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## SECURING A FUTURE OF EXCELLENCE



DEAN DAVID WIPPMAN

The novelist E.L. Doctorow once said, “Writing is like driving at night in the fog. You can only see as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.” Much the same might be said about fundraising campaigns.

When we launched our GENERATIONS campaign in spring 2011, we weren’t sure how or when we would hit our \$70 million target. But I’m happy to report that, under the outstanding leadership of campaign chair Bruce Mooty (’80) and vice-chairs Elliot Kaplan (’61) and Kris Erickson (’72), we’ve exceeded our goal and done so ahead of schedule. Although the campaign will officially conclude on June 30, we hope to build on its momentum to secure our future, particularly with student scholarships and core support.

On the following pages you’ll find Law School initiatives that were fueled by campaign gifts. We established four new centers and institutes for research and community-focused services. We expanded the curriculum to increase practical and leadership training. We also established a host of new scholarships and fellowships.

As we look to the future, student support remains our highest priority. Scholarship funds help us attract the most talented students. One such student is Tennille (McCray) Hoover (’12), who’s now an associate attorney at McFadden, White, Sprattlin & Davis in Atlanta. While at the Law School, Tennille served as a law clerk for the St. Paul-based Center for Victims of Torture and a legal writing student instructor and research assistant for Professor Kristin E. Hickman. She also proved that you can make lifelong relationships in law school. On May 15 she will marry her classmate William Hoover (’12).

Another former scholarship recipient, Lariss Jude (’12), didn’t expect to stay in Minnesota after earning her J.D. But she found a wealth of opportunities both professionally and personally in the Twin Cities. An associate in the Minneapolis office of Faegre Baker Daniels, she was recognized last year as an Up and Coming Attorney by *Minnesota Lawyer*. She runs marathons and volunteers at the Children’s Law Center of Minnesota, and she was recently elected vice president of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association. She’s working to advance Latinos and people of color to the federal bench, a mission that will have an impact on the administration of justice far beyond Minnesota.

One of our current Robina Public Interest Scholars, Andrea Miller (’15), a J.D. candidate and a Ph.D. candidate in the University of Minnesota Department of Psychology, was recently among 10 students in the country to receive the 2015 Distinguished Legal Writing Award from the Burton Foundation. This is the eighth time one of our students has received the Burton Award in its 16-year history. Upon graduation, Andrea will be a doctoral fellow at the American Bar Foundation.

The caliber of our students is an important reason we remain in the top 20 in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* law school rankings. Although we prefer our own metrics of success, we know these rankings are important to prospective students. Your continuing support will help us keep our standards high as we prepare our students to meet the challenges ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wippman".

David Wippman  
Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law

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# At The Law School



## LAW CLINICS REGISTER MAJOR SUCCESSES

### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW

School clinics registered significant accomplishments in the past few months, ranging from arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court on an immigrant deportation case to challenges to the U.S. Tax Code before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Clinics also successfully filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in U.S. District Court regarding juveniles serving mandatory life-without-parole sentences, tackled several asylum-related cases, and argued for the rights of detainees with mental health disorders.

“It has been an extraordinary past few months for the students, faculty, and legal partners in our clinics,” said Dean David Wippman.

“Opportunities in our clinical education program both provide

students with a competitive edge and collectively have a significant impact on our communities.”

### Center for New Americans Collaborates on Arguments Before U.S. Supreme Court

The Law School’s Center for New Americans joined with attorneys from Faegre Baker Daniels and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota on a collaborative litigation effort before the U.S. Supreme Court in January 2015.

Faegre Baker Daniels attorney Jon Laramore argued *Mellouli v. Holder* before the Supreme Court on January 14, supported by Center for New Americans attorneys Kate Evans and Benjamin Casper ('97), Faegre Baker Daniels attorneys Lucetta Pope and Daniel Pulliam, and Immigrant Law Center attorneys John Keller



Jon Laramore, Dianne Heins, Kate Evans, Sheila Stuhlman ('00), Julia Decker ('14), Caitlinrose Fisher ('15), Anna Finstrom ('15), Prof. Ben Casper ('97), Daniel Pulliam, and Molly Moss

and Sheila Stuhlman ('00). Law students Anna Finstrom ('15), Caitlinrose Fisher ('15), and Julia Decker ('14), now a Robina Fellow with the Immigrant Law Center, were invaluable members of the litigation team.

**1** Judges Ivy Bernhardson and Hilary Caligiuri speaking to students at the Women's Law Student Association's judicial luncheon in April

**2** The Minnesota Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *State v. Bowman* in room 25 on March 11

**3** The first Master of Science in Patent Law graduating class

**4** Tracy Hoyos-Lopez ('15), Prof. Claire Hill and Judge Jed Rakoff

**5** Edward J. Devitt Scholarship Award recipient Julia Zwak ('15) and Judge Ann D. Montgomery ('74)

**6** Barbara Berdahl and Ryan Greenwood celebrating the Twins home opener at the Law Library's annual baseball event in April



The case involves a lawful permanent U.S. resident and former professor of mathematics, Moones Mellouli, who was deported subsequent to a misdemeanor conviction in Kansas for possession of drug paraphernalia—an ordinary sock—used in connection with an unspecified substance controlled by the state of Kansas. The man received no jail time for the conviction, but immigration officials removed him from the U.S., citing a law that provides one of the most common grounds used to deport noncitizens: conviction on a drug-related charge.

Because federal courts disagree over the law's enforcement, the Supreme Court will now decide the case that will directly affect not only Mellouli but also thousands of others in similar circumstances.

### Tax Clinic Takes IRS Filing Status Appeal to 8th Circuit

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in February 2015 in a case proposing a significant change

to the U.S. Tax Code. Frank DiPietro ('14), who began working on the case while he was a student in the Law School's Ronald M. Mankoff Tax Clinic, represented the petitioner against the IRS.

The case revolves around filing status, which can have major implications for personal tax liability. The Tax Clinic's client, who does not speak English, used a tax preparation service that incorrectly filed his 2011 return under the "head of household" status. The client's wife, using the same tax preparer, used the "single" filing status for her return. The client filed a petition with the Tax Court and later sought to file an amended return but learned that the tax code prevents you from changing filing status once you have filed a petition.

The issue in dispute is what "separate" means in this case. The IRS says it means any return that is not joint, but the Tax Clinic and DiPietro argued that it refers specifically to taxpayers using the "married filing separately" status. To date the



Prof. Kathryn Sedo and Frank DiPietro ('14)

5th Circuit is the only court to have ruled on the issue, and it agreed with the clinic's position.

### Law School Clinic Challenges Life-Without-Parole Sentences for Juveniles

In a 2012 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court held that it is unconstitutional to sentence juveniles to mandatory life-without-parole due to their lack of maturity, vulnerability to negative influences, and capacity for change. The decision invalidated sentencing

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Front row: Jordon Greenlee ('15), Prof. Perry Moriearty, and Christopher Land ('16); Back row: Caitlin Maly ('15) and Prof. Jean Sanderson, co-director of the Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic



Ashlee Glastetter ('15), Prof. Prentiss Cox ('90), Amanda Roberson ('16), Christopher Moe ('16) and Sam Bolstad ('15)



Top: Maya Tao ('15), Meghan Heesch, Kristin Johnson ('15), Bobae Kim ('15), Prof. Linus Chan, Brent Johnson ('16), and Crystal Tsai ('15)  
Bottom: Meghan Heesch, Maya Tao ('15), Shelby Deckert ('16), and Jill Jensen ('16)

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laws in 28 states but did not address whether it applies to the more than 2,100 inmates across the country already serving infirm sentences.

The Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic, under the direction of Professor Perry Moriearty, partnered with Professor Bradford Colbert of William Mitchell College of Law to represent two of the eight Minnesota inmates serving sentences of mandatory life-without-parole for juvenile offenses. Law students working on the case included Jordon Greenlee ('15), Caitlin Maly ('15), Christopher Land ('16), Carolyn Isaac ('16), Ashleigh Leitch ('14), Lindee Balgaard ('14), and Nate Hainje ('14).

Students wrote legal motions and memoranda, conducted extensive interviews, and created client life histories in anticipation of resentencing. The clinic filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota on behalf of one client, asking the court to apply the Supreme Court's decision retroactively to their client's case. The District Court granted the petition last year. The case currently is pending before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

### Consumer Protection Clinic Wins Novel Fair Debt Collection Ruling

In January, the Consumer Protection Clinic established favorable federal case law on an issue of first impression under the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act (FDCPA). In *Hagen v. Messerli & Kramer*, the defendant debt collector argued that the FDCPA required that a letter

demanding that the collector cease contact with the consumer must be sent by the consumer, not by an attorney acting on behalf of the consumer. The court rejected this argument.

The court also rejected the collector's argument that a standard cease-collection letter sent by Minneapolis Legal Aid on behalf of its clients was insufficient to effect a consumer's right to cease communication because it referenced only "non-litigation" contact. The court awarded damages to the clinic's client and awarded attorney's fees to the clinic. The case was briefed and argued by student attorneys Amanda Roberson ('16) and Christopher Moe ('16). Student attorneys Daniel Mahon ('14) and Ashlee Glastetter ('15) also worked on the case.

In September 2014, the Consumer Protection Clinic also prevailed in a motion for attorney's fees in another federal district court case, *Ash v. Malacko*. The court held that the clinic could be awarded attorney's fees even though it does not bill its clients for fees and compared the clinic's services to those provided by nonprofit legal aid entities. The *Ash* case was briefed and argued by the clinic's student director, Sam Bolstad ('15).

### Detainee Rights Clinic Argues for Rights of Immigration Detainees

Student attorneys in the Detainee Rights Clinic recently won appeals for two clients with mental disorders. Both clients had documented histories of mental illness but had

never been assessed to determine if they were competent to take part in legal proceedings in immigration court.

Student attorneys Kristin Johnson ('15), Bobae Kim ('15), and Brent Johnson ('16) successfully petitioned the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) to grant a remand. In the second case, the BIA granted a remand as well, and the Detainee Rights Clinic continues representation of that client, seeking procedural safeguards.

"The immigration detention and removal system is a complicated and confusing morass for anyone," says Professor Linus Chan. "However, when those who suffer from mental disorders are forced to undergo the process, it becomes clear how and why procedural protections can become matters of life and death."

In another case, the Detainee Rights Clinic recently secured a remand from the BIA for a client who had been detained in the state of Nevada. The client, a 30-year-old man who came from Mexico at the age of 15 to find work, was deported at an immigration hearing in which he represented himself. Students Shelby Deckert ('16), Jill Jensen ('16), and Maya Tao ('15) worked with teaching fellow and supervising attorney Meghan Heesch to draft a brief arguing that the client should be allowed to present evidence and apply for immigration relief. The BIA found that the judge had erred in not considering the client's application for relief and remanded the case back to immigration court for proper review.



Pe Paul Goromou



Anu Jaswal ('15), Julia Decker ('14), Prof. Stephen Meili, Emily Good ('03), and Jaclyn Campoli ('14)



Jaclyn Campoli ('14), Brittany Bakken ('13), Prof. Laura Thomas, and Andrew LeTourneau ('15)

### Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic Secures Asylum

Capping years of collaborative litigation that ultimately reached the U.S. Supreme Court, Center for New Americans (CNA) client Pe Paul Goromou was granted asylum on Jan. 8 by an immigration judge. The CNA's Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, with co-counsel from Robins Kaplan and The Advocates for Human Rights, had filed a petition for certiorari asking the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene and correct the government's misinterpretation of a controversial statute that requires most persons fleeing persecution to apply for asylum within one year of their arrival in the United States. Goromou filed his application 33 days late, without a lawyer, while suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to undisputed past torture. When Goromou's case reached the Supreme Court last summer, the government agreed to reverse its position and return the matter to immigration court for a grant of asylum.

Counsel on the certiorari petition were Mahesha Subbaraman ('11) at the Institute for Justice; Janet Evans from Donna Law Firm; Eric Magnuson, Anne M. Lockner, and Sally Silk from Robins Kaplan; Amy Bergquist ('07) and Deepinder Mayell from The Advocates For Human Rights; and Professor Benjamin Casper ('97) and teaching fellow Kate Evans from the Center for New Americans. Students working on the case included Gaelen Schumann ('14), Hayley Steptoe ('14), Lina Houston

('14), Anna Finstrom ('15), Justin Erickson ('13), Matthew Webster ('11), and Jonathan Moler ('11).

### Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Tackles Additional Asylum-Related Cases

Over the past few months, the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic has racked up positive outcomes in several asylum-related cases. In the first case, a man from a West African country fled to the U.S. after receiving death threats. Law students Alexis Watts ('14), AnneMarie Curtin ('14) and Claudia Vincze Turcean ('13), working with The Advocates for Human Rights and adjunct professor Emily Good ('03), helped prepare the client's application for asylum, and Anu Jaswal ('15) represented him at his asylum interview under the supervision of teaching fellow Meghan Heesch. The man recently was granted asylum.

In another case, students Justin Erickson ('13), Julia Decker ('14), and Jaclyn Campoli ('14) successfully helped a derivative asylee obtain her green card, and in the third case, students Curtin, Jaswal, Turcean, Watts, and Eleanor Lewis ('14) helped an Iraqi woman, who feared persecution in her home country because of religious views, obtain asylum in the U.S.

Student attorney Jaswal, working with Professor Stephen Meili and adjunct professor Good, also helped a young Liberian man obtain a green card, giving him lawful permanent resident status in the U.S. The

Immigration and Human Rights Clinic had helped the man obtain asylum two years ago.

### Civil Practice Clinic Wins Key Motion in Servitude Case

The Law School's Robins Kaplan Civil Practice Clinic, in collaboration with attorney David Wilson and Wilson Law Group, won a motion in March 2015 in District Court for partial summary judgment in a case that hinges on whether a sponsoring relative owes an ongoing duty of support to a family that the sponsoring relative brought to the U.S.

The client, a family with children, came to the U.S. in 2010 from India under the sponsorship of relatives who owned a hotel in Caledonia, Minn. They were forced to work at the hotel without pay for nearly two years until Houston County Social Services intervened.

A District Court judge ruled that, since the hotel owners had signed affidavits of support in bringing their relatives to the U.S., they had entered into a contract with the U.S. government—which compelled them to provide ongoing support for the immigrating family members at 125% of federal poverty guidelines.

Those working on the case included Ryan Bravo ('15), Andrew LeTourneau ('15), Adam Fitzpatrick ('14), Jean Paul Agustin ('14), Laura Populin ('13), and Chris Schmitter ('13), as well as Wilson Law Group associates Brittany Bakken ('13) and Jaclyn Campoli ('14).

