

Distinguished Service Scroll Award Recipients



CHESTER C. DAVENPORT

Chester C. Davenport began life humbly enough in Athens, Georgia but quickly distinguished himself at a young age, graduating with honors from Morehouse College. Subsequently, Mr. Davenport became the first African American to attend the University of Georgia School of Law where he graduated in the top 5% of his class, and was a founding member and served on the Editorial Board of the *Georgia Law Review*.

Mr. Davenport is the Founder and Managing Director of Georgetown Partners, LLC, a Bethesda, Maryland based private equity firm specializing in leverage buyouts. Mr. Davenport served as Chairman of GTE Consumer Services, Inc., a joint venture between Georgetown and GTE. He was also Chairman of Envirotest Systems, Corp., the world's leading provider of automobile emissions testing services. Currently, he is the Executive Chairman of Basha Technologies, Inc., a distributed systems company that develops disruptive technology to simplify critical data management challenges for enterprises. —continued on back



BENNA RUTH SOLOMON

Benna Ruth Solomon has dedicated her entire career to public service. She is currently the Deputy Corporation Counsel for the Appeals Division of the City of Chicago Law Department, where she is responsible for all appellate litigation involving the City of Chicago in all state and federal courts, as well as providing advice as requested by the trial, transactional, and counseling divisions. In more than 25 years with the City, she has filed nearly 2,300

briefs, participated in more than 800 moot courts, and presented argument in 67 cases, including three in the United States Supreme Court.

Before beginning work with the City of Chicago, Ms. Solomon represented a number of major national organizations of state and local government officials in the Supreme Court of the United States, filing 100 friend-of-the-court briefs, as well as speaking and publishing widely on issues affecting state and local governments. While at the United States Department of Justice, she provided oral advice and written opinions to the President, Attorney General, and cabinet officials on questions of executive power and constitutional law. In 1981 and 1984, she was recognized for her contributions and service with the Attorney General's Special Commendation Awards.

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During the course of his career, Mr. Davenport has been engaged in the public and private sectors. After graduating from the School of Law in 1966, he began his career as an attorney in the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice. He subsequently served as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Alan Cranston of California. Mr. Davenport also served as Vice President of R.H. Lapin Company, a mortgage-banking subsidiary of Salomon Brothers. Following an appointment as an Assistant Secretary at the Department of Transportation, Mr. Davenport co-founded a law practice based in Washington, D.C.

In 2005, Mr. Davenport gave a gift to endow the Chester C. Davenport Scholarship Fund at the School of Law. His lengthy support of both the law school and the University include his service as a member of the Board of Visitors and of the Arch Foundation.

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Ms. Solomon graduated first in her class from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1978. Among her many accomplishments as a law student, Ms. Solomon was an Articles Editor for the *Georgia Law Review* from 1977–78 and on the journal's Editorial Board from 1976–77.

Following law school, Ms. Solomon was a law clerk to Judge James L. Oakes on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Following this clerkship, she became the first Georgia Law graduate to clerk for a United States Supreme Court justice serving as a clerk to Justice Byron R. White.

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March 18–19, 2016

ALUMNI/
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WEEKEND
AGENDA

Friday, March 18

2:30–4:00 p.m. **INTERVIEW: CHESTER C. DAVENPORT, CLASS OF 1966**
 With Associate Dean Diane Marie Amann and Associate Professor Andrea L. Dennis. Hosted by: **The Davenport-Benham Chapter of the Black Law Students Association**

Larry Walker Room, Dean Rusk Hall, University of Georgia School of Law

4:00–4:45 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION**
 Hosted by: **The Davenport-Benham Chapter of the Black Law Students Association**

2nd Floor Foyer, Dean Rusk Hall, University of Georgia School of Law

4:45–6:15 p.m. **PANEL: LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE THROUGH THE DECADES**

Moderated by: **Paul M. Kurtz, Associate Dean & Professor Emeritus**
 Panelists: **Alex Crumbley, Class of 1966; Barbara Mendel Mayden, Class of 1976; William Jenkins, Class of 1981; Mike Sharp, Class of 1991; and Anisa Abdullahi, Class of 2006**

