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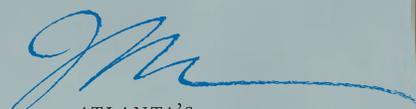
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DEAN
RICHARDSON R. LYNN

“Everything is possible. Okay, everything except a football team.”



This was one of the most exciting and productive years in the history of the law school. Obtaining full approval from the American Bar Association, establishing the online LL.M. in Employment Law, the Commencement speech by Justice Thomas, continued success in placing our students when most law school employment rates went into free-fall, and the largest gift for scholarships (so far) added up to an amazing year. In addition, our faculty's scholarly writing increased, the number of externship placements went up, the Office of Academic Achievement helped more students succeed in law school, and our dedicated staff continues to find creative ways to serve students.

Several times during Justice Thomas' two-day visit, he said, "This is a law school that trains real lawyers." High praise. And, we are grateful to one real lawyer, Bobby Lee Cook, for his gift of \$100,000 to fund the Bobby Lee Cook Endowed Scholarship. The 8th annual Bobby Lee Cook Practical Legal Symposium was held in April - excellent, once more - and I had the honor of announcing Mr. Cook's gift, the foundation for steadily increasing scholarship resources. Law school faculty and staff have contributed to scholarship funds during the year, as well.

During this year, the alumni have been major contributors - judging moot court, participating in Career Development programs, bringing us good students, and hiring our graduates. Under the leadership of Mike Moran, President of the Alumni Association, a new Alumni Board will help us connect better with alumni, find new ways to serve you, and find new ways for you to help our students.

The law school is also looking to the future. Now that ABA approval is achieved, what can we do that will be a service to the Georgia Bar, our community, alumni, and future students? At its most recent meeting, the Board of Directors considered several possibilities, and we will continue to explore them. As some of you know, we had a branch campus in Savannah in the '70s and '80s. And, while records from the "old" days are skimpy, I'm told that we offered a number of degrees other than the law degree in the past. Everything is possible. Okay, everything except a football team.

Thank you for your continuing interest in John Marshall. I hope it is also a growing interest. Your investment of time and money in the law school will be rewarded with a rising reputation for your law school and the pride of knowing that John Marshall makes a difference in the lives of people by training excellent lawyers who are socially responsible and leaders in their communities.

Please let me know your thoughts about what John Marshall should accomplish in the future. And, as always, please contact me if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

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ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate Atlanta's John Marshall Law School for receiving full accreditation from the American Bar Association. Thank you to everyone who helped JMLS achieve this remarkable honor. I am very excited about all of the positive changes at our school.

I would also like to thank Bobby Lee Cook for his recent \$100,000 donation to the Alumni Association for the establishment of the Bobby Lee Cook Endowed Scholarship Fund. This fund will support a number of scholarships each year and will bring new and exciting talent to our school.

The Alumni Association has also recently established the Melissa Hamrick Scholarship Fund. This fund was created to honor the memory of the late Melissa Hamrick, a John Marshall law student who passed away from leukemia in January, 2009.

As the year progresses, it is important that we continue to support all of our scholarship funds and build connections between JMLS and its alumni. I encourage JMLS alumni to visit www.johnmarshall.edu/Alumni, the alumni Facebook group, and the alumni LinkedIn group for more information on how they can be involved with our school and stay up-to-date on alumni events and networking opportunities.

Thank you again for all of your support, and I look forward to a very successful year for the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association.



Mike Moran
Class of 1997

JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS SPEAKS AT JOHN MARSHALL'S 2010 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School held its Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2010, in the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The class of 155 graduates, along with hundreds of family and friends, gathered to celebrate this tremendous occasion.

The Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, delivered the Commencement address, which marked this special occasion with unparalleled success.