By Kathy Graves, a writer based in Minneapolis

# DATA-DRIVEN DEBATE: *JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* EXAMINES THE INTERNET'S LEGAL LABYRINTH



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ON FEBRUARY 10, THE *MINNESOTA Journal of International Law* hosted its 2015 symposium, “International Law and the Internet: Data Security, Privacy, and Freedom of Speech.” Three panels of academics and practitioners discussed the current state of, and possible future changes in, the rapidly developing area of international law surrounding Internet use.

Adjunct professor Emily Duke moderated the first panel, “Cybersecurity,” composed of Andrea Matwyshyn (current visiting professor at the Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton; faculty affiliate at the Center for Internet and Society, Stanford Law School), Scott Shackelford (assistant professor of business law and ethics, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University), and Chris Soghoian (principal technologist and a senior policy analyst with the ACLU’s Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project). Topics included information integrity laws, reporting requirements, cyber risk mitigation and insurance, and whether a choice between security and privacy is really

necessary. All panelists noted the importance of security by design and continual reassessment of security.

The second panel, “Cross Border Data Transfers,” was moderated by Professor William McGeeveran and included panelists Robert Bond (partner at Charles Russell Speechlys, London; specialist in e-commerce, data protection, and cyber risks), Elaine De Franco Olson (lead IT attorney and global privacy lead, Cargill Inc.), and Melissa Krasnow (partner, Dorsey & Whitney, and Certified Information Privacy Professional). Bond discussed the role of seals, trust marks, and binding corporate rules in data transfers that cross international borders. Olson presented on binding corporate rules, drawing on her experience managing the process for Cargill. Krasnow spoke about the U.S.-EU Safe Harbor program. The panel discussed the pros and cons of each data protection regime for organizations of various sizes and orientations. It also discussed the benefits of the various regimes for an organization’s internal practices and how leadership views on privacy

practices change when confronted with the various regimes.

The final panel, moderated by adjunct professor Jerrod Montoya, centered on freedom of speech, privacy, and a community’s right to know. Meg Leta Jones (assistant professor in Georgetown University’s Communication, Culture & Technology Department) spoke about digital ephemera and rights to delete in the context of laws such as the EU’s Right to Be Forgotten. Kashmir Hill (senior editor, Fusion) discussed privacy in the context of smart homes and the “Internet of things,” mentioning that she was once able to “haunt” a complete stranger’s house via his Web-enabled appliances and controls. The panel concluded with a discussion of privacy and speech concerns associated with increasing connectedness and an ever-longer digital memory.

A video recording of the symposium will be available online at [www.minnjil.org](http://www.minnjil.org). ■

By David H. Pabian ('15),  
symposium editor

## Judge Jed S. Rakoff Presents William B. Lockhart Lecture



JUDGE JED S. RAKOFF

**ON MONDAY, NOV. 10, 2014, JUDGE** Jed S. Rakoff gave the William B. Lockhart Lecture on the theme “Are Federal Regulators a Law unto Themselves?” Rakoff has been a United States district judge for the Southern District of New York since 1996. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1969, served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1973 to 1980, and was a partner at Mudge Rose (1980-90) and Fried Frank (1990-96) in New York,

heading the firms’ white-collar criminal defense and civil RICO practices.

In his remarks, Rakoff spoke of the SEC’s increasing tendency to refer enforcement actions to its own administrative law judges rather than to the federal courts—a “sea change” that has come about “almost entirely at the behest of the SEC itself.” He then widened his scope to include other regulatory agencies that have enforcement powers. His concern is with administrative law judges—agency employees—dealing with cases that make new law; he feels they are too steeped in the specialized language and concerns of their agencies to decide precedential issues. “In replacing the constitutional alternative [i.e., trial in federal courts] with administrative fiat in cases with importance to the development of the law,” he concluded, “we effectively allow

regulatory agencies to become a law unto themselves, which hardly comports with our classic structure of checks and balances, nor with our basic notions of the role of courts in our society.”

This annual lecture honors William B. Lockhart, dean of the University of Minnesota Law School from 1956-72. Instrumental in enriching the Law School curriculum and attracting highly qualified faculty and students, he also cultivated a strong relationship with the Minnesota Bar, which continues to provide essential support to the Law School. During his 28 years as a professor at the Law School (1946-74), he shared his gifts of teaching excellence and scholarly leadership with students and faculty. After retiring at Minnesota, Dean Lockhart taught on the faculty of the University of California Hastings College of the Law (1974-94). He died in December 1995. ■

## Robina Institute’s Kelly Mitchell Spearheads ABA Resolution on Child Sentencing

**AT ITS MID-YEAR MEETING IN** February, the American Bar Association approved a resolution calling for an end to the practice of sentencing children to life in prison without parole and urging “meaningful periodic opportunities for release.” Resolution 107C was initiated by Kelly Mitchell, executive director of the Law School’s Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, and sponsored by the ABA’s Criminal Justice Section.

The United States stands alone in permitting sentences of life without parole for juveniles. It is the only country other than Somalia that has not yet ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which prohibits life-without-parole sentences for children. Passage of this resolution signals the ABA’s commitment to reforming U.S. juvenile sentencing laws;

further, it aligns with recent rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court affirming that children are “constitutionally different” from adults, and that because children have diminished culpability and greater prospects of reform, they should not be routinely subject to our nation’s harshest penalties.

“With the adoption of Resolution 107C, the American Bar Association has sent a clear message to the legal community and policymakers across the country that children should never be sentenced to die in prison,” said ABA president William C. Hubbard. “As the world’s foremost leader and defender of human rights, the United States should ban life-without-parole sentences for children—a severe violation of human rights. The ABA applauds those states that have already taken steps to reform their laws and urges



KELLY MITCHELL

other states to pass similar reforms as soon as practicable.”

“For any one individual, if over time that person continues to pose a significant risk to public safety, a life sentence may be appropriate,” said Mitchell. “What this resolution is saying is that the moment of sentencing is not the time to make the judgment that a person is forever irredeemable.”

The control and administration of the ABA is vested in its House of Delegates, a 560-member policy-making body that meets twice yearly. Actions taken by the House of Delegates on specific issues become official ABA policy. ■



## LAW LIBRARY CELEBRATES 800 YEARS OF MAGNA CARTA

**S**IGNED IN JUNE 1215 BY KING JOHN OF ENGLAND, the document known as *Magna Carta* was born as a peace treaty forced upon an intemperate king by his rebellious, often equally intemperate barons. Almost immediately declared void, the “Great Charter” was soon reissued, and was enrolled in 1297 as English statutory law. In the 17th century, it became essential to constitutional thought in England, as it did again in 18th-century America. Today, eight centuries later, *Magna Carta* is a world treasure and remains one of the greatest symbols of rights and the rule of law.