Classroom A, Hirsch Hall, University of Georgia School of Law

6:15 p.m. **ALUMNI/ALUMNAE WEEKEND WELCOME PICNIC**
 Hosted by: **Henry G. Garrard III, Class of 1971; and Patrick H. Garrard, Class of 2007**

Herty Field, University of Georgia

Rain plan: A & B Concourse, First Floor, Hirsch Hall, University of Georgia School of Law

Saturday, March 19

8:30–10:00 a.m. **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW OPEN FOR DROP IN TOURS**

Guided by: **Dean's Ambassadors**

Meet in Hirsch Hall Rotunda, University of Georgia School of Law

10:30 a.m. **LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING***

KEYNOTE PANELISTS



JUDGE JULIE E. CARNES
CLASS OF 1975



CHIEF JUDGE CLAY D. LAND
CLASS OF 1985



CHIEF JUSTICE HUGH P. THOMPSON

11:00–11:45 a.m. **KEYNOTE PANEL***

Moderated by: **Assistant Professor Kent Barnett** Panelists: **Judge Julie E. Carnes, Class of 1975, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit; Chief Judge Clay D. Land, Class of 1985, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia; and Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson, Georgia Supreme Court**

12:15–1:30 p.m. **LUNCH AND AWARDS PRESENTATION***

INDUCTION CEREMONY OF THE CLASS OF 2015 ORDER OF THE COIF

Presented by: **Erica J. Hashimoto, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning, Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor & Allen Post Professor of Law**

The Order of the Coif is an honorary scholastic society, the purpose of which is to encourage excellence in legal education by fostering a spirit of careful study, recognizing those who as law students excelled in their studies and honoring those who as lawyers, judges and teachers attained high distinction for their scholarly or professional accomplishments.

**Russell Alexander Brown
Daniel J. Campen
Hunter Braxton Carpenter
Hali Anne Hill Cole
Emily Carlton Cook
Lee A. Deneen
Emily Nicole Evans
Michael F. Green, Jr
Sarah Anne Hill
Chelsey McDade Lewis**

**Ricardo Antonio Lopez
Andrew Doyle Mason
Amanda Mariam McDowell
Dov Preminger
George Simpson Ray
Maria del Rosario Rivera-Diaz
Nicola Marie Rossi
William Alexander Smith
Michael Charles Sullivan**

JESSE & DAN MACDOUGALD MEMORIAL AWARD FOR FIRST HONOR GRADUATE AND ISAAC MEINHARD AWARD FOR HIGHEST ACADEMIC AVERAGE

Lee A. Deneen, Class of 2015

LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION IN THE STUDY OF LAW

Garrett S. Burrell, Class of 2016

Alexander S. Russo, Class of 2017

LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR HIGHEST ACADEMIC AVERAGE

Solesse L. Altman, Class of 2016

Katherine Grace Howard, Class of 2017

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE SCROLLS

Chester C. Davenport, Class of 1966

Presented by: **Norman L. Underwood, Class of 1966**

Benna Ruth Solomon, Class of 1978

Presented by: **Dan T. Coenen, University Professor & Harmon W. Caldwell Chair in Constitutional Law**

*Events take place in the Grand Hall, Tate Student Center, University of Georgia

2:00–3:00 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Choose 1)**

REVIEW/PREVIEW OF THE SUPREME COURT

Led by: **Associate Professor Sonja West; Associate Dean Lori Ringhand; Professor Randy Beck; Visiting Assistant Professor Brian Lea, Class of 2009; and Lauren Caudill, Class of 2010**

Room 480, Tate Student Center, University of Georgia

PROFESSIONALISM CLE

Led by: **Peter I. Werdesheim, Class of 2001**

Room 479, Tate Student Center, University of Georgia

3:30 p.m. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (Choose 1)**

TOUR OF SANFORD STADIUM

Meet at Sanford Stadium, Gate 10, under the bridge entrance next to the Tate Student Center, University of Georgia

DEMYSTIFYING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

University of Georgia Office of Admissions, Terrell Hall

4:00–5:30 p.m. **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: VOLUNTEER SHIFT AT THE PROJECT SAFE THRIFT STORE**

All proceeds from the Thrift Store directly fund services for victims of domestic violence and their families.

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