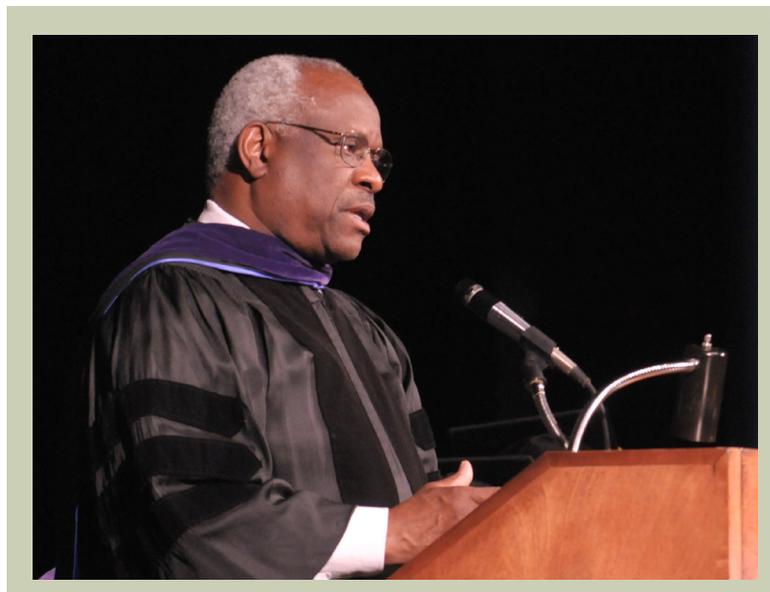
Justice Thomas was born in Pin Point, Georgia, in 1948. He served as both Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights with the U.S. Department of Education and Chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Prior to taking his seat as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court on October 23, 1991, Justice Thomas served as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

In speaking about the legal profession, Justice Thomas stated that "its nobility depends on how you treat it." He advised JMLS graduates that "as the future leaders, and as today's leaders, you are obligated to be good citizens and good lawyers, and to be a part of making this country, this state, better." His warm encouragement and praise of both heroes and hope was uplifting to all in attendance.

In recognition of his service to the legal system in America, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School presented Justice Thomas with an honorary degree from the law school.

"Be true to your faith and your beliefs."

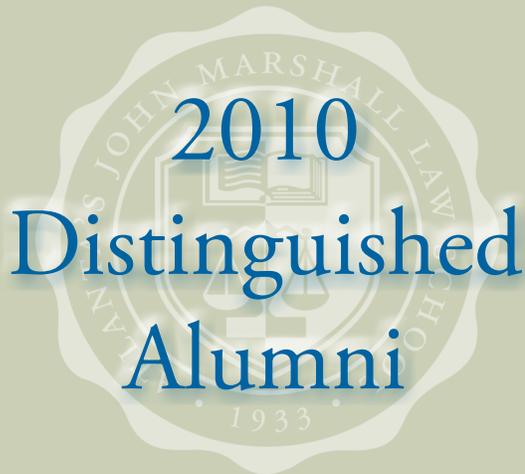
"Hold on to hope and always be honest."





James G. Bodiford, Judge, Cobb County Superior Court, was elected Superior Court Judge in 1994 and has since been re-elected three times to this position, most recently with an 83% majority. He was Chief Judge of the Cobb County Superior Court from 2005-2006. Judge Bodiford has presided successfully over numerous high-profile, media-intensive cases, including *State of Georgia v. Brian G. Nichols*. Because of his service to the legal community and his commitment to our school, JMLS honored Judge Bodiford by presenting him with the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award. Judge Bodiford's career is a badge of honor to all JMLS alumni.

'76 ALUMNUS JAMES G. BODIFORD



'00 ALUMNA NEERA A. BAHL



Neera Bahl founded Neera Bahl & Associates in 2009. After a career of more than 20 years in medical and scientific research, she realized her dream of becoming an attorney when she received her J.D. from JMLS in 2000. Neera is active in many organizations, including the Georgia Bar, Atlanta Bar, GAWL, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Raksha, the Georgia Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, and the India Cultural and Religious Center. We look forward to Neera's positive impact on the legal community as her career flourishes and are proud to present her with the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award.





On January 11, 2010, eleven alumni from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School were personally admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Dean Richard Lynn proudly moved the admissions and Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. administered the oath. Following the ceremony, the group remained to hear oral arguments.