This year marks the 800th birthday of *Magna Carta*. To join celebrations in England, the United States, and across the globe, the University of Minnesota Law Library has mounted a special exhibit, “*Magna Carta*, 800 Years: Rights and the Rule of Law,” which will be on view through December in the Stefan A. Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center. Drawing on the outstanding strengths of the Riesenfeld Center and the Arthur C. Pulling Rare Books Collection, the exhibit features more

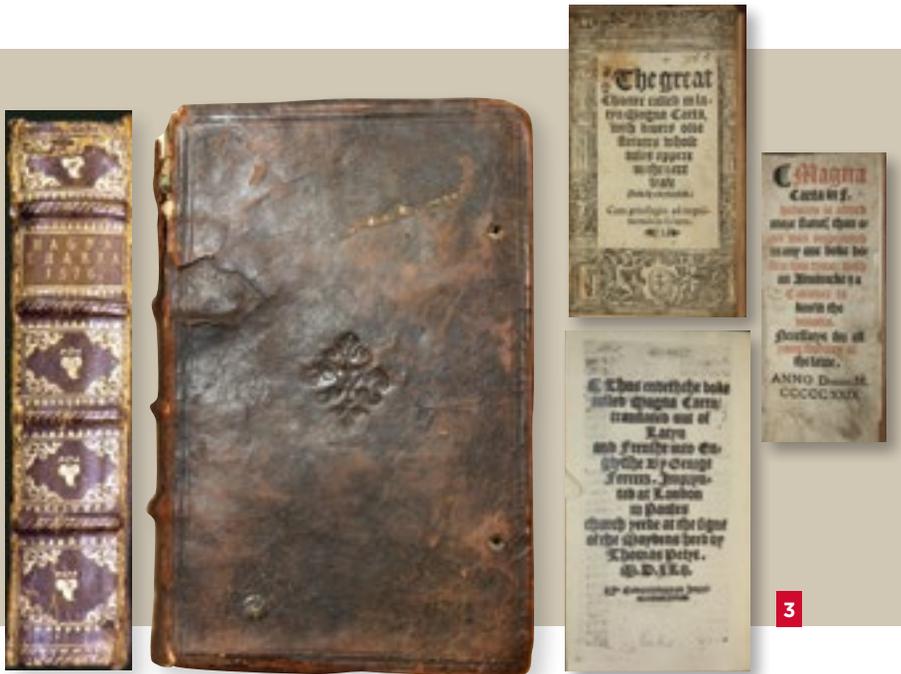
than 75 rare printed books and pamphlets related to the history of *Magna Carta* and its influence in the Anglo-American legal tradition.

Perhaps the most famous clause of *Magna Carta*, the prohibition against the loss of liberty or property without the “judgment of peers” or the “law of the land,” came to prominence in the early modern period, where the Pulling Rare Books Collection is exceptionally strong. Among notable items on display from the 17th century is the Petition of Right (1628), which required King Charles I to uphold *Magna Carta* (including Parliamentary consent to taxation) and to cease imprisonment without due process. Another impressive English constitutional text, the Bill of Rights (1689), also is showcased. In the document, co-regents William and Mary agreed, among other things, not to interfere in Parliamentary rights and to submit their rule to English law. Excessive fines were also forbidden—another of *Magna Carta*’s principles—as well as cruel punishments.

When American colonists voiced grievances against the Crown, they

did so by demanding their rights as Englishmen, as articulated in *Magna Carta* and these other documents of fundamental law. Of course, *Magna Carta* continued to influence American law in form and substance, providing a basis for constitutional government and for amendments including the Fifth and Fourteenth. Among items chosen to highlight *Magna Carta*’s influence in America is an original copy of firebrand Thomas Paine’s *Common Sense* (1776), as well as the Declaration of Grievances from the First Continental Congress (1774). These documents stand alongside very early copies of the United States Constitution, the Articles of Confederation, and an unratified version of the Bill of Rights, complete with 12 amendments.

At the heart of the new exhibit is the Riesenfeld Center’s collection of early printed editions of *Magna Carta*. The Law Library owns a remarkable 14 editions of the Great Charter printed before 1600, and eight are included in the exhibit. These include a copy of *Magna Carta* owned by the renowned English abolitionist Granville Sharp (1735–



- 1 Curator Ryan Greenwood with an early edition of Magna Carta, *Magna Charta cum statutis* (London, 1556)
- 2 Title page of an abridged version of Sir Edward Coke’s *Reports* (London, 1657), with engraved portrait of Coke
- 3 Left to right: Spine and front cover of *Magna Charta cum statutis* (London, 1576); title page and colophon of *The great charter called in latyn Magna Carta* (London, 1542); title page of *Magna Carta* (London, 1539)
- 4 Title page of the *Constitutions of the Several Independent States of America* (London, 1783)

1813) and a copy printed by Elizabeth Pickering, the first woman to print books in England. A number of copies bear interesting and early ownership marks, annotations, and even drawings.

Granville Sharp is one figure we hope visitors to the exhibit will notice in particular. He acquired the copy of Magna Carta we now own when he was 25. He subsequently helped organize and bring to court the famous *Somerset* case (1772), which prevented James Somerset from being sent from English soil back into colonial slavery. Sharp’s arguments about rightful liberty rested squarely on Magna Carta and the common law, just as they did in his later defense of the rights of American colonists, made on the eve of revolution. As a founder of the abolitionist movement and lifelong advocate of “natural” English rights, Sharp used Magna Carta in ways as innovative and interesting as any 18th-century figure.

Throughout the exhibit space, standing panels have been arranged to amplify the story of Magna Carta as seen through our collection and to

highlight notable figures, events, and cases associated with it. As we show in the exhibit, Magna Carta is not only historically important but also quite relevant today, as an emblem of government by law rather than arbitrary power, of individual rights, and of the best ideals of equality under law itself. Through the exhibit we invite visitors to explore this great history and promise of Magna Carta in its first 800 years. ■

By Ryan Greenwood, curator of rare books and special collections



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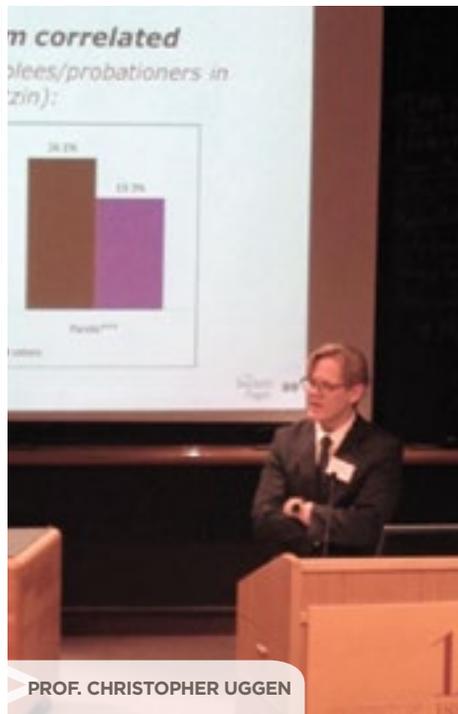
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# MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW ADDRESSES REFORM FOR “OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY”



PROF. BARRY RUBACK AND JESSICA EAGLIN



PROF. CHRISTOPHER UGGEN



PROF. CECELIA KLINGELE DELIVERING HER KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**HUNDREDS OF LAWYERS JOINED** the *Minnesota Law Review* at Mondale Hall on Oct. 31, 2014, for the journal’s annual symposium. This year’s event, “Offenders in the Community: Reshaping Sentencing and Supervision,” featured a distinguished roster of speakers and panelists from across the country, including *New York Times* best-selling author Mark A.R. Kleiman, leading members of the bench and bar, and prominent law professors.

The symposium began with keynote addresses by Kleiman, professor of public policy at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, and Cecelia Klingele, a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison. Kleiman and Klingele debated the foundations for and efficacy of the HOPE (Hawaii’s Opportunity Probation with Enforcement) model of probation and the potential ramifications of large-scale probation reform. Following their addresses, they participated in a moderated discussion led by Professor Francis Shen.

In the symposium’s first panel, “HOPE in Practice,” Judge Steven Alm of Hawaii’s 1st Circuit Court, founder and pioneer of the HOPE Program, explained the design of his award-winning probation model and his motivation for creating it. Judge Donovan Frank of the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, explained how principles of the HOPE model are being implemented

in Minnesota’s federal re-entry programs. Lastly, Ronald Corbett, former acting commissioner of the Massachusetts Probation Service, discussed the history of state-based probation programs and the “fatal flaws” that characterize modern implementations.

