It's hard to believe that it has been over twenty-five years since I served as Chief Defender of the Defender Advocate Society. Being elected by my peers to serve in that position was quite an honor. We did not know it then, but many of the experiences that we had in the role of student prosecutors or defenders would prepare us for the future. Years later, we recognize that we should have a desire to “give back” and many do. Most often we think of being mentors to less experienced lawyers in our firms, law departments, or local bar associations and we should. Last fall, I was approached and asked to consider participating in a community project called the Archway Partnership. Having just finished a term on the Executive Board of the University of Georgia, I had been thinking of ways to stay involved in our community that has been hit hard by the recession. But what really captured my attention was the fact that the Archway Partnership was a joint effort, one community on one hand and the University System of Georgia on the other. The goal is to find the vast resources of the University System of Georgia with community needs and work together to find solutions. After an appointment to the Archway Executive Board as the legal industry representative, I was later elected Chairman. We are just beginning our journey in this process, and we have a lot of opportunities ahead. When I am working with administrators, faculty, and students that are located in Athens, it’s a reminder of my past in the Student Judiciary for which I am thankful. May we never stop learning and serving. Go Dawgs!

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On the beautiful spring day of April 17, 2010, the University Judiciary Recognition Banquet commenced at Trumps Ballroom on Milledge at noon. A multitude of University officials, Office of Judicial Programs staff, new and old members and their proud parents were all in attendance to celebrate the organization’s accomplishments made within past 2009-2010 academic year. The program began with the State of Judiciary address from Jerrod Lukacs, the 2009-2010 Executive Director. He gave an eminently synoptic of the progress made by the organization, thereby calling attention to our handling of over 100 hearings, over 1500 Parking Appeals, and the successful revision of Minimum Sanctions. Jerrod concludes his speech delighting in his opportunity of, “Working with greatest, intelligent, and caring students I’ve ever met.”

Next, our featured speaker, Kyle Wingfield, gave an inspirational reflection. Kyle Wingfield is a 2001 graduate of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications. While in college, served as a Student Justice. He is currently a columnist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. In his speech, he emphasized incorporating the pillars of the arch: Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation, into not only our work with the University Judiciary, but also in our future endeavors. Following this short reflection by Mr. Wingfield, was very a special part of the evening, the Recognition of New Members. A short congratulatory speech was given by the Directors of Recruitment and Development—Carlye Norton and Tyler Pate. The new members are as follows: Rebecca Arrall, Anelis Cimino, Shreyas Desai, Stephen Flowers, Chelsea Fullerton, Caitlin Heaton, Elisabeth Madani, Naomi Martin, Peter McDonnell, Katherine Penland, Wynne Rosenbloom, and Charles Spalding. Corbin Aiken, Daniela Belton, Jordan Cleare, Jeremy Duley, Wells Ellenberg, Alex Foster, Helen Harris, Jessica Hellenfant, Edward Kenna, Alan Lee, Natasha Lemmens, Ashley Miles, Kelsey Shearman, and Victoria Staples.

Continuing with the program, Cara Simmons facilitated the Recognition of Outgoing Council. Recognition was given to the following council members: Jerrod Lukacs (Executive Director,)

Next, special recognition was given to individuals who have given all the University Judiciary and made significant contributions to the organization. Mr. Bill Bracewell presented the Bracewell Award to a deserving individual, William Patrick Dever for all of his exemplary work for UJ. Moreover, Awards of Commitment and Excellence were given to Ellis Liu and Alison Woodworth.