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This issue of The Advocate is dedicated to Professor Robert "Dag" D'Agostino, who was Dean of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School from 1996 to 2000 and who continues at the school as a Professor of Law. His contributions to our school have been, and continue to be, both significant and invaluable. Thank you Dag!



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DEAN'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this after the best day of the year—the bar admissions ceremony for our graduates who passed the July, 2010 Georgia bar exam. Fulton County Superior Court Judge T. Jackson Bedford, Jr., and Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham administered oaths to the new lawyers whose family and friends were looking on. And, just before that ceremony, Justice Benham participated in the re-dedication of the Chief Justice Robert Benham Student Lounge. We renovated the lounge last summer and wanted to let him know how much that space continues to mean to our students. That connection with him is quite important to the law school.

We are pleased to honor Professor Robert J. D'Agostino in this issue. We owe him so much. Dag single-handedly kept the school alive during his years as Dean. He would say that he relied on the help of many alumni and others, but not even their best intentions would have been sufficient without his intelligence, creativity, and determination. This year the *John Marshall Law Journal*, for which he was the founding faculty adviser, named its annual symposium for him. Dag continues to be a great teacher, an active scholar, and a reliable sounding board for later deans who benefit from his legacy.

"How's the law school?" you ask. The law school is booming. This year we have 630 students, of whom about 30% are evening students. For the foreseeable future, the entering class will be 250 or more. We have just purchased the top three floors (30,000 square feet) in the building next door for additional classes and office space. A two-story bridge will connect the two buildings. We will begin to use that space next August, since we are literally out of room in our nine-story building. We continue to hire more faculty in order to keep a low student/faculty ratio, as well as more staff to support a rapidly increasing menu of faculty and student activities. I hope you will be able to attend some of the many programs that are offered each week. Check the website! See you there.

Finally, let me brag about the new Alumni Board. These generous and active alumni have a deep interest in the success of the law school and a commitment to work to make it even better. The membership is not fixed, and we hope to add more members in the future. Let me or the Alumni Office know if you are ready to take that step. We need all the help we can get. Even if you don't have the time to take on more responsibilities now or make a larger gift, everything you do with our students, ranging from judging moot court to conducting mock interviews, counts for a lot. In fact, make them real interviews and hire a graduate! I appreciate your involvement and support on every level.

Please let me know your response to the law school developments and people spotlighted in this issue. I hope you're proud of the continuing progress and will keep sending us great students. And, don't hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of any assistance to you.


Richardson R. Lynn



ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe summer and fall are already over. Before you know it, it will be 2011! Reflecting on our school's accomplishments this past year, I want to tell you how wonderful it is to be a part of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association.

Our school has made remarkable advances in its recent history, and we continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Isn't it great that our school has acquired additional space to help support and promote that growth? I can't wait to walk across the sky-bridge to our new space. Be sure to visit JMLS for a tour once it's completed in August.

In addition to the new space, our school has also made great strides in how it stays connected to its graduates. As you may have heard, in September the Alumni Board came together for the first time in several years and began formulating an agenda aimed at supporting our school and its alumni. Moreover, in November JMLS held both an alumni mixer in Tifton, Georgia and the first ever Solo Practitioner Boot Camp, which was aimed at supporting our alumni who plan to start a solo practice. Be on the lookout this spring for more exciting events, including the Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Silent Auction, the Barristers' Ball, and the JMLS Reunion Dinner.

As you move forward through the end of this year and into the beginning of 2011, I encourage each of you to participate in our alumni events. It's a great way to connect with each other! I also encourage your financial support of our scholarship funds; it is these funds that enable us to give back to our school, to its students, and to each other.

I sincerely hope that you have a safe and wonderful holiday season, and as always, thank you for your commitment to Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and the JMLS Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Mike Moran ('97)
President, JMLS Alumni Association
Chair, JMLS Alumni Board





A lumni

We are honored to announce the re-establishment of the JMLS Alumni Board. The Alumni Board is a supportive body that consists of invited graduates of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. These graduates have dedicated their time and financial resources to the advancement of our school and the JMLS Alumni Association. Moreover, each Alumni Board member has made a commitment to create and foster connections between JMLS, its students, and its alumni.

On September 16, 2010, the Alumni Board met to discuss how it could move forward to fulfill these goals. At that time, the Alumni Board adopted its bylaws, a copy of which can be viewed online, and set forth a positive agenda to establish supportive Alumni Board committees, which include: the Development Committee; the Communications Committee; the Nominating Committee; and the Executive Committee. Each of these committees is sure to play an important role in helping the Alumni Board carry out its mission.

Thank you again to our Alumni Board members for their commitment and dedication! We are excited about the possibilities that come with having an active and supportive Alumni Board, and we are sure they will play an important role in helping to shape the future of our school and the JMLS Alumni Association.



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AN “AUTHENTIC” INTELLECT

By Robert “Bob” Bembridge ('04)

Recently, I departed Atlanta to return to the fields of opportunity in my native Iowa and continue my legal career in a new locale. Prior to my departure, I had the chance to dine with Bobby Lee Cook and his grandson at their home in Northwest Georgia. As we sat down to dinner, Mr. Cook asked me if I'd enjoyed my law school experience at John Marshall. Obviously, my response was positive, and I began to give him details, at his request, of both my course and research work completed with Professor Robert D'Agostino.

Instantly, I was back at my first day of class in Sales and Secured Transactions, where Professor D'Agostino was quick to call on me to brief the first case. The case involved a slip and fall from a diving board during a pool party, and somehow, the concept of implied warranties of merchantability played into the case. “Dag,” as most of his students call him, indicated he chose me first as I looked like a “pool-party kind of guy.” Quickly, I became intrigued, hooked, and upon reflection, rather interested in the subject of his class. From there my friendship with Dag grew.