The second panel focused on a recent American Law Institute (ALI) recommendation that economic sanctions, including “costs, fees, and assessments,” for probationers and parolees be abolished. Professor Kevin Reitz, who served as reporter for the first-ever revision of the ALI’s Model Penal Code, began the conversation on this topic by outlining the new ALI provisions. Barry Ruback, professor of criminology and sociology at Penn State University, then explored the justifications for criminal monetary penalties and correlated these justifications to feasible reform efforts. Finally, Jessica Eaglin, counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, highlighted the connection between offender debt and mass incarceration while

proposing new models that better align with foundational principles of the criminal justice system. Minnesota Supreme Court Justice David Stras moderated this panel.

In the final panel, Christopher Uggen, professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota, and Minneapolis attorney Mark Haase, co-chair of the Minnesota Second Chance Coalition, provided insights into the broader effects that criminal convictions have on probationers and parolees. Kevin Lindsey, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, moderated a conversation between Uggen and Haase.

The day began and ended with introductory and summary remarks from Michelle Phelps, professor of sociology at the University, on the current on status of community supervision reform.

Video from the symposium is available at [www.minnesotalawreview.org](http://www.minnesotalawreview.org). Panelists’ articles will be published in Issue 5 of Volume 99. ■

By Carla Virlee (’15), symposium articles editor

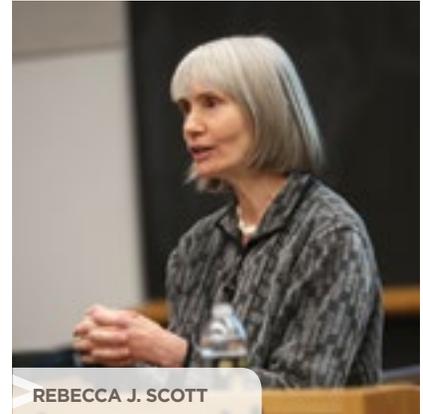
## Historian Rebecca J. Scott Delivers Erickson Legal History Lecture

ON FEB. 5, 2015, REBECCA J. Scott gave the Erickson Legal History Lecture, entitled “Unlawful Powers: Discerning and Denying the Presence of Slavery.” Scott is the Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor of History and a professor of law at the University of Michigan, and a renowned scholar of the history of slavery, emancipation, and freedom.

Through the stories of three 19th-century Louisiana women, Scott explored how property in a particular person came to be seen as legally and socially legitimate, and how a person claimed as a slave might prove otherwise. Two of the three—a child named Sanitte and an adult named Adélaïde Métayer, both free persons of color—were among thousands of refugees who fled post-revolutionary violence in Saint-Domingue. By 1809 both had ended up in Louisiana, where slavery was still in place, and both were, in fact, claimed as slaves. In

tracing their divergent stories—Sanitte’s free status was literally papered over by a succession of sales, while Adélaïde escaped slavery by virtue of an affidavit of questionable origin—Scott powerfully demonstrated not just the fragility of freedom, but the power of documents in the making and unmaking of freedom.

Scott’s coda told of a woman named Eulalie, who, following her mistress’s death, had to fight to retain her freedom against heirs who claimed her as property. She was ultimately held not to be a slave, but neither was she recognized as the mistress of her own person—a striking illustration of the fictions that underlay claims to rights in persons. In concluding her deeply researched, deftly crafted lecture, Scott showed that it was far easier at this time in our history to bring into being property rights in persons than to prove property rights in oneself.



Ronald A. ('60) and Kristine S. ('72) Erickson are long-standing supporters of the Law School and the University of Minnesota. The Ericksons’ philanthropic investment in the Law School’s Legal History Program supports this lecture series and other aspects of the Legal History Program. The Ronald A. and Kristine S. Erickson Legal History Series is named in recognition of their leadership and generosity. ■

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**October 20, 2015**

**U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia to Deliver Stein Lecture**

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will visit the Law School and deliver the third annual Stein Lecture/Conversation on October 20, 2015. Following his lecture, in which Justice Scalia will discuss his originalist jurisprudence in interpreting the Constitution, the justice will answer questions from Professor Robert A. Stein ('61) and the audience. The lecture and discussion will take place at Northrop Auditorium at 4 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

**More information regarding tickets will be available soon.**

Professor Stein generously endowed this lecture series to enrich the program of the Law School by inviting leaders of the bench and bar and the governments of the United States and other nations to share their insights on topics of national or international interest. Previous Stein Lectures/Conversations have included former Vice President Walter F. Mondale ('56) and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

# U.S. Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli Jr. Visits the Law School



FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI AND STUDENTS TURNED OUT TO HEAR THE CONVERSATION



DONALD VERRILLI SPEAKING TO BRAD CLARY'S ('75) EVIDENCE CLASS

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015, United States Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli Jr. spent the day at the Law School, breakfasting with student leaders, attending classes in criminal law and evidence, and sitting down with Professor Mark Kappelhoff for a public conversation about his career both in and out of government service.

Asked what the solicitor general's role is, Verrilli quipped, "They call it the 10th [Supreme Court] justice.

None of the 9 justices call it that," and then went on to discuss some of the key SCOTUS cases he's argued, sharing some fascinating "inside baseball" regarding his strategy in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, the 2012 case in which the Supreme Court upheld most provisions of the Affordable Care Act. He also talked about the extensive pro bono work on death-penalty cases he did while in private practice, the importance of his

clerkships with U.S. Appeals Court Judge J. Skelly Wright and Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, and the time he went toe-to-toe with a Southern judge who was disinclined to accept a plea-bargain agreement Verrilli had worked out with a prosecutor. "Your honor," Verrilli said, "I'm not leaving your office until you take this plea." (Verrilli prevailed.) All in all, Verrilli's visit gave students a privileged look at a life shaped by the love of practicing law. ■

## SPRING 2015 LEGAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held from 10:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in Room 15 of Mondale Hall and are open to the public. To receive the paper in advance of the lecture, email Morgan Gooch at gooch010@umn.edu.

### >>> JANUARY

**30 Karen Tani**  
UC Berkeley School of Law  
*Dependency and Its Discontents: The Fractious Politics of Federal Welfare Grants, 1948-1953*

### >>> FEBRUARY

**6 Rebecca Scott and Jean M. Hebrard**  
University of Michigan  
*Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation*

**27 Kunal Parker**  
University of Miami School of Law  
*Other Foreigners: U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Law, 1600-2000*

### >>> MARCH

**13 Linda K. Kerber**  
University of Iowa  
*Three Americans and the Shaping of the U.N. Conventions on Refugees and the Stateless*

**27 Sara Dubow**  
Williams College  
*Conscientious Objection, Conscience Clauses, and Religious Exemptions: Debating Rights, Obligations, and the Public Sphere, 1973-1974*

### >>> APRIL

- 3 Dylan Penningroth**  
Northwestern University  
*Faith and Property in African American History*
- 10 Voting Rights Act Commemoration**
- 17 Sarah Chambers**  
University of Minnesota  
*Naturalization and De-Naturalization between Empire and Nation: Citizenship Laws in Chile, 1810-1844*
- 24 Michelle McKinley**  
University of Oregon School of Law  
*Freedom at the Font: Baptismal Manumission and Re-enslavement in Colonial Lima*
- 28 Erika Lee**  
University of Minnesota  
*The 1965 Immigration Act: 50 Years of New Immigration and Immigration Debates*

# STAFF NEWS

## NEW STAFF



**Connie Blasing** joined the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice as an

administrative specialist. Her extensive experience working for the University includes positions at the Department of Radiation Oncology and the Children, Youth & Family Consortium.