The eleven alumni sworn in are: Bob Bembridge ('04), Dave Driggers ('00), Burl Finkelstein ('05), Emilie Freeman ('05), Gretchen Howard ('05), Nicole Jones ('04), Sean Joyner ('03), Roger Montgomery ('05), Rick Rafter ('02), Neera Bahl ('00) and Otis Weldon ('01). We look forward to the next alumni admission ceremony on November 1, 2010.

NEWS & EVENTS

The Public Interest Law Society's 1st annual Silent Auction and Networking Mixer was held at Manuel's Tavern on Friday, April 9, 2010. The silent auction was followed by a live auction and included items such as dinner and snooker with Dean Lynn, mentoring lunches donated by various faculty members and alumni, "stay-cation" packages, sporting tickets, jewelry, and art work. Proceeds of the auction are used to sponsor a JMLS student engaged in pro bono work during the summer.

Highlighting the event, the Honorable G. Alan Blackburn ('68) was presented with the 1st annual JMLS Public Interest Law Award in recognition of his more than thirty years of public service. Congratulations to everyone who made this event so successful, and we look forward to next April!





Exclusively ONLINE

LL.M. in Employment Law

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR FALL 2010!

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School announces an innovative LL.M. program developed for attorneys seeking to advance and strengthen their expertise in employment law. The LL.M. in Employment Law program will launch with an Orientation event August 27th and 28th in Atlanta. Classes begin September 7, 2010. Students entering the program this fall, will complete the program in May 2012, in time to participate in Commencement. The LL.M. Faculty is comprised of experienced professors and top-notch practitioners currently working in the field. By offering courses taught by both full-time faculty and working attorneys, the program will provide an excellent mix of practical knowledge and scholarship.

LL.M. students will take one seven-week course at a time, typically completing a total of four credit hours per semester. The first course, *Cutting Edge Issues in Employment Law*, will be taught by Professor Lisa Taylor. Professor Taylor focuses her teaching and scholarship on Employment Law and has written several insightful papers on the subject, including articles published in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Labor & Employment Law*, *Drake Law Review*, and *Catholic University Law Review*.

The second course, *Evolving Employment Discrimination Law*, will be taught by distinguished practitioner Professor Joelle Sharman. Professor Sharman graduated from Duke University School of Law. She has practiced at national labor and employment law firms and is currently a partner in the Atlanta office of Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith. In addition to representing clients in employment law matters, Professor Sharman is a national lecturer and has published in numerous professional journals.

According to LL.M. program Director Lisa Kaplan, the inaugural class promises to be a strong one, with practitioners from a variety of professional backgrounds. Applications are currently being accepted for students who wish to enter the program in August 2010 and January 2011. Application instructions for both the online and traditional application process are available at <http://www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM/Apply>.



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As you know, on December 5, 2009, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School became fully accredited by the American Bar Association. In response, more and more graduates from our school are venturing beyond the borders of Georgia and helping to strengthen our school's reputation across the country and overseas.

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School graduates can be found in California, New York, Colorado, Arizona, Alaska, Tennessee, Florida, and as far away as Hawaii and the Federated States of Micronesia. They are becoming prominent community leaders across the globe and are helping promote the reputation of JMLS everywhere they land. We are extremely proud of our alumni's accomplishments and look forward to their bright futures as they build positive reputations around the world.



Law School Class of 2010

We need your help! Atlanta's John Marshall Law School is in search of memorabilia from our school's rich history. If you, or anyone you know, have any commencement programs (all years prior to 2000), yearbooks (all years), class pictures (Atlanta - 1965, 1967, 1988, 1989, and 2000; Savannah – any and all years) or any other kind of JMLS memorabilia that you are willing to lend or donate to JMLS, please contact Barbara Chelikowsky at 404-872-3593 ext. 150.

We would be happy to arrange to have any item(s) transported to and from JMLS. Should you choose to keep your original memorabilia, we can also arrange to have a duplicate created, if possible, so that you can retain the original memorabilia in your private collection.

We appreciate your help, and we look forward to rediscovering many memories from our school's past.