It was not until my last semester, when I helped Dag with some research and footnoting for a law review article he was writing, that I began to understand the true level of his legal

mind. Surely the theory of Darwinian Evolution as a subject matter and its place in public school curriculum might suggest an extreme intellect, but to be able to articulate it, understand it, and put it on paper in coherent form, truly proved his.

After graduating and starting out in the Atlanta legal community, Dag and I would occasionally have lunch to catch up. This usually involved an excursion into the “authentic” cuisine offered along Buford Highway. Quite frankly, my preference was lunch where barbeque was the choice genre; however, Dag was quick to point out that this was just my Midwest taste buds preventing me from exploring the variety that Atlanta had to offer. And like his classes, lunch with him was a one-of-a-kind experience.

Back in the Midwest, I reminisce fondly about my time at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, of the amazing opportunities afforded me, and the people, like Dag, that I was so fortunate to meet. Indeed, we are all lucky to have Professor D'Agostino at our school, and I hope that students take time to get to know this avid bicyclist, kayaker, and person who enjoys listening to the Braves as he heads down to Florida for a little R & R, because I can assure you, I have.



a. Bob Bembridge ('04) and Professor D'Agostino check out the new trophy case in the law library.

b. The *John Marshall Law Journal* dedicates its annual symposium to “Dag.”



"In the late 1990's, the finances of John Marshall Law School were chancy. As the librarian, I took calls from vendors who hadn't been paid lately. There was always some sort of a deal in the offing that was going to let us catch up. "Dag deals" we called them. Sometimes it was a donation, sometimes a loan or some other transaction that would bring some funds to John Marshall. Sometimes the deal went away, sometimes it went through. The vendors got paid, and more important, John Marshall never missed a payroll. '"

- Professor Lynch

PROFESSOR ROBERT D'AGOSTINO

The oldest son of Italian immigrants, Professor D'Agostino or "Dag," as many students and alumni call him, was born and raised in New York City. He earned a B.A. and M.A. from Columbia University before working his way through Emory Law School, where he earned a Juris Doctorate. He is married and has three adult children and two grandchildren. In his personal time, Professor D'Agostino is an avid bicyclist, a baseball fan, a turtle conservationist, and a political activist. He even has a radio program called "Do Facts Matter", which airs at www.radiosandysprings.com, on Tuesdays from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Tune in for an hour with D'Ag!

In addition to an active personal life, Professor D'Agostino's legal career has, and continues to be, extremely impressive. Did you know that Professor D'Agostino was a presidential appointee to the U.S. Department of Justice under President Ronald Reagan, where he served as an Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights? He also practiced bankruptcy and commercial law for over 20 years. And, prior to joining Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 1995, Professor D'Agostino was a tenured professor at Widener Law School.

Though Professor D'Agostino has worked in many capacities during his legal career, he is best known at JMLS for his service as Dean. From 1996 to 2000, Professor D'Agostino worked tirelessly to keep our school open. Professor Jeffrey Van Detta said this about Professor D'Agostino, "When I think of Dag, I'm reminded of the nickname that they gave Leonard Bernstein years ago for the dedication and devotion he brought to his craft -- 'Mr. Music.' For his dedication and devotion to opening the law school experience to non-traditional students, to me Dag will always be 'Mr. Legal Education.'" Indeed, his vision, guidance, and "Dag deals" have allowed, and continue to allow, hundreds of students to obtain a legal education who otherwise would not have had the opportunity.

Professor D'Agostino's friendly and personable demeanor has made him one of the most interesting and entertaining professors at our school. Each semester, he continues to demonstrate to students the value and importance of the legal profession in their lives and the lives of others, while making sure to entertain everyone with a story or two from his past.

In addition to his successful teaching career, Professor D'Agostino also writes about bankruptcy, civil rights, and constitutional law. His current work deals with bullying, free speech rights, and a school's duty to protect its students. Additionally, he served as the first faculty advisor for the newly established *John Marshall Law Journal*, instilling in the students the value of legal scholarship. To honor this contribution, the Law Journal named its annual symposium in his honor.

How fortunate we are that Professor D'Agostino has made Atlanta's John Marshall Law School his home. Thank you Dag!

ON AND AROUND CAMPUS

LAW JOURNAL UPDATE

Members of the *John Marshall Law Journal* are diligently working on production of the Symposium Edition to be published in Spring 2011. This edition, Volume IV, is focused on Family Law and Juvenile Law. The Dean Robert J. D'Agostino Symposium for this edition will take place on February 9, 2011, at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center. Continuing Legal Education credits will be available for attending practitioners. Be sure to check the JMLS website for more information and updates.



LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES

The Leadership Lecture Series was developed by JMLS students, faculty and staff to explore the fundamental values of the legal profession, to engage civic leaders at the highest levels, and to inspire ethical public service upon graduation.

The inaugural season of the Leadership Lecture Series was a huge success! In August, former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin was the first guest speaker. Mayor Franklin stated, "I commend John Marshall for encouraging a student body who is also working for the betterment of our communities through leadership with a social conscience." Mayor Franklin's presentation was extremely uplifting, and it was an honor to have her start off the series.

Following Mayor Franklin's visit, the Leadership Lecture Series held a debate between candidates for Georgia Attorney General, Ken Hodges, Sam Olens, and Don Smart. During the debate, it became clear that the real winner would not be one of the candidates, but the JMLS community, who got to witness a glimpse of each candidate's goals.

The last Leadership Lecture Series of the season featured Adam Malone ('00). During his presentation, Adam discussed the landmark case *Atlanta Oculoplastic Surgery v. Nestlehutt*. Offering words of encouragement to JMLS students, Adam stated to students, "You have scrapped to get into law school and you have scrapped to stay in, and for that, I commend you. Remember, that is what makes you distinct from others."