**Laura Clemens** joined the Career Center as a career counselor, having previously worked at Mercer Univer-

sity's Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Ga. Laura holds a J.D. from the University of St. Thomas and an M.S. in academic advising from Kansas State University.



**Patrick Graybill** joined the Law Library in October as a digital technology specialist. He previously

worked in the digital realm at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln libraries and at Northern Arizona University's Cline Library. He has an M.L.S. from the University of Arizona.



**David Jensen** joined the Advancement Office as major gifts officer. He previously served

as manager of operations and logistics at Bridging, a nonprofit

furniture bank serving the greater Twin Cities. He has also worked at Organizing for America, Kids Against Hunger, Bethel University, and John Brown University, and he was the founder and president of Initiatives International Inc. David holds a B.A. in ministries from Northwestern College and an M. Div. from Trinity International University.



**Deanna Mello** joined the Curriculum Office as executive assistant, working closely with

adjunct faculty and providing administrative support. She has previously worked for the state of Minnesota and Vermont Law School.



**Paul Ogren** joined the Advancement Office as associate development officer. In his

previous position with the strategic fundraising firm RuffaloCODY, he supported clients such as the Minnesota Orchestra and Texas A&M University.



**Angela Tanner** joined the Law School as faculty executive office administrative specialist. She has

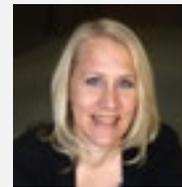
worked in the development office at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, at Heltzer & Houghtaling in St. Paul, and at the Minnesota Senate. She holds a master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.



**Laura Walton** joined the Facilities & Events department as event coordinator.

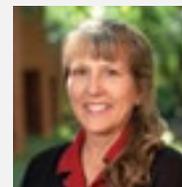
She previously worked in a similar role at the University of Minnesota-Morris, which is also her alma mater.

## STAFF CHANGES AND PROMOTIONS



**Christa Daszkiewicz** was promoted to senior office supervisor. She will be responsible for supervising the faculty

administrative assistants and the law journals manager.



**Deb Hill** joined the Finance department as an executive accounts

specialist. Since 2013 she had been with Student Services, where she played a key role in that department's implementation of systems changes and new processes.



**Hallie Prest** ('12) moved from Admissions to the Career Center, where she will be a career coun-

selor. She previously clerked for Hennepin County District Court Judge Jay M. Quam ('88). ■



### LISTEN UP!

Search "University of Minnesota Law School" on iTunes U to download our podcasts:

Prof. JaneAnne Murray discusses the trial in the podcast series, "Serial"

Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Prof. Robert A. Stein ('61)

Conversation with U.S. Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli Jr. and Prof. Mark Kappelhoff

# CAREER CENTER HELPS STUDENTS NEGOTIATE A CHANGING JOB MARKET



Sukanya Momsen ('16) meets with Sarah Rohne in the Career Center

**THE LAW SCHOOL'S MOST** recently admitted class represents more than 30 states, 3 foreign countries, and 102 undergraduate institutions. Layered upon these demographics are the characteristics of the millennial generation to which most of today's law students belong: tech-savvy, team- and achievement-oriented, diverse, and socially conscious.

This new generation of law students finds the legal marketplace in the midst of a paradigm shift. Employers are facing new staffing models, globalization of the practice of law, and new demands from clients, while also striving to meet the millennial generation's desire for greater flexibility, leadership, and meaningful work.

The Career Center is ready for the challenge. "We can meet the reality of a competitive changing marketplace because we have a team that has rolled up their sleeves and embraced new approaches to engaging our students and employers," says Claudia Melo, the Career Center's associate director.

Within the Career Center, the counseling team is composed of attorneys and staff who leverage their own diverse backgrounds to collaborate with one another, connect with employers, and best serve students. A dedicated employer relations team meets regularly with legal and business employers locally and across the country. The team also administers five recruitment programs—

a local on-campus interview program and four off-site programs based in Chicago, San Francisco/Palo Alto, Washington, D.C., and New York. These areas represent the largest markets for Law School graduates outside of the Midwest. Additionally, a clerkship adminis-

trator serves on the Law School's clerkship committee and partners with faculty and students to facilitate the ongoing federal and state appellate judicial clerkship application process. The Career Center's assistant director of public interest recruits government and nonprofit employers, manages various summer and postgraduate programs to support students in public service, and offers specialized counseling and resources to public-interest-focused students. Career Center attorneys and staff also serve the legal community through local and national legal associations.

The Career Center has embraced a multi-pronged approach to ensure that graduates are successful in a competitive marketplace. In response to the diverse needs of the Law School's population, the Career Center's work with students is extensive and hands-on. During their first semester, students are paired with career counselors who work with them throughout their three years of law school to design a tailored professional development strategy that includes experiential learning, summer and semester internships, and postgraduate planning. Through a wide range of services, including one-on-one career counseling, skills-based programming, job fairs, informational programs and workshops, and job listings, the Career Center provides ongoing support as students move through each stage of their professional development.

Additionally, the employer relations team continually engages with local and national employers, both to represent students and to ensure that the team's knowledge of the marketplace is current. This collaboration ensures that the counseling staff is well armed with key information on hiring trends and employer needs, information that immediately informs their work with students. "Internally, we have the flexibility and the innovation to be responsive to shifts and employer feedback," says Melo.

The Career Center team has also adopted new ways to engage with a tech-savvy and team-oriented generation, including the use of webinars and social media, along with collaborative approaches to engaging with students. For example, the team has implemented a group counseling model where students meet over the lunch hour for discussion around key topics. The most recent such session, on salary negotiation, generated a lively discussion on how and when to approach an employer and included a review of salary data from the most recent graduating classes. An informal lunch discussion "club" with international J.D. students reviews professional topics such as the use of small talk in the U.S. workplace. Regularly meeting with a student advisory board has also given the Career Center up-to-date feedback on how services and programs are resonating with members of various class years.

Our students are eager to join the University of Minnesota Law School alumni network of 12,000-plus graduates working across the globe as partners in prominent law firms; as local, state, and federal judges; as professors at distinguished law schools; as prosecutors and federal government attorneys; and as directors of legal aid offices, public defender programs, and advocacy organizations throughout the nation and world. With a talented Career Center team, our students find their place to succeed in the legal market. ■

## STUDENTS' HUMAN RIGHTS WORK INFLUENCES U.N. COMMITTEE

**OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS,** the ongoing partnership between the University of Minnesota and four law schools in Colombia's Department of Antioquia—known as “La Alianza,” or “The Alliance”—has improved awareness of and support for human rights in the region. In its most recent success, La Alianza's critical findings and recommendations regarding the status of children in Antioquia have been endorsed by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

La Alianza's recommendations touch on the rights of children whose lives have been affected by environmental pollution, work in illegal mines, internal displacement,

homelessness, sexual exploitation and other violence, and child marriage. The partnership also calls for major reform in the family welfare, health care, and adoption systems. The CRC incorporated these recommendations in official “Concluding Observations” following its recent examination of the situation in Colombia.

