



On **Friday, February 27, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** John Marshall Law Journal and John Marshall Property Law Society will co-host a Symposium focusing on Georgia's treatment of Privacy and Private Property Rights. It will be held at John Marshall Law School in Room 301. A reception will follow for all attendees and participants on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the law school. The free event will include presentations of articles featured in the Law Journal's forthcoming volume followed by question and answer sessions with the authors. Symposium participants include:

- **Larry Frankel, ACLU, State Legislative Counsel, Washington D.C.**  
Article: Georgia's DNA Databank: Limiting Infringement upon an Individual's Right to Privacy  
Summary: Recent Georgia legislation expands the collection of DNA profiles and when these profiles can be added to a DNA data bank maintained by the State. This article explores critical issues that the new law may encounter during implementation including intrusion upon an individual's right to privacy.
- **Michael B. Kent Jr., Assistant Professor of Law, John Marshall Law School**  
Essay: Pavesich, Property and Privacy: The Common Origins of Property Rights and Privacy Rights in Georgia  
Summary: This essay seeks to moderate the idea that property rights and privacy rights are two completely separate and unconnected categories. Focusing on the Georgia Supreme Court's decision in *Pavesich v. New England Life Insurance Company* (1905) – the first decision by a court of last resort to recognize privacy as a remediable, common-law right – the essay demonstrates the close philosophical, historical, and practical connections between privacy and property.
- **Kathleen Burch, Associate Professor of Law, John Marshall Law School**  
Article: Reorienting the Gun Control Debate: Recognizing the Purpose of the Right to Bear Arms and the Power of the Georgia General Assembly  
Summary: The article traces the historical understanding of the right to bear arms and its relationship to the protection of property, establishing that the framers' of the early Georgia constitutions intended to protect individual property rights and that the "last resort" method of doing so is the use of force. The author explores how the framers' intent should delineate the issues in the gun control debate in Georgia, including the power of the Georgia General Assembly to regulate guns.

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