FACULTY FOCUS



SHERYL E. HARRISON
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dean Harrison is a former law clerk to the Honorable James A. Beaty, Jr., Middle District of North Carolina, and former Note Editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*. She was the first African-American in fifteen years and the second African-American female ever to qualify for membership on this prestigious journal. Prior to joining JMLS, Dean Harrison practiced complex litigation for three years at Troutman Sanders, focusing on tort, contract, and products liability litigation. Dean Harrison teaches: Business Organizations; Contracts; Legal Drafting; and Legal Research, Writing & Analysis I & II.

As Dean of Students, Dean Harrison responds to student concerns, questions, and emergencies. In order to promote our students' success, Dean Harrison implements various programs throughout the year and actively advises and counsels students. Dean Harrison also serves as the main link between the students and the faculty, administrators, and staff.



MARTIN ELLIN
PROFESSOR OF LAW

Professor Ellin began his legal career with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Afterwards, he spent nearly 20 years in private practice. While in private practice, Professor Ellin also acted as a mediator, mediating hundreds of claims for federal agencies, local court systems and private litigants. In 1999, Professor Ellin left private practice to promote alternative dispute resolution as the Director of Legal Services for the Justice Center of Atlanta. Professor Ellin now serves as the Executive Director of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. In 2010, Professor Ellin was presented with the Elbert P. Tuttle Jurisprudence Award by the Anti-Defamation League.

Since joining the adjunct faculty of JMLS, Professor Ellin has given hundreds of students the skills necessary to become great practitioners of alternative dispute resolution and has shown us all that kindness and compassion are abundant in our profession.

TRIVIA WITH DEAN MEARS

What Georgia Judicial Circuit is named after the daughter of the president of a railroad, and what was the name of that railroad?

*The first two individuals 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 copy of Associate Dean Michael Mears' new book, *Objection: A Guide to Preventing Errors in a Criminal Trial*. A new trivia question will be posted on Facebook on the first Tuesday of every month, so be sure to play!*



You may purchase a copy of *Objection* for \$15.00 by emailing shailani@johnmarshall.edu. Profits from the sale of *Objection* will go to benefit criminal law related student groups and organizations at JMLS.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to being committed teachers, the John Marshall faculty continually work to enrich the law and the legal profession through their published scholarship. The faculty are engaged in a fascinating variety of projects in areas ranging from bankruptcy to constitutional theory, from popular culture to tort liability. This year's publications illustrate the depth and breadth of the faculty's work.

Joanna Apolinsky and **Jeff Van Detta** have published "Rethinking Liability for Vaccine Injuries," 20 Cornell J of Law and Public Policy (2010). His article proposes a new regime for vaccine injury liability, drawing heavily on tort and economic theory.

Kathleen Burch has published two articles in our own *John Marshall Law Journal*. In "Creating the Perfect Storm: How Partnering with the ACLU Integrates the Carnegie Report's Three Apprenticeships," 3 John Marshall L. J. 51 (2009), Professor Burch describes the law school's Civil Liberties Seminar and explains how it achieves some of the educational goals suggested by recent theorists of legal education. In "The Gun Control Debate and the Power of the Georgia General Assembly: A Historical Perspective," 2 John Marshall L. J. 93 (2009), she examines the historical development of gun regulation in Georgia, with commentary on the present state of gun control.

Kevin Cieply has published a chapter in the book *Legal Issues in the Struggle Against Terror* (Carolina Academic Press, 2010). This chapter is titled "The Relations between Military and Civilian Authorities Within the United States," co-authored with Kurt Johnson and Jeanne Myers.

Robert D'Agostino, in "*Selman and Kitzmiller* and the Imposition of Darwinian Orthodoxy," 2010 B.Y.U. Education and Law J. 1 (2010), examines critically both the prevailing Darwinian orthodoxy and legal attempts to stifle differing views in the public schools.

Lucy Jewel's article "Through a Glass Darkly: Using Brain Science and Visual Rhetoric to Gain a Professional Perspective on Visual Advocacy," 19 Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal 237 (2010), examines the implications of cognitive theory, particularly that of visual rhetoric, to develop a model of advocacy.