Established in 2012, La Alianza connects both the University of Minnesota Human Rights Program and the Law School's Human Rights Litigation and International Legal Advocacy Clinic with four partner law schools in Antioquia: La Universidad de Antioquia, La Universidad de Medellín, La Universidad Católica del Oriente, and

La Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. The group was formed to strengthen the capacity of the four law schools to teach, research, and provide clinical legal representation toward the promotion of international human rights and the rule of law.

At the University of Minnesota, the Alliance is led by Barb Frey, director of the Human Rights Program, and includes current and former law students Suzan Boulad ('16), Katie Choi ('15), Maxwell Mensinger ('16), Brittany Mitchell ('15), Kelly Molloy ('15), Gloria Munoz ('16), Thea Reilkoff ('14), Ethan Scrivner ('15), and Max Zimmerman ('16), as well as Professor Jennifer Green of the Law School. ■

## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND PRE-LAW STUDENTS

For college students who are thinking of pursuing a J.D., and for high-school students who are considering their long-term educational options, the Law School offers two summer programs that offer excellent insights into and preparation for the law school experience and the practice of litigation.



The **Minnesota Pre-Law Scholars (MPLS) Program** (June 2-Aug. 15, 2015) is open to current undergraduates and recent bachelor's degree recipients; members of groups that are historically underrepresented in law schools are encouraged to apply. Law School staff will teach admissions preparation, and a Kaplan instructor will provide in-depth LSAT prep, including practice exams. Although this program comes at no cost to its participants, each will be asked to submit a \$100 seat deposit, which is fully refundable upon successful completion of the program. Complete information is available at [www.law.umn.edu/legaledprograms/mpls-program.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/legaledprograms/mpls-program.html).



The **Mock Trial Scholars Program** (Aug. 3-7, 2015), taught by Law School faculty and the Law School's award-winning mock trial team, gives its high-school participants immersive instruction on all components of a trial—evidence, objections, opening and closing arguments, direct and cross examination, and courtroom decorum—and culminates in a full mock trial judged by skilled practitioners from Minnesota's legal community. Tuition, room, and board is \$1,250; details are available at [www.law.umn.edu/legaledprograms/mock-trial-scholars-program.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/legaledprograms/mock-trial-scholars-program.html).

# GIFTS TO GENERATIONS



THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL

## Winthrop & Weinstine Establishes Endowed Scholarship



WINTHROP WEINSTINE

**B**ob Weinstine ('69), a founding partner of Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis, has long been an advocate of advancing the practice of law in Minnesota, as has his firm. "Our profession needs the highest caliber of young women and men to join our ranks," he says, "but so many of our brightest students are deterred from entering law school for financial reasons." To help support future generations of Minnesota legal leaders, the firm has established the Winthrop & Weinstine Endowed Scholarship at the Law School.

"From the rising costs of education to the decreasing number of job prospects, it can seem like an uphill battle to a student deciding whether to pursue a career in law," says Scott Dongoske, the firm's president. "Since the state of Minnesota no longer provides the support it once did, we believe it has become the responsibility of those of us currently practicing to help encourage future generations of lawyers."

While considering the scholarship, Weinstine met with Dean David Wippman to better understand how the Law School was addressing its

fiscal and academic future. "Ultimately, we decided that Dean Wippman has the Law School on the right track," says Weinstine. "With a focus on maintaining high quality student admittances resulting in smaller 1L classes, balanced with appropriate faculty staffing, over time, I am confident that the Law School will emerge stronger, educationally and financially, and its talented graduates will be among the best in the profession."

The Winthrop & Weinstine Endowed Scholarship will be awarded each year to a qualified professional student enrolled in the Law School, with preference given to students from Minnesota.

"More than a quarter of our firm's attorneys graduated from the Law School," notes Dongoske, "and all of us at the firm are proud to support the future of law in Minnesota with the Winthrop & Weinstine Endowed Scholarship."

## Bill Drake ('66) Adds to Dobias Human Rights Fellowships Endowment

**B**ill Drake ('66) is a third-generation University of Minnesota lawyer, having followed his grandfather, Clarence E. Drake (1906), and father, Everett A. Drake ('33), into the profession. He has served the Law School as a member of the board of advisors, reunion organizer, and as a regular contributor. He originally endowed the Dobias Fellowships at the Law School in 2008, to allow students

or recent graduates to pursue internships and employment in the field of human rights. They are named in honor of Dr. Premysl and Hana Dobias.

"Although not Jewish, Prem Dobias, a young Czech lawyer in Prague, joined a resistance group in 1938 to help smuggle Jews through Slovakia and Hungary to safety," Drake explains. "When discovered, he was sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp. A fellow survivor at Mauthausen was Simon Wiesenthal, who became a close friend of Prem's. They collaborated in bringing war criminals to justice following the war.

"I was very pleased to endow this fellowship program while Prem was still living [he died in 2012, at age 98]. He confided to me that the establishment of these fellowships was the best honor he had received—and there were many."

Drake adds, "When our family was living in London in the mid-1990s, Prem and Hana were our landlords and lived in the flat above us. Our families became close. Prem invited us to join him at the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen in May 1995 and again for the millennium in May 2000.

"I made my recent gift to further honor Prem. Due to a very generous matching opportunity from my former employer, Medtronic, I was able to double the financial impact and triple the size of the endowment to over \$300,000," Drake says. "What a great honor it is for me to remember this remarkable person in this way."



Bill Drake ('66)



Prof. Judith T. Younger



Sidney and Kate Weintraub on Rockaway Beach, Long Island, in the 1940s



Prof. Stephen Befort ('76) and Anne Johnson ('88)

### Prof. Younger Makes Gift in Honor of Her Parents

Having wanted for many years to do something significant in memory of her parents, Kate and Sidney Weintraub, Professor Judith T. Younger has now done so by making a substantial unrestricted gift to the Law School in their honor. "I remember how important unrestricted gifts were to me when I was dean of Syracuse University Law School," Younger says. "I could use the money wherever it was most needed."

Younger's parents were gifted and beloved public school teachers in New York City. They introduced their daughter to reading at the age of 3, and the library across the street soon became her favorite place. Even family car trips included educational games such as "developing topic sentences for your summer vacation essay." The Weintraubs' expectations of Judith were very high, and she excelled in school.

Before beginning her legal teaching career, Younger clerked for a federal judge, was a litigation associate at a Wall Street law firm, a partner in her own firm, and an assistant attorney general for the state of New York. Younger came to the Law School in 1984 as a visiting professor and joined the faculty in 1985. Over the years, she has taught at six different law schools and is recognized for her work in family and property law.

Younger clearly shares her parents' love of teaching. She finds the Law School very pleasant and collegial,

and she enjoys her students greatly, finding each one to be special. Younger believes strongly that a law degree provides an exceptional generalist education. "With a law degree, you can be anything—even a lawyer!" she says. This gift is a fitting tribute to her parents and the value they placed on learning.

### Prof. Befort ('76) and His Wife, Anne Johnson ('88), Invest in Law School's Future

Professor Stephen Befort ('76) and his wife, Anne Johnson ('88), have made a gift of an insurance policy to the Law School that will provide substantial help to future generations of students. This is important to Befort, a first-generation college student from a family with few resources. "The Law School has been my professional home for 36 years [3 as a student, 33 as a professor] and has been good to me," he says. Likewise, Johnson learned from her parents "the values and rewards of philanthropy."

Befort, who joined the faculty in 1982, is a national authority on labor and employment law and currently serves as associate dean for research and planning. He was previously director of the clinical program and associate dean for academic affairs. Johnson practiced law with Gislason & Hunter before serving as assistant dean for administration at Hamline University School of Law until her retirement in 2011.