Thank you to everyone who helped organize the Leadership Lecture Series' presentations this season, and thank you to everyone who attended. The series is currently planning its spring schedule of speakers and panelists, and it is shaping up to be a great season! Check the JMLS website and Facebook this spring for more information. We hope you join us as we continue with the next season of the Leadership Lecture Series.

a. Mayor Shirley Franklin, presenter at the inaugural Leadership Lecture Series, accepts a leadership award from 2L JMLS student Carlos Vilela.

b. Alumnus Adam Malone discusses *Atlanta Oculoplastic Surgery v. Nestlehutt* at the Leadership Lecture Series in October.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The Student Bar Association (“SBA”) has been hard at work serving the best interests of the student body. As each entering class grows in size, the JMLS community grows with it. In turn, the SBA has worked diligently to establish a bigger presence on campus. We have established four standing committees: 1) Events Committee; 2) Speakers Committee; 3) Service Committee; and 4) Student Voice Committee. Through these four committees, the SBA strives to meet the student body’s academic, social and service needs.

Additionally, the SBA is responsible for overseeing every student organization at JMLS. This includes ensuring that every student organization has bylaws, a constitution, a faculty adviser, an allocation of SBA funds, the necessary space to hold events, and a voice to address any concerns that may arise.

Today, JMLS has over 22 student organizations on campus. Every organization is required to host at least one speaker, organize at least one community service project, and plan an event in collaboration with at least one other student organization. To help ensure the efficiency of event approvals and room reservations, the SBA has implemented a new paperless system. With the help of the IT Department, headed by Mr. Roderick Jackson, the SBA hopes to quickly launch a web-based Event Approval Form that will assist student organizations when planning their events.

Furthermore, the SBA has worked with Dean Harris in renovating the SBA Office. The new space will provide a more conducive environment for serving the needs of the student body and various student organizations, and in conjunction with Dean Lynn, the SBA has held town hall meetings to apprise the student body of these exciting changes. On November 18, 2010, the SBA hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the newly re-dedicated Chief Justice Robert Benham Student Lounge.

Lastly, the Barrister’s Ball will be held on April 2, 2011, at “200 Peachtree.” We hope all JMLS alumni will be able to join us for this wonderful event!



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- SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY
- STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND



a. The Sports and Entertainment Law Society and the Atlanta Falcons teamed up to conduct a football camp for kids. The collaboration between the students and professionals within our community is an effort to enhance networking opportunities while giving back to a greater cause.

b. Student Ambassadors came together this holiday season to sponsor a needy family identified by Atlanta Legal Aid. To help raise money for their sponsor family, ambassadors sold “Candy Grams” (small gift bags filled with an assortment of chocolates and candies) to JMLS students, alumni, faculty and staff.

c. The Just the Beginning Foundation brought the “Robes in the Schools” panel presentation to JMLS. The panel spoke with students, sharing their paths to the bench, strategies and tips for success in the legal profession, and insight into career-building opportunities as externs and law clerks in the court system. The panel included Judges: Kathy Surratt-States, Donald Wilkerson, Julie Robinson, and Alvin T. Wong ('76).



For more information, please visit www.johnmarshallsba.blogspot.com

PRO BONO & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The mission of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School is to prepare highly competent and professional lawyers who possess a strong social conscience, continually demonstrate high ethical standards, and are committed to the improvement of the legal system and society.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This year was a milestone for John Marshall. For the first time, all first year students participated in a pro bono project in or around our community. By taking part in these pro bono projects, students demonstrated the value of giving back to their community while establishing a pattern of giving that will certainly carry forward into their professional lives.

First year part-time students participated in a community service project in conjunction with Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless. More than fifty students participated in this project by helping sort clothes and by delivering food to shelters across Atlanta.

Full-time students volunteered for one of three different pro bono outreach projects. The first project is the Forever Family Correspondence Project or Forever Family. Forever Family supports children with incarcerated parents as they, their parents, their caregivers and extended families, work to remain a family. Specifically, students worked with The Prisoners' Correspondence Project (PCP), which answers letters Forever Family receives from prisoners, and helped provide face-to-face support to incarcerated mothers.

The second project involves the Georgia Adopt-A-Highway Program. This program helps clean waste from our environment while saving taxpayers money. Volunteers with Adopt-A-Highway serve as reminders to the public that we should all do our part in maintaining our environment. JMLS adopted three sites, including the areas at the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps on I-75 and Northside Dr., I-75 and Moore's Mills, and Freedom Parkway and Boulevard.

The third outreach program involves the Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency (ACSS). Student volunteers had the opportunity to participate at "Café 458," which assists homeless individuals who have addiction issues, disabilities, or mental health concerns. Students were also given an opportunity to work with "the EDGE," the ACSS's employment support program.

All of these opportunities demonstrate to the JMLS legal community the importance of helping those in need. From Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless, to the Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency, our first-year students have shown that as they move forward in their professional careers, they will always remember the differences they can make in the lives of others.



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BUILDING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY ONE ISLAND AT A TIME

Going Global usually means large. But, for Atlanta's John Marshall Law School going global means micro – The Micronesian Islands. For the past three summers, JMLS has placed students in externships across Micronesia, including the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (the "CNMI"), the Federated States of Micronesia (the "FSM"), the Territory of Guam, and the State of Yap in the FSM.

At first, one might wonder why Atlanta's John Marshall Law School is in Micronesia. The answer is twofold – building the JMLS community and fulfilling the JMLS mission. The Micronesian Externship Program is the result of answering the request of a friend to assist in providing legal services to a historically underserved community.

Several summers ago, the then Attorney General of the State of Yap, Cyprian Manmaw, asked Professor Kathleen Burch, a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of Yap, for help. Knowing that Yap had no funds to hire another attorney and that the Attorney General's Office, which handles all criminal prosecutions, civil litigation, and advises all executive branch agencies, had more work than three attorneys could handle, Attorney General Manmaw and Professor Burch devised a solution – an externship program. When the idea of the externship program was proposed to Dean Richardson Lynn, his response was enthusiastic, with one condition. If JMLS goes to Yap, JMLS should go to all of the islands - Guam, CNMI, Palau, and the other FSM states. Thus, the Micronesian Externship Program was born.

With the assistance of Ben Tured, Executive Director of Micronesian Legal Services, Professor Burch designed the Program. Because one of the goals of the Program is to add value to the placement site, students participate in a week long seminar in Atlanta where they learn about Micronesian customs and traditions, the history of the islands, the legal systems of the islands, and the islands' relationship to each other and to the U.S. Upon completion of the seminar, students are free to travel to their placement sites. Externship placement sites include the Supreme Courts of the CNMI, the FSM and Guam, the Superior Courts of Guam, the CNMI, and the State of Yap, the Offices of the Attorney General for the CNMI, Palau, and the State of Yap, the Public Defenders Offices of the

CNMI and Guam, and Micronesian Legal Services offices in Saipan, Yap, Palau, and Pohnpei.

Students participating in the Program gain practical legal experience, which has also led to job opportunities. When asked about his experience, alum Daniel Stafford ('09) stated: "While externing with the CNMI Supreme Court, I was able to demonstrate the skills I had learned thus far in law school to all three justices on a regular basis. Because of my experience in the externship, the door to a full-time clerkship with the Chief Justice opened." After graduation, Daniel returned to the CNMI for a clerkship with the CNMI Supreme Court.

The Program not only allows students to enhance their legal skills, but also provides students an opportunity to immerse themselves in the legal culture of a diverse community. Chase Cannon, a 3L, who externed with the Supreme Court of Guam, described his experience as "exceeding" his expectations. Sanchia Jeffers, a 3L part-time, worked in the Guam Public Defenders Office, where she interviewed clients, drafted jury instructions, and assisted in trial preparation. According to Sanchia, some of the highlights of her externship were "obtaining extensive field experience and having an open dialogue with the attorneys which led to an appreciation that a knowledge and understanding of culture is imperative when interviewing clients and to provide clients with adequate representation."

The Program not only benefits JMLS students, it also benefits the placement sites. The students do work which would otherwise be done by an attorney in the office. Due to the quality of work done by the students, JMLS has recently received requests from the CNMI Superior Court and the CNMI Attorney General to expand the Micronesian Externship Program from a summer externship program to include a semester option. With the support of the JMLS Faculty, beginning with the Spring Semester 2011, the first students will arrive in Saipan to participate in the semester-long Micronesian Externship Program.

The Micronesian islands span the northern Pacific from Hawaii to the Philippines. As JMLS students are placed in government and non-profit offices across these islands, JMLS students are building the relationships which are the foundation of the JMLS global community. A community we are building one island and one student at time.

"As a summer clerk, I drafted bench memos and even wrote a speech that one of the Justices delivered to the CNMI House of Representatives. Because of the extent to which I was able to be involved in the inter-workings of the Court during my externship, the door to a full-time clerkship with the Chief Justice opened up rather quickly once I graduated. I have now completed the clerkship, and I work in Saipan as General Counsel to a large Asia-based investment firm. I feel certain that I would not be in this position if I had not initially become involved in the Micronesian Externship Program."



- Daniel Stafford ('09)



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- a. The Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- b. The Republic of Palau Judiciary building.
- c. Program participants enjoy breathtaking scenery as they develop their legal skills.
- d. Students get an up-close look at Micronesian customs and culture.
- e. Participants in the program make life-long friends.



Career Services

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School invites you to participate in the Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 On-Campus Interview Recruitment Program. This program was created to assist firms/organizations in finding qualified candidates to fill vacant positions, while allowing you to become more acquainted with our students. If you are interested in hiring any of our students or graduates, we offer a variety of recruitment options that are provided to your firm or organization at no cost.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS:

We offer on-campus interviews during both the spring and fall. Spring 2011 interviews will begin on February 1st and will continue until April 8th. Fall 2011 interviews will be held from September 5th through November 18th. Employers who wish to set up on-campus interviews may contact Ivonne Betancourt, Director of Career Development. Employers may also link to the spring or fall on-campus interview or resume forwarding request forms on our website. Please print and complete the appropriate form, along with two copies of your firm resume and NALP forms and fax them to (404) 873-1609. To have a form faxed to you, please contact Rachael Kirk at (404) 872-3593 ext. 113. If you are interested in interviewing on campus, we will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

NON-VISITING RESUME COLLECTION:

If you are unable to schedule interviews on campus but would like to receive resumes, we will be happy to mail them to you. We will compile resumes from interested students and send them to your firm/organization. Please complete a spring or fall career development reservation form and fax it to us at (404) 873-1609.

OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEWING OPTIONS:

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School provides several opportunities for students to meet with prospective employers in settings other than the law school. This is an effort to provide access to employers who may not be able to come on campus for interviews. Students travel to a designated location and are interviewed there by prospective employers. A few of the opportunities available are: Public Sector Career Fair, Judicial Clerkship Job Fair, Southeast Legal Hiring Conference, 1L Atlanta Minority Clerkship Program, and the Southeast Minority Job Fair (SEMJF).

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

In addition to on-campus interviews, information sessions can also be arranged. We will set up a time convenient for you to come speak to our students about your firm/organization and the type of candidates you are seeking.