Michael Kent has published two articles. In the first, titled, "Public Utilities, Eminent Domain, and Land Use Regulations: Has Texas Found the Proper Balance?" 16 Texas Wesleyan L. Rev. 29 (Fall 2009), Professor Kent addresses whether public utilities possessing the power of eminent domain have to comply with local land use regulations, an issue of increasing significance in the age of "smart growth." Using Texas law as a case study, the article concludes that the best approach may be to exempt public utilities from local regulations over the location of facilities, but nonetheless subject those facilities to local oversight over other issues (like aesthetics, environmental concerns, and health and safety). In the second, "Theoretical Tension and Doctrinal Discord: Analyzing Development Impact Fees as Takings," 51 William & Mary L. Rev. 1833 (Spring 2010), Professor Kent analyzes contemporary jurisprudence concerning the treatment of land use fees as takings, proposing a model of his own to resolve the discordant state of current law.

In "The Death of Law: A Cinematic Vision," 32 Arkansas Little Rock L. Rev. 1 (Fall 2009), Professor **Lance McMillian** assesses three recent films and their foreboding visions of law in Western society.

Kamina Pinder has also published twice. First, in "De Jure, De Facto, and Déjà vu All Over Again: An Evaluation of the Modern School Finance Reform Movement Through The Historical Lens of Georgia's Segregation-Era School Equalization Program," 2 John Marshall L. J. 1965 (2010), she and co-author Evan Hanson explore the history of Georgia's use of school funding to maintain de jure segregation, and examine its implications for the state's present-day schools. In "Federal Demand and Local Choice: Safeguarding the Notion of Federalism in Education Policy," 39 J.L. & Educ. 1 (2010), she describes the federal and state roles in promoting and enforcing laws related to academic achievement and the appropriate judicial role in interpreting them, with recommendations for a more workable model of accountability.

Lisa Taylor, in "Untangling the Web Spun by Title VII's Referral and Deferral Scheme," 59 Cath. U. L. Rev. 427 (2010), takes on the often complex issues of federalism and preclusion raised by Title VII's referral and deferral scheme.

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FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP (CONT'D)

Heather Scribner's "A Fundamental Misconception of Separation of Powers: *Boumediene v. Bush*," 14 *Texas Rev. of Law & Politics* 90 (2009) examines the Supreme Court's latest decision in the War on Terror, and concludes that it violates principles of judicial restraint and separation of powers.

Finally, in addition to co-authoring the Cornell article on vaccine liability, **Jeff Van Detta** has published three other articles during 2009-2010. In "Dialogue with a Neurosurgeon: Toward a Dépeçage Approach to Achieve Tort Reform and Preserve Corrective Justice in Medical Malpractice Cases," 71 *U. Pitt. L. Rev.* 1 (2009), Professor Van Detta examines the problem of runaway medical malpractice litigation costs in an extended dialogue with an alumnus of John Marshall who turned to law after a successful career as a neurosurgeon. Like his article with Professor Apolinsky, this article proposes a new regime for medical malpractice liability, drawing heavily on tort and economic theory. In two articles published in the *Barry Law Review*, Professor Van Detta employs both principles of cognitive psychology, as well as his decade of experience in teaching opinion-writing seminars to federal and state appellate judges, to examine the trial court opinions of Judge Learned Hand for lessons - both pro and con - that form a paradigm for improving judicial opinion writing generally. Those articles are "The Decline and Fall of the American Judicial Opinion, Part I: Back to the Future from the Roberts Court to Learned Hand - Context and Congruence," 12 *Barry L. Rev.* 53 (2009); and "The Decline and Fall of the American Judicial Opinion, Part II: Back to the Future from The Roberts Court to Learned Hand - Segmentation, Audience, and the Opportunity of Justice Sotomayor," 13 *Barry L. Rev.* 29 (2010).

John Marshall's students, past and present, should be proud of the scholarly efforts of their faculty, which have brought, and will continue to bring, increasing credit and visibility to the law school.



7TH ANNUAL SUPREME COURT TRIP - 2010

The 7th annual Supreme Court Trip provided students enrolled in constitutional law courses with the opportunity to watch the United States Supreme Court in action. The Justices did not disappoint. Justice Roberts called the Court to order at precisely 10:00 a.m. Justice Scalia was scathing. Justice Ginsberg, frail, yet ready with probing questions. Justice Breyer presenting long, complex hypothetical questions (which, hopefully, helped the students to understand why faculty ask hypothetical questions in class). Students watched several attorneys being sworn into the Supreme Court Bar, an honor they look forward to enjoying in several years time as part of the JMLS alumni trip, and heard oral arguments in two cases.

After lunch in the Supreme Court cafeteria, students met with Associate Justice Ginsberg, who told the students about her career path and how she became a justice. Justice Ginsberg told the students how she juggled a family, school, and work and that success is the result of hard work. After answering student questions, Justice Ginsberg proved her point about hard work as she excused herself to get ready for the next day's arguments.

Students then left the Supreme Court and headed over to the Supreme Court Institute housed at Georgetown University Law Center where they met with Professor Steven Goldblatt, Co-Director of the Institute. The Institute provides attorneys who have arguments before the Supreme Court with an opportunity to moot their case before experts on the legal issues in a setting which is a replica of the courtroom at the Supreme Court. Over the course of an hour, Professor Goldblatt explained how attorneys prepare for oral argument.

The next day, it was time to explore the Capitol Building, view the old Supreme Court room where *Marbury v. Madison* was argued, and meet with Congressman John Lewis.



JOHN MARSHALL LAW JOURNAL

The *John Marshall Law Journal* achieved several milestones during the past year. First, the Journal published its first summer edition, entitled Promoting the Teaching of Legal Writing: A Cooperative American and African Symposium. Second, the number of external article submissions allowed the journal to be more selective in deciding which articles to publish. Finally, Professor Michael B. Kent Jr. succeeded Professor Robert D'Agostino as its faculty advisor. These successes resulted from the incredible leadership provided by Editor-in-Chief Amelia A. Ragan and the consistent support and dedication of the Editorial Board.

Each spring, the members of the *John Marshall Law Journal* produce its Symposium Edition, focusing on a timely area of Georgia law. Last year's edition, Volume III, Number 2, entitled "Adequate" Public Education: Georgia's Report Card, reviews the state's educational landscape in search of the most appropriate means to provide a constitutionally guaranteed free, adequate public education and considers whether the state is fulfilling this pledge. The first section presents four articles evaluating Georgia legislation, or lack thereof as the case may be, which affects educational funding mechanisms, school choice programs, restraint and seclusion techniques in schools, and the constitutionality of the recently enacted Charter School Commission Law. In the *John Marshall Law Journal's* second section you will find four student-authored comments calling for legislative and judicial reform in Georgia dealing with student internet speech, school drug testing policies, teaching the Bible as literature and history, and a universal school vouchers program. The final section contains several student-prepared summaries of selected legislative initiatives relating to education.

In February 2010, the staff members hosted a symposium to evaluate and discuss education law in Georgia. Each author offered an account of his or her article, and other education experts joined the discussion as panelists. The symposium had outstanding attendance consisting of practitioners and students interested in expanding their knowledge of education law or earning CLE credits. Finally, the Journal named the annual event the Dean Robert J. D'Agostino Symposium in honor of "Dag" who inaugurated the *John Marshall Law Journal* just three short years ago.

This year the Symposium Edition will provide commentary on family law and juvenile law issues in Georgia. The Editorial Board has invited judges, practitioners, and scholars to compose articles for the forthcoming publication, and it has received an overwhelming response from individuals who are concerned and passionate about the challenges facing Georgia's families and children. The individuals who have indicated an interest in writing have identified topics including: equitable division of property in divorce actions; child abduction and international kidnappings; same-sex marriage (how Georgia may respond); enforcing civil contempt actions in domestic violence cases; military personnel and child custody; and other issues concerning child welfare.

