

GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

At the Law Day banquet on April 29, 2011, Andersen, Tate & Carr founder Tom Andersen kicked off a fundraising drive in 2011-12 to create a new endowed Gwinnett County Bar Association scholarship at Georgia Gwinnett College. Tom and Ethel Andersen have had distinguished legal careers in Gwinnett County and are active supporters of Georgia Gwinnett College. The new scholarship will be a permanently endowed scholarship for incoming students, with preference given to first generation college students. Tom announced that Andersen, Tate & Carr began the effort with a \$5,000 pledge, and that Mahaffey, Pickens & Tucker also made a \$5,000 pledge. He also remarked that it is appropriate for the Gwinnett Bar to make a significant contribution to higher education in Gwinnett County during the Bar's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Higher education is a tie that binds members of the legal profession, and Georgia Gwinnett College is a key institution in Gwinnett County than can benefit from an endowed gift from the Bar.

Tom Andersen introduced Dr. Gordon Harrison, the President of the Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation, at Law Day. Dr. Harrison thanked Bar Association attorneys and law firms for supporting this fundraising drive, and for a previous contribution in 2009 from general Bar Association funds which created an expendable scholarship for deserving students at GGC. Dr. Harrison also elaborated on GGC's exponential growth, and contributions to the fabric of the Gwinnett County community.

Tom Andersen will begin contacting members of the Bar and hopes to announce more scholarship contributors at the next Bar meeting on May 20, 2011 at noon at the Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville. Members of the Bench and Bar can contact Tom Andersen or 2011-12 Bar President Matt Reeves, with questions about or support for this scholarship fundraising drive, at (770) 822-0900.