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Article the first...

After the first enumeration required by the first article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand persons; but thereafter so regulated by Congress, that there shall be not less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every thirty thousand persons; until the number of Representatives shall reach one hundred and thirty, after which the number shall increase so that there shall be one Representative for every fifty thousand persons.

Article the third...

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Article the fourth...

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article the fifth...

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article the sixth...

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath, or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article the seventh...

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article the eighth...

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article the ninth...

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article the tenth...

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

2023 Law School Orientations on Professionalism

The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism thanks all the lawyers and judges for helping to make the 2023 Law School Orientations on Professionalism a success.

BY KARLISE Y. GRIER

When the Supreme Court of Georgia adopted A Lawyer's Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism in 1992, it wrote, "It is the Court's hope that Georgia's lawyers, judges and legal educators will use the following aspirational

ideals to reexamine the justifications of the practice of law in our society and to consider the implications of those justifications for their conduct. The Court feels that enhancement of professionalism can be best brought about by the cooperative

efforts of the organized bar, the courts and the law schools with each group working independently, but also jointly in that effort."¹ For the past 31 years, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, along with the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism, have partnered to bring the Court's vision to life during the Law School Orientations on Professionalism. In August 2023, the Commission, along with the Bar's 2022-23 Committee on Professionalism, under the leadership of Committee Chair Joshua Bosin and Committee Vice Chair Michael Herskowitz organized the 31st Annual Law School Orientations on Professionalism, which were held at all five of Georgia's ABA-accredited law schools. The orientations are designed to provide incoming first year law students with their first introduction to professionalism. Georgia lawyers and judges apply to serve as group leaders during small-group breakout sessions at the orientations to help students learn the meaning of professionalism and why it is important for them as law students. The 130 lawyers and judges who volunteered to serve as group leaders in 2023 ensured the contin-



Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs giving remarks at the Georgia State University College of Law Orientation on Professionalism.

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ued success of the orientations. Several of the group leaders participated in orientations at more than one school. In addition, several other judges and one lawyer served as plenary speakers during the professionalism orientations. Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs, for example, made brief remarks regarding professionalism and administered the Professionalism Oath and Honor Code Pledge at Georgia State University College of Law. Chief Justice Boggs also shared his thoughts on professionalism in a letter provided to the law students at all of the schools. He shared in his letter, “You are now a member of your law school community, and you will eventually become a member of the Bar. You will often interact with one another in stressful, chaotic environments that are designed to be adversarial. But you should never put aside the moral compass you brought with you to law school or forget that we are all colleagues in a noble profession. For our profession to thrive, we must remember that the way in which we resolve disputes defines part of the character of our society and we should act accordingly.”

Hon. J. Antonio “Tony” DelCampo, the 61st president of the State Bar of Georgia also provided a letter to the law students at each of the law schools that emphasized the importance of relationships and service. He wrote: “Beginning with your first moments as a law student, it is important that you establish solid professional and social relationships with your classmates because this is one of the foundational elements of professionalism. While you may not realize it yet, the relationships that you establish with your peers will benefit you throughout your entire professional life. ... I also encourage you to get involved in your law school, your community and in civic organizations—even as a law student. Getting involved is not only good for your soul, it is not only good for doing what is right, but it is also good for your legal career.”

Group leaders for the orientations at (1) Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School; (2) Emory University School of Law; and (3) Georgia State University College of Law.



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Group leaders for the orientation at Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law.



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Group leaders for the orientation at University of Georgia School of Law.

The subcommittee that planned the 2023 law school orientation programs was chaired by J. Maria Waters and Kacey Baine. The members of the Law School Orientation on Professionalism Subcommittee, which planned the orientations, included several lawyers, law students and one judge. The subcommittee members were: Associate Dean Kent Barnett, Assistant Director Leron Burge, Professor Nathan S. Chapman, Andrew Ligon Fant, Professor Derrick Howard, Hon. Shukura L. Ingram, Ashley S. Lewis, Associate Dean Tameka Lester, Professor Patrick Longan, Travis Lynes, C. Brad Marsh and Kevin C. Patrick. The Commission and Committee also wish to acknowledge the support staff of our law school partners: Leron Burge, Atlanta's John Marshall

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On a personal note, I have discovered that by participating in the orientations, I “get back” as much as I give by my participation. This was also true in 2023 and in one particularly unexpected way. During one of the breaks at an orientation session, a student shared with me that he had actually read an article I

wrote, “The Necessity of Unparalleled Unity,”³ which had been included in the written materials for the orientation. It made my day! If you are looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve our profession, please consider applying to participate as a group leader at the 2024 professionalism orientations.⁴


The Commission and the Committee thank our partners (including deans, professors, law students and support staff) at each of Georgia’s five ABA-accredited law schools for their dedication to making this program a success. Moreover, the Commission and the Committee could not hold the orientation without the help of the many lawyers and judges who volunteer each year to serve as plenary speakers or to lead the small-group breakout sessions. It is because of each of these individuals that the Commission and the Committee can continue to make the award-winning Law School Orientations on Professionalism an outstanding success! □



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Endnotes

1. See Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, *Lawyer’s Creed*, ABA  *Statement on Professionalism*, <http://cjcpga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2-Lawyers-CreedAspStatement-v-2013-Line-Number-with-new-logo-and-seal-v07-25-19.pdf> (last visited Aug. 31, 2023).
2. For more information regarding the 2023 Law School Orientations on Professionalism, visit <https://cjcpga.org/law-school-orientations-on-professionalism-2023/>.
3. See Karlise Y. Grier, *The Necessity of Unparalleled Unity*, Ga. Bar. J. Vol. 26, No. 1, p. 70-72 (August 2020).
4. To add your name to the list to receive the 2024 group leader application, visit <https://cjcpga.org/law-school-orientations-on-professionalism-2024/>.

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Aug. 5	Hon. Eric Richardson	Atlanta's John Marshall Law School
Aug. 8	Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs	Georgia State University College of Law
Aug. 10	Hon. Glenda Hatchett	Emory University School of Law
Aug. 11	Hon. Connie Williford	Mercer University School of Law
Aug. 11	Naveen Ramachandruppa	University of Georgia School of Law

Are you interested in serving as a group leader for the 2024 Law School Orientations on Professionalism? Complete the contact form found at bit.ly/groupleader2024.