The student members are striving to improve the *John Marshall Law Journal* by advancing the quality of scholarship and its recognition in Georgia's legal community. We hope you will continue to support the Journal by purchasing a subscription or attending the symposium that will take place early this spring (for more information visit: www.johnmarshall.edu/academics/LawJournal.php). Your continued support will serve to further promote and strengthen the *John Marshall Law Journal's* success.

STUDENT FEATURE: ALPA AMIN

“... an inspiration to all students interested in a public service career.”



Congratulations to Alpa Amin ('10) for receiving a 2010 Equal Justice Works Fellowship. The Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program, the nation's largest post-graduate fellowship program, partners with public interest lawyers, non-profit organizations, law firms, and corporate attorneys to provide access to justice for underrepresented populations. Alpa received one of the coveted fellowships to continue her work with GAIN, the Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network. Alpa's work at GAIN while a student was so impressive that King & Spalding and Greenberg Traurig contributed funds to solidify her fellowship. During her fellowship, Alpa will develop GAIN's Victims of Violence Project.

Alpa's path to her fellowship began with the JMLS Pro Bono Outreach Program. She volunteered with Raksha, Inc., where she met Monica Khant, GAIN's Executive Director. Ms. Khant recognized Alpa's dedication to public service, offered her a position, and the rest is herstory. Alpa's success is an inspiration to all students interested in a public service career. Like other students, she struggled with the choice of following her desire to serve or choosing the job that offered the biggest salary. She chose to follow her passion. Alpa was inspired by Steve Reba ('08) who also followed his passion to serve. Steve was the first JMLS graduate to become an Equal Justice Works Fellow. He currently works to free and rehabilitate incarcerated juveniles at the Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic of the Emory University School of Law.

Alpa and other members of the Class of 2010 collectively volunteered over 3,000 hours while in law school. Lacey Griffeth and Jeremy Tark were in the top 10% of total pro bono hours and received the Excellence in Pro Bono Award. The Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears Pro Bono Award for the highest total pro bono awards went to Michelle Caswell. Congratulations Alpa and all of the pro bono award recipients for a job well done and for making JMLS proud!

To learn more about Pro Bono and
Community Outreach programs, please contact:

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ALUMNI FEATURE: '00 ALUMNUS, ADAM MALONE



Adam Malone graduated *summa cum laude* from JMLS in 2000 and was valedictorian of his class. As a law student, Adam was active in mock trial, worked as an assistant prosecutor in Clayton County under the Third Year Practice Act, and clerked for the Honorable G. Alan Blackburn ('68) who recently retired from the Georgia Court of Appeals. While at JMLS, Adam met Barbara Berry, also a 2000 graduate of JMLS and daughter of Jimmy Berry, a 1970 graduate. Adam and Barbara married and have three children.

Since graduating from JMLS, Adam's reputation and legal skills have not gone unnoticed. In 2008, Adam was featured as one of the top 12 lawyers in Georgia under the age of 40 by the *Fulton County Daily Report*; he was selected to be included in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the specialties of medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation; and he was named a 2010 Georgia "Super Lawyer" by *SuperLawyers* magazine.

Adam consistently provides support to JMLS by contributing his time, reputation, and financial resources to the enhancement of our school. Adam is an active member of John Marshall's Board of Directors and is Past President of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association.

We are proud of Adam and look forward to his continued involvement with our school.

ALUMNI RESOURCES

CAREER SERVICES

The Career Development Office is committed to providing services to help our students and alumni achieve their career goals. Early career assessment, and skills training, is essential to a successful job search and career satisfaction. Whether you are looking for a part-time clerkship, that first post-graduate position, a lateral move, or a complete career change, we are here to support your efforts. The programs developed by the Career Development Office help our students and alumni meet the challenges they face while searching for employment opportunities.

For more information, or to let us know of employment opportunities that might benefit other graduates, please call the Career Development Office at 404-872-3593 Ext. 113, or visit www.johnmarshall.edu/career.

