

## The Global Fight for Justice - Glenn Hendrix '76 Shares his Experience in International Arbitration

Glenn Hendrix '76 is an international lawyer based in Atlanta, GA. He has served as an arbitrator and counsel in international arbitration proceedings administered by the International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is active in the American Bar Association, presently serving as Chair of the ABA's Task Force on International Trade in Legal Services and as the Immediate Past Chair of the ABA's Section of International Law. He is also a member of the U.S. State Department's Advisory Committee on International Law. Hendrix is listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and in *Best Lawyers in America*.

**Written by: Lauren Dockett '86.**

Glenn Hendrix '76 was three days into an assignment for the World Bank's International Finance Corporation in Karachi, Pakistan, when he got word that Osama bin Laden had been found and killed just hours away.

"I was supposed to continue my work in Lahore, but they told me I wasn't going anywhere," says Hendrix.

Instead, the 53-year-old Atlanta-based lawyer, who is an expert in international arbitration and commercial dispute resolution, sat tight with a group of Pakistani lawyers he was schooling on the benefits of mediation.

"They were still processing the [bin Laden] news when I left," he says. "Some people were embarrassed that bin Laden had been discovered in Pakistan, others were angry. And there were all kinds of conspiracy theories."

As a former Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law, and a private-sector advisor to the U.S. State Department,

Hendrix is no stranger to global hot spots. His work in Pakistan was just the latest assignment in a career punctuated by high-level international lawyering that has taken him to two-dozen countries. Hendrix has twice been called to The Hague, worked to re-establish civil societies in Sierra Leone and Liberia after the ravages of civil wars, and found himself on the winning side of a case in Moscow involving FBI agents, Russian security forces, the infiltration of a hackers' ring, and the safe return of millions of dollars.

Hendrix says that in all of these situations he's been treated well as an emissary of the American justice system.

"The rule of law is a major American export. A lot of American style litigation might not be so popular—for example our process of discovery before a trial, or what does or doesn't constitute privacy—but I find that the fundamental idea of America as a rule-based society where the law is upheld by a professional class of lawyers whose actions carry real weight, is held in very high regard," he says.

Hendrix is counting on that regard to help solidify a project he is now heading closer to home. Working with southeastern law firms, chambers of commerce, and business communities, he has launched the Atlanta International Arbitration Society, a group committed to making the city a hub for international arbitration.

"London, Paris, Geneva...for a long time those were the only international arbitration hubs. No more. This work is becoming

more regional. If you take the states neighboring Georgia together with the economy of metropolitan Atlanta, you have the seventh largest GDP in the world. It makes sense to do this here," Hendrix says.

Hendrix has five children, ages 16 to 24, with his wife Lisa, and is managing partner of the Atlanta firm Arnall Golden Gregory. His domestic law practice takes up about half his time. The other half he still devotes to international cases. The division is a choice he made early in his law career and one that has its roots in his time at New College.

"I'd always been interested in international studies but working with (late New College professor) Peggy Bates took my interests to another level. Through her, I felt like I knew the world. She also taught me how to write and how to think—she and Bob Benedetti—and did not let me get away with sloppy writing or sloppy thinking which prepared me for law school and for practice. Whatever modest success I've had can be traced back to those years at New College," he says.

Hendrix thinks today's New College students would do well to get grounding in international studies, learn another language, and be prepared for an increasingly global workplace.

"Everything is global these days," he says. "That's just the way the world is."

*-Lauren Dockett '86 is a global journalist based in Hong Kong.*

### Upcoming Events

**April 19, 2012**

6:00-8:00 pm

Miami Chapter Event  
hosted at the home of  
Rob '76 & Patricia Hans

**April 19, 2012**

6:00-8:00 pm

Rob Lincoln '77 to host New  
College Night Out at Buffalo  
Wild Wings on Clark Rd.

**May 17, 2012**

6:00-8:00

Cindy Hill '89 to host New  
College Night Out at  
Beckham's in Gulf Gate.

**May 24, 2012**

New Scholars New College

**May 25, 2012**

Commencement & Alum  
Welcome Reception

**May 26, 2012**

NCAA Board Meeting--  
telephonic

For more information or  
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events, please contact  
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