JOB POSTING:

Finally, employers may also link to a printable job posting form found on the career services website. Employers' notices are generally posted for a period of three months unless the employer notifies us that the position has been filled or asks us to keep it posted for a longer period of time. Employers wishing to post job announcements for students or alumni may do so free of charge by contacting the Career Development Office.

We are here to assist you with your recruiting efforts and to provide you with effective access to our ambitious, intelligent, mature, and experienced students and alumni. If you have any questions, please call (404) 872-3593 ext. 113. We look forward to meeting you and your firm this year!

WHY ATLANTA'S JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL?

Each year, hundreds of applicants are referred to JMLS by our alumni. Here are a few facts about JMLS to keep in mind when you find yourself in a conversation with a prospective student. Of course, sharing your personal experience is always a good start!

Did you know that all of our faculty members have extensive practical experience in their respective fields of expertise? Also, our 13-to-1 student to faculty ratio is one of the smallest in the country and allows for a supportive environment where professors are easily accessible to students both inside and outside of the classrooms.

Additionally, our impressive 90.4% placement rate means that even in this economy, our students are getting jobs. In fact, JMLS's Career Development Office offers individualized, professional advice to students and alumni that is tailored specifically to each individual's goals.

Moreover, JMLS is centrally located in Atlanta, which is often considered the social, cultural and economic hub of the South. Indeed, the school is close to Atlanta's largest law firms, as well as government offices, both state and federal courts, and non-profit legal organizations.

We offer the most flexible legal program in the Southeast. Students can complete their legal education in a full-time, part-time day, or part-time evening format.

KNOW A POTENTIAL LAWYER?

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School has a proud history of producing great lawyers. Our alumni understand what it takes for an individual to be successful in our law programs; therefore, we highly value our alumni referrals. If you know someone who would be a great addition to our law school community, please provide them with this referral card, and we will gladly waive their \$50.00 application fee.



APPLICANT'S NAME

ALUMNUS NAME

CLASS YEAR

ALUMNUS ADDRESS:

*Applicants must include this card with their application.

ENTERING CLASS OF 2010

265 STUDENTS

209 FULL-TIME

56 PART-TIME

26 STATES

143 MALE

122 FEMALE

37.7% MINORITY POPULATION

21.5% AFRICAN-AMERICAN

8.3% HISPANIC

7.5% ASIAN

ALUMNI AT LARGE



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a. Dean Lynn and Judge Joe Bishop mingle at the 2010 South Georgia Alumni mixer.

b. Terry Underwood ('65) attends the LL.M in Employment Law Orientation at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in August.

c. Cory Martin ('09) and Lawrence Sinkler ('09) speak to individuals about professionalism at the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

d. Craig Oakes ('01) and Rachel Scott ('08) stand with Judge Alan Blackburn ('68) during his portrait unveiling at the Georgia Court of Appeals.

e. Isaac Babalola ('00) and his guest appear at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., prior to being sworn-in to the U.S. Supreme Court.

f. Cara Rockhill ('09) visits with other alumni in Washington, D.C.

g. Jeff Williams ('05) and his wife Diane at the Willard Hotel.

h. Lisa Skinner ('10), Mallore Collins ('10), Nilufar Abdi-Tabari ('10), and Edidiog Essienmoh ('10) at the swearing-in ceremonies in Atlanta.

i. 2010 graduates get sworn-in to the Supreme Court of Georgia and Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.



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JMLS's upcoming 2011 Reunion Dinner will take place in conjunction with the Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Silent Auction on March 25, 2011, and will honor the Classes of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006. For more information, or to donate to the auction, email cdillard@johnmarshall.edu or call 404-872-3593, ext 287. Be on the lookout for more information this February!



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LISA SKINNER '10

For nearly two decades, Lisa Skinner has been a dedicated child advocate. Lisa has volunteered as a guest lecturer and program presenter for the Archdioceses of Los Angeles, St. Louis, and Chicago, advocating for inner-city minority families. She is also the founder and managing director of a non-profit organization supporting local school programs and is a guardian ad litem for Fulton County Juvenile Court, where she represents abused and neglected children.

Lisa attended Immaculata College, graduating with a degree in Accounting/Computer Science. Lisa's passion for child advocacy led her to attend Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, and she graduated in May 2010.

What have you been doing since graduation?

I have continued working with the ACLU of Georgia as a volunteer on their "School to Prison Pipeline Project." Last year, as part of my externship there, I was asked to help organize a forum titled "Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline," which JMLS kindly agreed to host. The Forum was so successful that we have used it as a model for five other forums that have been held throughout Georgia. I have helped organize these forums and given presentations on "How to Be an Effective Parent Advocate."

What are your plans for the future?

I am currently in the process of starting my own law practice. I plan on focusing on education law, but I also plan to utilize my designations as a TIP guardian ad litem, and a Georgia neutral. Additionally, I will be working as a part-time contract lobbyist and plan to be involved in both community education and impact litigation.

Why did you choose to attend JMLS?

As the mother of three active school-age children, and with a husband who travels up to 5 days a week, I was drawn to JMLS because it offered a part-time day program. The supportive faculty and staff, the small class sizes, and the camaraderie of the student body were added bonuses.

What makes you most proud of JMLS?

I am most proud of the way the JMLS community supports student success. I had support from classmates, who would actually forward me class notes when I had to miss a class, and support from my professors, who not only encouraged me to pursue my field of interest, but allowed flexibility with my family obligations. I even had support from the staff, who helped me with my externship.

What clubs and organizations were you a part of while at JMLS?

Because of my responsibilities to my family, I was not able to participate in as many of the numerous clubs and organizations that JMLS had to offer, as I would have liked. However, I was proud to represent JMLS as a Student Ambassador, and I was a member of BLSA, GABWA, GAWL and Phi Alpha Delta.