LAW LIBRARY

We invite all alumni to use the law library and its collections. A collection of practitioner-oriented treatises is located in the library's reserve area. An alumni Westlaw terminal is available for alumni use and is located on the 4th floor of the library near the circulation desk. JMLS alumni also have access to computers in the library's 4th floor computer lab. A photocopy machine is located in the public services area, and carrels in the library are available to everyone on a first come basis. Upon request, librarians will conduct a library tour for interested alumni.

For more information, please call the law library at 404-872-3593 ext. 175, or go to www.johnmarshall.edu/library.



Giving

The growth and enrichment of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School depends on the support of its friends and alumni. Support for our school comes in a variety of forms, including the various funds established by the Alumni Association. By supporting these funds, we acknowledge the critical importance of giving back, we exemplify philanthropy for our students and community, and we advance our school's ability to compete with other law schools around the nation.

By making a gift to one of our funds, you play a critical role in the future success of our school. Undoubtedly, your gift will help transform the lives of deserving students and reinforce the bonds between JMLS, its students, and yourself. We encourage your support of our funds and your continued involvement with John Marshall Law School. With the support of our alumni, JMLS is sure to continue its meteoric rise!

For more information or to give securely online, please visit www.johnmarshall.edu/alumni.

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

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

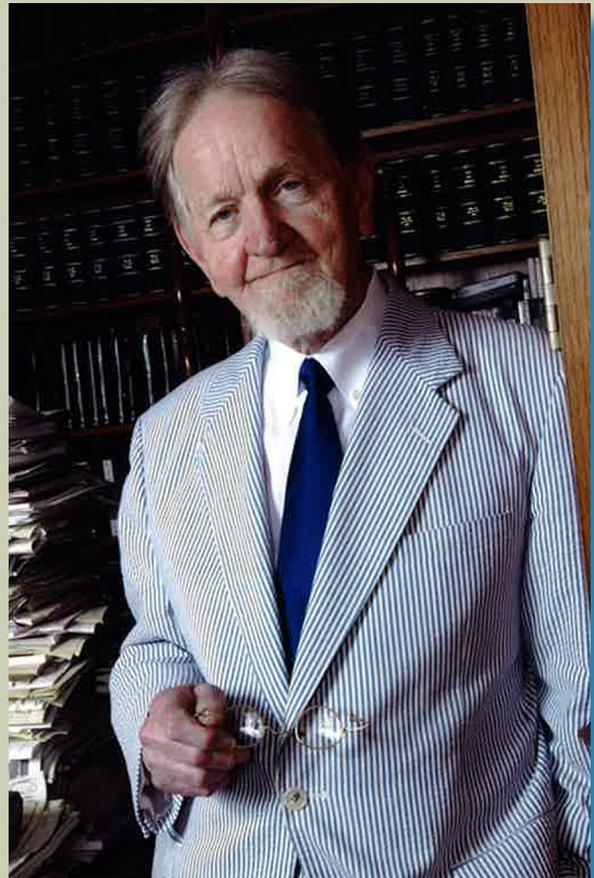
The Bobby Lee Cook Scholarship Fund was established by a generous \$100,000.00 donation from attorney Bobby Lee Cook and will provide scholarships to qualifying JMLS students. Bobby Lee Cook is widely recognized for his career as a prominent trial attorney and his representation in high profile criminal 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 a scholarship to students from out of state that have the potential to carry out the mission of the law school while maintaining academic excellence.



BOBBY LEE COOK

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School acknowledges the unparalleled generosity of Bobby Lee Cook for his \$100,000 donation to the JMLS Alumni Association for the establishment of The Bobby Lee Cook Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Bobby Lee Cook is widely recognized for his career as a prominent trial attorney, representing individuals in numerous high profile criminal trials throughout the state. His long-term commitment to the school includes past service as a member of the Board of Directors and sponsorship of the annual Bobby Lee Cook Practical Legal Symposium, which has been held at JMLS each spring for the past eight years.

The Bobby Lee Cook Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships to many qualifying students. Through the continued generosity of friends and alumni, we hope to sustain and nurture this fund so that more and more students can benefit from its establishment. We are fortunate to have Mr. Cook as a proud supporter of our school!

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