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### **Dean's Message**

The Georgia July 2007 Bar Exam results were released last Friday. Thirty-six JMLS graduates sat for the July 2007 Georgia Bar exam for the first time; 27 passed, for a first-time taker pass rate of 75%. The average first-time taker pass rate for Georgia ABA schools was 92.1%. This represents the third July bar exam since the law school obtained provisional approval and a continued increase in the passing rate (2005=54.2%; 2006=70%). In addition, we know of two 2007 graduates who passed the bar exams in other states (Indiana & Florida).

We don't have all the results yet, but the initial statistics also show a steady increase in the average MBE (multi-state bar examination) scores of our graduates. In 2005, the average MBE score was 134.1; in 2006, it was 137.8; and in 2007 it was 140.3. The average MBE score by first-time takers of Georgia ABA schools was 149.7.

The Classes of 2008, 2009, and 2010 had entering statistics, especially LSAT, that were significantly higher than those classes admitted before the law school achieved provisional approval. Therefore, we would predict that your graduating classes will do significantly better than 2005, 2006, and 2007. However, it is important to guard against complacency, to take the bar exam review process seriously, and to do whatever it takes (extra child care, a leave of absence from work, etc.) to make sure that you don't let up until the bar exam is over. Higher passing rates help you, first and foremost, but they also help the law school in the long run. Go team!

Several students have mentioned the effort to write Thanksgiving letters to every service member stationed outside the U.S. This is a non-partisan effort that many of you will want to join. There is still time: [www.allthehitsq100.com](http://www.allthehitsq100.com)

Finally, this week's Dean's Awards. Thanks to Amber Saunders, Corey Martin, Mystical Studaway, Nicole Page, Tracee Benzo, Tiffany Simmons, and Amit Patel for helping with the visits of student groups from Florida A & M University and Albany State University. Dean's Awards for each of them.

I should say that, while we don't have all the information about who passed, we did notice that every 2007 graduate who had one or more Dean's Awards did pass the bar exam on their first try. Go and do likewise.

Dean Lynn

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*This week's announcements:*

- John Marshall Presents the Inaugural Fred Gray Social Justice Seminar
- Volunteer for the Georgia Lawyers for the Arts Silent Auction
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Career Development Orientation

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## **JOHN MARSHALL PRESENTS THE FRED GRAY SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINAR**

In honor of one of the leading lawyers in the Civil Rights movement, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School is pleased to present the inaugural

### **Fred Gray Social Justice Seminar**

*Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future; the Struggle for Civil and Human Rights*

**Friday, November 9, 2007**

**1:00 - 3:30**     **Panel Discussion: *Confronting issues of Civil and Human Rights in 2007***  
The panel will include leaders of civil and human rights organizations and defenders of the indigent. Further details will be provided.

A veteran civil rights attorney from Alabama, Fred Gray represented Rosa Parks when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a city bus and was chief counsel during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Gray was also Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s first civil rights lawyer. Gray has been at the forefront of changing the social fabric of America regarding desegregation, integration, constitutional law, racial discrimination in voting, housing, education, jury service, farm subsidies, medicine and ethics. For more information about the work of Attorney Fred Gray, visit [www.fredgray.net](http://www.fredgray.net).

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## **VOLUNTEER FOR THE GEORGIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS SILENT AUCTION**

Georgia Lawyers for the Arts (<http://www.glarts.org>) is having their annual silent art auction and fundraiser, Friday, November 2 at the Lowe gallery in midtown (<http://www.lowegallery.com>) and they are looking for student volunteers. There are a couple of different opportunities for people who want to help.

They will begin packing the art at 9:00 a.m. Friday at the Georgia Lawyers for the Arts office located in the King Plow Arts Center just a few minutes away from John Marshall. The address is 887 W. Marietta Avenue, Suite J-101, Atlanta, GA 30318.

At 2:00 p.m., they will begin unloading the art and bringing it into the Lowe Gallery at 75 Bennett Street, Space A-2, Atlanta, GA 30309.

The set-up for the event itself starts at 5:45 p.m., and the event will run until approximately 11:30 p.m. Volunteers at the event will be assisting with food and drinks, registration, the auction, and set-up and breakdown of the event. The dress is cocktail attire.

If you would like to help please contact Michael Albino by Wednesday, October 31 at [maalbino@johnmarshall.edu](mailto:maalbino@johnmarshall.edu) or 404-683-0698. If you send an email, be sure to include your phone number and the times you are available.

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## **1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATION**

### **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Get the Information You Need to Help You with Your Legal Job Search.

Friday, November 2nd  
Room 303  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Or

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Room 303  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

At the session, I will distribute the Career Services Manual, which contains a wealth of career related information. I will also discuss summer employment strategies, the services offered by the Career Development Office, and other useful legal employment information.

**Free Pizza!!**

Please contact the Director of Career Development for more information at (404)872-3593 ext. 113.