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BY
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Law school: not buildings,
but students, teachers, staff and
alumni, like you.

John Marshall was a
hero, a giant, THE judge
and is THE law school.

Who is your client?
People. People with money
maybe, but people.

Submit your own
law-related Haiku to
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JMLS ALUMNI GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

The alumni trip to the United States Supreme Court is a very exciting event each year, and this year was no exception. In fact, the event is so popular with our alumni, that there is a waiting list for those interested in joining us at future swearing-in ceremonies.

On Monday, November 1, 2010, the following individuals accompanied Dean Lynn to Washington, D.C. to be sworn-in to the U.S. Supreme Court: Isaac Babalola ('00), Fariba Bayani ('04), Duncan Harle ('01), William Hollingsworth ('98), Professor Liza Karsai, Barry King ('97), Bernadette Olmos ('00), Patricia Taylor ('99), Matthew Tucker ('06) and Jeffrey Williams ('05).

On the Sunday evening before the swearing-in ceremony, Dean Lynn hosted a reception for those alumni attending, welcoming their families and friends to celebrate the event. The reception was held at the famous Willard Hotel, which is located next to the White House. Cara Rockhill, a 2009 graduate of JMLS who lives nearby in Maryland, also joined us for the special occasion. The food was great and the conversation was better, as we all gathered to honor this milestone in our alumni's lives.

After being sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court, the alumni and their guests observed oral arguments before the Court. In fact, the first advocate arguing before the Court, David Eduard Mills, was the topic of the cover story for the November issue of the *ABA Journal*, which outlined Mr. Mills' journey to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is so exciting that our alumni were able to witness the highlight of Mr. Mills' remarkable journey.

This year's alumni trip to Washington, D.C. was so much fun. Thank you again to all of those alumni who attended, and thank you to those who have expressed an interest in accompanying us to the U.S. Supreme Court in the future. We look forward to next year's ceremony and the many more to come. Each time, it is an honor for us to be present with our alumni as they make this monumental leap in their professional careers.



FACULTY FOCUS



JONATHAN RAPPING
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Professor Rapping brings years of experience and knowledge to the students of his Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure courses. He served as Training Chief for the Orleans Public Defenders, working to rebuild the New Orleans' Public Defender's Office in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In the ten years prior to his work in New Orleans, he served in the Public Defenders' offices of Georgia and Washington, D.C., developing and implementing public defender training programs, while handling a caseload of felonies. He has also taught throughout the country at numerous clinical training programs for criminal defense associations, public defenders offices, and law schools, including Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

In 2007, Professor Rapping was awarded a Soros Justice Fellowship to develop the Southern Public Defender Training Center, which trains new public defenders across the southeastern United States. Professor Rapping has also recently established a National Public Defender Corps, which is designed to train public defenders to be better advocates for their clients.



JOSEPH ROSEN
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Professor Rosen is a former F.B.I. Special Agent and U.S. Customs Special Agent. In 2001, he opened his law practice, which focuses on immigration law. Professor Rosen is also a contract legal instructor with the U.S. government and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He is past President of the North Fulton Bar Association.

During his time as an adjunct professor at JMLS, Professor Rosen has brought his vast knowledge and legal experiences to students studying immigration law. Because of Professor Rosen, many graduates of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School have gone on to become successful immigration law practitioners. This past summer, Professor Rosen proposed a day-long seminar for those graduates interested in becoming solo practitioners. In response, JMLS staff, faculty and students worked with Professor Rosen to hold the first ever Solo Practitioner Boot Camp in mid-November. The event was a complete success, encouraging us to hold similar workshops in the future.

TRIVIA WITH DEAN MEARS

Only one county in Georgia is named for a woman, what is the name of that county and in what judicial circuit is it located?

The first individual to post the correct answer to this trivia question on the Facebook group page, titled The Official Alumni Group of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, will receive a JMLS gift bag, which will include a signature JMLS Alumni pen. A new trivia question will be posted on Facebook on the first Tuesday of every month, so be sure to play!



www.facebook.com/AJMLS



LL.M. PROGRAM WELCOMES FIRST CLASS

By Lisa Kaplan, Director of LL.M.

The LL.M. in Employment Law program kicked off with a two-day Orientation in Atlanta, August 27-28, 2010. The Orientation included an introduction to the program as well as two informative panel discussions attended by local leaders in the employment law field.

The inaugural LL.M. class is comprised of experienced lawyers who earned their J.D. degrees at nine law schools including Emory, Loyola, the University of Missouri, the University of Michigan and JMLS. The attorneys hail from eight states and practice in a variety of settings including in-house, small and medium size firms, and the military.

The Masters of Laws in Employment Law is an innovative, online, five semester program—the only one in the nation. Small class sizes, in-depth curriculum and innovative distance learning technology combine to set the program apart. The unique structure of the LL.M. program allows students to earn their degree without taking time away from work.

The LL.M. Program is currently accepting applications for January 2011 entry. The program has received acquiescence from the ABA and new financing opportunities are now available for practicing attorneys wishing to enroll. For more information, please visit www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM or email Program Director, Lisa Kaplan, at EmploymentLaw@johnmarshall.edu.



LISA TAYLOR
LL.M. PROFESSOR

Prior to joining the JMLS in 2003, Professor Taylor was an Associate with Alston & Bird, practicing in their Labor & Employment section. There, she represented corporate clients in employment-related litigation matters of all types, including claims arising under Title VII, ADEA, ADA, FLSA, FMLA, and various state laws. Professor Taylor has written several insightful papers concerning employment law, including articles published in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Labor & Employment Law*, *Drake Law Review*, and *Catholic University Law Review*.

