Emory Law School has, in the last year: recruited three faculty members to fill vacancies and strengthen programs in transactional and bankruptcy law; provided financial aid to 91% of incoming 1L students while remaining within fiscal constraints for FY 2013; maintained quality of the incoming class in terms of both UGPA median and LSAT median while significantly increasing the diversity of the class. Gained approval for a new JM program; enhanced the global enrollment presence through agreement on five new Master of Laws (LLM) partnerships; and surpassed the $5 million fundraising goal.

Accomplishments: September 2010 to August 2011

Emory Law School has, in the last year: provided financial aid to 90% of incoming 1L students; improved enrollment management processes to significantly improve the overall quality of the incoming class; implemented an enhanced first-year curriculum; introduced a new course in Legislation and Regulation; established the Center for Professional Development and Career Strategy; and augmented the Master of Laws (LLM) program, with the objective of increasing Fall 2011 enrollment by 20 students.

Highlights: September 2005 to August 2010

Over the past five years, the Law School has completed internal reviews of Career Services, Development and Finance, Admissions, and Library operations, has renovated Gambrell Hall’s key meeting rooms and common spaces, and established a Communications and Marketing function which has implemented a “more than practice” branding approach to admissions and all general print publications. The Law School has provided financial aid to 75% of incoming 2011 students and implemented enrollment management processes to improve LSAT scores for incoming classes. A curricular review to update and enhance the first year curriculum was completed and is now being implemented. Improvement in the Law School’s reputation has resulted in unprecedented increases in the number and quality of applicants.

Accomplishments: September 2008 to August 2009

- Increased our key qualitative measure of incoming student quality, the LSAT, from 165 to 166 for the incoming class through effective recruitment and enrollment model processes
- Increased scholarship awards for incoming class
- Recruited Associate Dean of Student Services and Community Engagement to structure program development to enhance the student experience

Accomplishments: September 2007 to August 2008

- Appointed three additional faculty members (Brown, Engsberg, and Nash)
- Increased for a second year, scholarship awards for the incoming class to produce a minimum 29% discount
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- Reviewed admission and successfully implemented enrollment model producing increased qualitative measures of 165 LSAT and 3.55 GPA for the incoming class
- Reviewed library operations, and recruited new Library Director, Mark Engsberg from Yale University
- Extended new branding “More than Practice” into Admission and all general print publications

Accomplishments: September 2006 to August 2007

- Appointed five additional faculty members (Ruskola, Nourse, Vertinsky, Stark and Swift)
- Constructed new faculty suite; renovated/refreshed Gambrell Hall’s key meeting room and common spaces
- Created and appointed Director for Transactional Law Center
- Reorganized lead administrative personnel; completed internal reviews of Career Services, Development and Finance; added Communications and marketing function
- Completed Alumni survey and completed Branding/communications study

Accomplishments: September 2005 to August 2006

- Appointed new dean
- Revised 2005 strategic plan by detailing three essential elements: service, practice, excellence
- In support of service, created a dollar matching program for first year law students working in the public and non-profit sectors, increased the capital endowment for the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, and increased the student scholarship budget by a half-million dollars
- In support of practice, created the Indigent Criminal Defense Clinic and the Juvenile Justice Clinic with two new hires, authorized a new Transactional Law Certificate Program, and appointed a new director of the Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic
- In the context of excellence, merged two programs into the new Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR), expanded the number of visiting fellows to the CSLR and the Feminism and Legal Theory Program, and expanded student services (under a new Dean of Student Affairs) such as student organizations, town hall meetings with administration, and career services
- Expanded staffing and resources for Development and University Relations