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Harold D. Melton Governor's Executive Counsel Ad- dresses Dougherty Bar Association's February Meeting

Governor Sonny Perdue's Executive Counsel, Harold D. Melton, spoke to the February 25th meeting of the Dougherty Circuit Bar Association.

UGA Law School Interim Dean Visits Albany

Interim Dean Rebecca White of the University of Georgia Law School spoke to a group of Alumni and friends on March 4th. The meeting was hosted by Gardner, Willis, Sweat & Goldsmith and Vasant, Corriere & Moorehead. It took place over the new buffet breakfast at Merry Acres Restaurant.

Dean White reported this year's entering freshmen class of 257 students included just over 70% Georgia residents. She noted the addition of several new faculty members as well as the retirement of others including Prof. Perry Sentell. Prof. Sentell's

forty-six year career at the Law School will be celebrated at a roast at the Classic Center Athens on June 11th.

Dean White stressed the increased importance of private donations, particularly for scholarships, in light of recent reductions in State funding. Actual and proposed cuts will have reduced State funding for the Law School by 18 % over three years.

Law Day Plans

By Jim Moore

Plans for Law Day are coming together nicely and I would like to share some of the activities we have planned with you. As you know, this year's Law Day theme is "**To Win Equality by Law: Brown v. Board at 50.**" Robert Goldsmith has agreed to handle publicity for Law Day again this year.

Law Day related activities began on March 20th when approximately twenty members of the Dougherty Bar helped plant trees on Westover Road to commemorate Arbor Day and our fallen soldiers in the Iraqi Conflict. Mayor Willie Adams will be signing the official Law Day Proclamation on Monday, April 19th. Once again, Tom Langstaff is organizing a

Law Day forum to be held at Darton College, Building B, Room 101, on April 22nd beginning at 11:00 a.m. The participants will be Judge Louis Sands, Dr. Sally Whatley and Sen. Michael Meyer von Bremen. Bo Strickland of our office is organizing the Law Day essay writing competition through the local schools.

Tim Davis will be coordinating speakers at area civic clubs, John Stephenson will be organizing a program at the SOWEGA Council on Aging, and Kimberly Reid has once again volunteered to arrange Law Day speakers for area schools. I encourage our members to help should Kimberly give them a call. Judge Goss is arranging a Courthouse tour for area Student Council members and Judge Gray will be conducting the Law Day Awards Ceremony at the Courthouse on May 10th at 8:30. The Law Day keynote speaker will be Congressman Sanford Bishop, who will make a brief address before our April 7th Barbeque. The Dougherty County Library agreed to set up a Law Day display at its downtown location.

These are the matters we have underway at this time. We will update you as more information is available.

Thanks. Jim Moore

Spring Barbeque April 7, 2004

The Dougherty Circuit Bar is excited to announce its Spring Barbeque and Law Day meeting will be held on April 7, 2004 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Ben Barrow's farm on Highway 62. Our Law Day speaker will be Congressman Sanford Bishop.

This event is free to dues paying members of the Dougherty Circuit Bar Association. The charge for guests is \$20.00 per person, payable at the door.

Please join your fellow bar members in an evening of good food, good fellowship, and a great speaker. Please RSVP by April 5, 2004 to Dougherty Circuit Bar Secretary/Treasurer, Kimberly Reid, at 883-2441, or by email at kimberly.reid@gwsg.com.

Directions to Ben Barrow's farm are as follows: Travel south on Westover past the Fairgrounds and past the Oakridge intersection. At the next intersection, which is Old Pretoria, make a right turn and proceed to the next major highway which is Leary Road, Highway 62, just past Sherwood High School, and turn right onto Highway 62. Go 1.4 miles and

turn right into Mossy Oaks. This will be the second turn into the white fence that lines the road and is marked with a very small sign.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 31st at 12:30 p.m. at Merry Acres. Our speaker will be Greg Leonard, Clerk, United States District Court Mid- dle District of GA

P. D. Position

The Dougherty County Circuit Public Defenders' Selection Panel held its initial meeting recently. Members are Bob Beauchamp, Ken Hodges, John Vansant, Maurice King, and Mark Phillips. If anyone is interested in applying for the Public Defender's position, please submit a resume as soon as possible to John Vansant.

Who Will Win the Liberty Bell Award?

The Liberty Bell Award is given each year to acknowledge outstanding community service by a lay person for promoting better understanding of the rule of law, encouraging greater respect for the law and the courts, stimulating a sense of civic responsibility, and/or contributed to good government.

Albany is home to a lot of non-lawyers who are working hard to do just that. You probably know someone who's hard work deserves this kind of recognition. Please send your nominations for the 2004 Liberty Bell Award to Law Day Chairman Jim Moore, P.O. Box 71727, Albany, GA 31708-1727