WHAT LL.M. STUDENTS ARE SAYING

“I really feel alive and engaged. Whether it is JMLS, the online program, professors, students, my family or all of the above, I truly enjoy being engaged and learning through the LL.M. Program. I want to devote a portion of my day to study and interaction in the Program.”

“I am very thankful for the opportunity to achieve an LL.M. in Employment Law online. Without this option, I would not be able to pursue an LL.M.”

“The online learning experience is AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER than traditional classroom learning.”

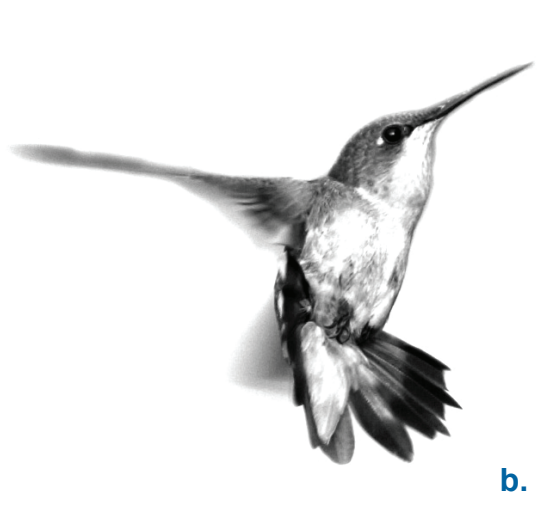
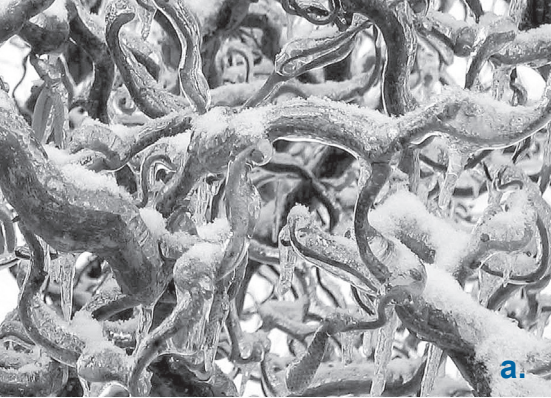
“The online concept is very good because it allows those of us who cannot attend class the opportunity to get a quality education. This format gives the student time to digest the material and respond intelligently.”

IN PRAISE OF DIVERSION

By Daniel F. Piar

“Law sharpens the mind by narrowing it.”

-- Edmund Burke



Every lawyer should be aware of Burke’s words and the implicit challenge that they pose: how can we practice law without becoming one-dimensional? It is all too easy to become single-minded in the pursuit of a profession. This is doubly true of law, which is a demanding endeavor that will absorb all the time, energy and attention that we have – if we let it. We should guard against this possibility, and not allow ourselves to be swallowed up by our work. Awareness of the danger is the first step. The second is finding some diversions that will give us a life outside the law, to relieve the relentless focus on work, duty, authority, and controversy.

Each of us, in short, needs a life apart from the law. Some find it in family; some in hobbies; some in church; some in the arts. Wherever it may be, we all need to realize that there is more to life than law, and more to being human than being a subject-matter expert, being quick on our feet in the courtroom, or knowing how to broker deals. Law is one aspect of our humanity, but it should never be taken as the whole thing.

Some lawyers seem to fear stepping back from their work, afraid that it will dull their edge or cost them some advantage. But in fact, the opposite is true. By participating more fully in life we become more fully human, better able to appreciate the needs of our clients, better able to think creatively about solving problems, and better able to establish rapport with others. These are the things that make us better lawyers, not things that weaken us. By letting go of law from time to time, we in fact become better at all we do. So try a new hobby, set aside extra time to play with your children, or take that vacation you have been putting off. You have nothing to lose but the narrowness of your mind.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Professor Daniel F. Piar is a Professor of Law at Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School. From 1995 to 2001, he worked as an Associate and then as a Partner at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta. While there, he specialized in the federal litigation of labor and employment claims, including class actions and administrative litigation. During 2001 and 2002, he worked in Athens, Georgia as an Assistant District Attorney prosecuting state felony cases. His scholarship centers on the cultural study of constitutional law, especially the law of individual rights.

One of Professor Piar’s diversions is photography. Recently, he donated one of his works to the 2010 Public Interest Law Society’s Silent Auction.

Photographs on this page are all the work of Professor Piar. **a.** Hazelnut In Winter; **b.** Hummingbird; **c.** Ladder.

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ALUMNI WEBPAGE

Be sure to visit our alumni webpage! The JMLS alumni webpage contains up-to-date alumni news and detailed information about upcoming alumni events. You can access an assortment of alumni benefits and services without ever leaving your home or office. You can obtain a JMLS email account, request a transcript, and even view past issues of *The Advocate* - all online.

ALUMNI EVENTS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Alumni Office organizes events throughout the year to help you stay connected to the school and to each other. This past fall, we held networking events in Washington, D.C., Tifton, Georgia, and Atlanta, Georgia. If you are interested in helping organize a JMLS alumni event in your area, please contact Assistant Alumni Director, Chad Dillard at 404-872-3593 ext. 287. Be on the lookout for more alumni events coming your way!

MONTHLY ALUMNI E-NEWSLETTER

Each month, we send out an email newsletter that helps keep you connected to JMLS. The newsletter highlights important alumni news and keeps you informed about upcoming alumni events. If you do not receive the alumni E-Newsletter, please go to www.johnmarshall.edu/alumni and update your contact information online. After your information is updated, your email will be automatically added to the database and you will receive the E-Newsletter. It only takes a few minutes to stay involved and connected.

