

2009 Bill of Rights Luncheon

Professor Kathe Burch

Volunteer Attorney Award



Professor Burch joined the Faculty of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 2003. Professor Burch developed and directs the Micronesian Externship Program which has placed law students at externship sites in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Territory of Guam, and the State of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia. Professor Burch teaches Constitutional Law I and II, Education Law, Legal Drafting, and Trial Advocacy. In conjunction with the ACLU of Georgia, Professor Burch has developed and teaches the Civil Liberties Seminar, an experiential course which allows students to work with ACLU cooperating attorneys on impact litigation and to act as ACLU lobbyists in the Georgia General Assembly. From 2005 to 2008, Professor Burch was the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. Professor Burch has taught First Amendment at Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, Georgia. Before joining the John Marshall Faculty, Professor Burch taught at Roger Williams Law School in Rhode Island.

From 1995-2001, Professor Burch worked for the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, first as the Chief of Litigation, then as the Assistant Attorney General. During her six years in Yap, Professor Burch represented the state in both criminal and civil matters before both the state and national courts. Professor Burch also advised the Governor and executive branch agencies on economic development, education, and fisheries issues.

From 1989-2005, Professor Burch practiced commercial litigation with the law firm of Hopkins & Sutter in Chicago, Illinois.

Professor Burch is a member of the ACLU of Georgia's Legal Committee, a member of the National Association of Women Lawyer's Committee for Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees, and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Professor Burch has presented at the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia's Annual Supreme Court Update. Professor Burch has also presented at conferences and symposia in the United States and in Pretoria, South Africa, Istanbul, Turkey, and Nairobi, Kenya.

Professor Burch's publications include *Preparing Students for the Global Practice of Law While Protecting the Institution: Law School Liability in the Context of International Externship Programs* (forthcoming in the *Journal of College and University Law*); *Creating the Perfect Storm: How Partnering with the ACLU Integrates the Carnegie Report's Three Apprenticeships*, 3 *John Marshall L. J.* 51 (2009); *The Gun Control Debate and the Power of the Georgia General Assembly: A Historical Perspective*, 2 *John Marshall L. J.* 93 (2009); *Marriage Amendment Violates the U.S. Constitution*, *Fulton County Daily Report* at 5, Oct. 28, 2004; and *Due Process in Micronesia: Are Fish Due Less Process*, 8 *Roger Williams U. L. Rev.* 43 (2002).

Professor Burch earned her juris doctorate *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. and earned her bachelor of arts *cum laude* from Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois.