



## GCBA CELEBRATES LAW DAY

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In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a national day of recognition in an effort to recognize and strengthen the United States' great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. In 1961, Congress signed a joint resolution designating May 1st as the official day for celebrating Law Day. The Gwinnett County Bar Association has long heralded the tradition of celebrating Law Day and promoting the legal system to Gwinnett County citizens through our cities, civic organizations, and local schools. Law Day, and Law Week, gives us the unique opportunity to share what we do as lawyers, judges, police officers, and all other occupations involved in the civil and criminal justice system with the county at large.

This year's Law Day theme designated by the American Bar Association is: *Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges*. As we begin the second decade of the twenty-first century, the law is changing dramatically as it seeks to shape and adapt to new conditions. Economic markets are becoming global, transactions require cultural adaptation and understanding, populations are more mobile, and communication technologies such as the Internet bridge distances and time zones to form new communities around the world. In such a world, all of us must renew our commitment to the enduring principles of law, become knowledgeable about other legal systems, recognize the need to adapt our practices, and acquire new cultural understandings. In a global era, matters such as human rights, criminal justice, intellectual property, business transactions, dispute

resolution, human migration, and environmental regulation become not just international issues-between nations-but shared concerns. Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges and enduring traditions of law in the 21st century.

We celebrate Law Week each year by promoting our profession throughout the community through the use of lectures, contests, and service projects. At this time we are welcoming all persons interested in helping to organize and implement this year's program and expect that the Gwinnett County Bar Association will continue to maintain its recognized excellence in its promotion of Law Day.

**This year's Law Day banquet will take place on April 3, 2010 at the Gwinnett County Environmental & Heritage Center located at 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford, Georgia 30519.** To learn more about this unique facility, visit the Center's website at <http://www.gwinnettcountry.com/cgi-bin/gwinnettcountry/envhc/Home.do>. We look forward to celebrating Law Day this year and invite you to join us in educating our community about this important day in our profession. Anyone who is interesting in helping to plan this year's Law Day festivities should please contact me by email at [sbratton@themcgaritygroup.com](mailto:sbratton@themcgaritygroup.com).