YOUR JMLS LIBRARY

The JMLS Library is an invaluable tool to not only our students, but also our alumni. The JMLS library is three floors of up-to-date journals, periodicals, and other law-related publications. Not only that, the library has a Westlaw access terminal that is exclusively for alumni use. If you have any questions or comments, or if you want to learn more about how the JMLS library can help you or your practice, please contact the library at 404-872-3593 ext. 103.

THE JMLS LAW REVIEW

The *John Marshall Law Journal* is a bi-annual legal periodical published at the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters. The Journal is staffed by second and third year full-time law students and third and fourth year part-time law students. The mission of the *John Marshall Law Journal* is to serve as an informative resource to the legal community by focusing each issue of the Journal on areas of the law that are currently impacting the nation and Georgia.

Each spring, the *John Marshall Law Journal* hosts the Dean Robert J. D'Agostino Symposium to raise awareness of its forthcoming issue. The symposium provides panel discussions on the area of law on which the forthcoming Journal will focus. These discussions address the issues specifically raised in the Journal articles. Panelists include the authors contributing to the forthcoming Journal, as well as other law professors, legislators, and practitioners with expertise on the subject at hand.

If you would like to purchase a subscription to the Journal or if you have any questions regarding the Symposium, please email: lawjournal@johnmarshall.edu.

The Alumni Office serves as a resource to all JMLS Alumni and friends of the school. If you have any questions about services, events or volunteer opportunities, please contact Chad Dillard, Assistant Director of Alumni, at 404-872-3593 ext. 287.

GIVING BACK

Thank you for the gifts of support that you have provided to our scholarship funds this year! Your dedication to the growth of our funds enables us to provide opportunities and financial assistance to deserving students, while helping build strong and prosperous bonds between the school, its students and its alumni.

The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association's scholarship funds have come a long way this year, but there is much to be done. Indeed, we must work together to not only meet our goals, but exceed them, so that our Alumni Association's ability to help students can expand and grow. Contributions to the JMLS Alumni Association's scholarship funds, at any level, are greatly appreciated, and go a long way to help deserving JMLS students.

As you are the friends and alumni of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, we respectfully ask for your support with a donation to one of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association's scholarship funds. You represent the backbone of our scholarship funds, and with your support, we can ensure that others will have access to the excellent education that our school provides.

There are five funds you can donate to: The Annual Fund, the Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Bobby Lee Cook Scholarship Fund, the Melissa Hamrick Scholarship Fund, and the John E. Ryan Endowed Scholarship Fund. A description of each fund can be viewed on the school's website; however, please feel free to contact the Alumni Office if you would like to learn more about these funds or other giving opportunities. The Alumni Office will do everything it can to make it easy for you to support our school and its students.

Please find enclosed a small envelope that you can use to make your gift. You may also make your gift online by going to www.johnmarshall.edu/alumni/giving. Don't forget to donate before December 31st to take advantage of a 2010 tax deduction!*

Thank you again for your tremendous support! We look forward to your continued dedication to our school and the JMLS Alumni Association's scholarship funds.

*The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association is a Section 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization created to benefit Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and its students. *All contributions to the Alumni Association are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*



Your gift makes a difference.
Please donate today.



MELISSA HAMRICK

THE ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is the Association's operating fund. The fund is intended to subsidize special events, small scholarship awards to students, and other alumni projects, such as *The Advocate* and state bar receptions.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Endowed Scholarship Fund has been created to provide scholarship money to qualifying students after the fund has grown to a sustainable level. Interest earned on this fund will be used to pay for tuition, books, and various other school-related expenses. The scholarship money awarded from this fund works to enrich our school by allowing JMLS to be more competitive with other schools in the admissions process. With the generous support of our alumni, the JMLS Alumni Association expects this fund to grow significantly in the next few years.

BOBBY LEE COOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bobby Lee Cook Scholarship Fund was established by a generous \$100,000.00 donation from attorney Bobby Lee Cook and will provide scholarships to qualifying JMLS students. Bobby Lee Cook is widely recognized for his career as a prominent trial attorney and his representation in high profile criminal trials. The Alumni Association hopes to sustain and augment the fund through the generosity of friends and JMLS alumni.

MELISSA HAMRICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Melissa Hamrick Scholarship Fund has been established to honor the memory of the late Melissa Hamrick, a John Marshall law student, who passed away from leukemia in January 2009. She would have graduated in May 2010. This fund was established by Melissa's classmate Tracie Henderson. Melissa was smart, funny and witty. Although she was a student for only a short time, her adventuresome spirit touched many at the law school.

JOHN E. RYAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The John E. Ryan Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established to honor the late Dean Emeritus John E. Ryan. This fund will provide scholarships to students from out of state that have the potential to carry out the mission of the law school while maintaining academic excellence.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. ERIN FOWLER

Erin is the 2010 recipient of the Melissa Hamrick Scholarship! Erin is a 2L part-time student at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. We commend Erin for her hard work and wish her continued success at JMLS and beyond.

The Melissa Hamrick Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of Melissa Hamrick, a John Marshall law student who passed away from leukemia in January, 2009. At the May 2010 Commencement, Melissa was posthumously awarded her J.D. degree, which was accepted by her husband, Ben Hamrick.

The fund was established by Melissa's classmate Tracie Henderson ('10). Faculty, students, staff, and alumni have contributed to this year's fund and have helped make this scholarship to Erin a reality.

Each year, every penny donated to this fund will be used to the benefit of a deserving student. We hope that next year the fund will provide even more financial assistance while honoring Melissa's memory.

Check out JMLS online!

- Order John Marshall memorabilia (class rings, diploma frames, and more...)

- Read this and past editions of *The Advocate*

- Share photos and stories

- Make a secure donation!



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2011 Barristers Ball
April 2nd - See you there!

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and Alumni Reunion
March 25th
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