the size of your estate at the time of your death) or even a bequest of all or part of your residue after providing for other beneficiaries. This is a very straightforward way to benefit Georgia Law and can generally be accomplished with a simple amendment, or codicil, to your Will.