Befort and Johnson say their experiences leading study-abroad

trips, both in Sweden and China, are among the highlights of their careers. Befort values the lasting relationships he has been able to build with students by working one-on-one and in small groups through the clinics and journals, as well as by teaching smaller, advanced courses.

Befort and Johnson understand that gifts to the Law School are more important now than ever, with state funding declining and tuition rising. They want to do all they can to make the Law School as accessible to future generations as it was to them. ■



"I set up a recurring monthly gift to the Annual Fund because it's easier on my

personal budget and allows me to make a larger impact on the Law School each year."

—Sitso W. Bediako ('08), Associate, Lowey Dannenberg Cohen & Hart

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## SUCCESS! THE GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS ITS AMBITIOUS GOAL

The University of Minnesota Law School achieved a major milestone this spring when the GENERATIONS campaign exceeded its overall goal of \$70 million. As of April 1, 2015, the total amount raised was \$73 million.

While the campaign does not formally conclude until June 30, 2015, reaching the goal is a “remarkable achievement on the road to building a culture of philanthropy and engagement,” says Dean David Wippman. “Giving from alumni and friends of the Law School is absolutely essential for attracting a talented and diverse student body and having the world-class faculty to teach them.”

The GENERATIONS campaign is focused on three key areas: scholarships and student support; strategic initiatives related to curricular innovation and teaching; and core support, providing the Law School with the flexibility to respond to

emerging needs and opportunities.

Overall, the campaign surpassed its goals in the area of strategic initiatives and core support, but student scholarships and support remains a significant priority for the Law School.

“While we are pleased with the response from contributors, we hope that the momentum of the GENERATIONS campaign will lead to increased giving to the *Partners in Excellence* Annual Fund and for scholarships,” says Director of Advancement Michael Tompos. “Alumni support in particular is essential to sustaining the reputation of the Law School for the future.”

The campaign was launched in 2008, a particularly difficult economic time across the country. “We had confidence in our constituencies and their understanding of the critical need for the campaign and their commitment to ensuring the continued excellence of this Law

School,” says Bruce Mooty ('80), GENERATIONS chair. “We believed alumni and friends would step up—and they did. I’m thrilled to be a part of this incredible growth, and proud of my fellow alumni and colleagues in the legal community. The success of the campaign is a collective effort, and everyone who contributes is essential to this Law School.”

Mooty notes that the campaign’s focus was not only on the dollar goal but also on building a culture of giving. “We recognized that the reduction of state funding would drive tuition upward and place an increasing burden on our students. Our focus, therefore, was to build recognition of the need for philanthropy. We started with that focus and we will finish having clearly established a new commitment to giving at the Law School, particularly through the *Partners in Excellence* Annual Fund.”



CLASS OF '63 SETS RECORD WITH THEIR 50TH REUNION GIFT



DEAN DAVID WIPPMAN AT THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCH



CATHERINE KEDZUF ('11) SPOKE AT THE GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT



## GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS 2011-2015

The campaign has drawn more than 4,200 contributors, a number that includes 100% of the faculty members who were here at the launch. "By June 30 of this year, we look forward to more donors joining the campaign with a gift to the *Partners in Excellence Annual Fund*," says Dean Wippman. "This is an exciting time in the history of this great school." ■



We want to thank our campaign chairs. Left to right:

- > Bruce W. Mooty ('80), Chair
- > Kristine S. Erickson ('72), Vice Chair
- > Elliot S. Kaplan ('61), Vice Chair



WALTER F. MONDALE ('56) AND STACY BETTISON ('99) AT THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

- > 100% of faculty contribute at campaign launch
- 1 Justice Clarence Thomas visits the Law School
- 2 Four new centers and institutes with international impact launched at Law School: Center for New Americans, Corporate Institute, Energy Transition Lab, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice
- 3 Law Library adds Clarence Darrow Digital Collection, Walter F. Mondale U.S. Senate Collection, plus new and rare materials related to civil rights, African American and women's voting, and American Indian law
- 4 Vice President Walter Mondale ('56) donates presidential medals to Law Library
- > The Human Rights Center celebrates its 25th year
- > Clinics celebrate 100th anniversary
- 5 Law School celebrates its 125th anniversary with 500 alumni and academic, business, and legal leaders in attendance
- > 55 scholarship funds are established
- > Faculty write 824 books, book chapters, or journal articles
- > Class of 1963 sets record with \$3.4 million gift at 50th reunion
- 6 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visits the Law School
- > Law School clinics open 2,100 cases
- > 41 new endowed Law School funds are created with \$9.1 million in gifts, and 50 spendable funds with \$34.4 million



Clarence Thomas



Clarence Darrow



Pattee Hall, first Law School building



Ruth Bader Ginsburg



# HIGH STAKES LITIGATION

**Big Cases. Big Clients. Big Risk.**

By Cathy Madison

When *Star Tribune* business headlines disclosed recently that Boston Scientific Corp. settled a “potentially \$7 billion suit” with Johnson & Johnson for the “relatively bargain” price of \$600 million, hardly an eyebrow raised. Maybe seeing all the zeros—\$600,000,000—would give a reader pause. Still, it was a bargain. Facing another lawsuit, Boston Scientific has already set aside \$972 million to cover litigation costs. But as any high stakes litigator will tell you, high stakes isn’t necessarily about zeros.

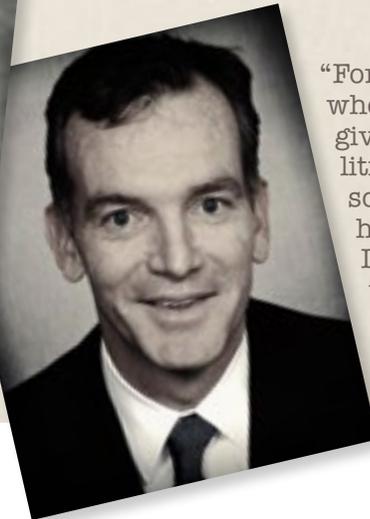
“It can be about dollars.... But think of an antitrust case, where an injunctive proceeding seeking no dollars could change the way an industry operates—that’s high stakes.”

—Greg Joseph ('75)



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—John Hartmann ('87)



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### “IT’S ALL ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THE CLIENT,” SAYS

Greg Joseph ('75), who launched Joseph Hage Aaronson, New York, in 2001 and consistently earns top commercial litigator ratings nationally and internationally. “It can be about dollars in the sense that the outcome will affect the ongoing business or its finances, which are largely one and the same. But think of an antitrust case, where an injunctive proceeding seeking no dollars could change the way an industry operates—that’s high stakes.”

Every field has high stakes. “I recently read about a divorce case in which the husband was ordered to pay the wife just under \$1 billion,” says Joseph, whose cases range from securities fraud and intellectual property to takeovers and corporate governance (no divorce). Though clusters of zeros weren’t on his radar, his desire to become a litigator dates back to high school debating and watching *Judd, for the Defense* on TV.

“I’ve always enjoyed the intellectual combat—not being of the size where real combat is even remotely feasible,” he says. In his view, anyone willing to work hard learning one aspect of the law can succeed in high stakes litigation. “We all have certain innate talents and specific limitations,” he says, admitting his lack of aptitude for tax law. “What it really takes is clients with interesting cases.”

Big clients. With big, intriguing problems that Joseph has learned to recognize on their first phone call. He favors complicated financial cases, often representing major law firms in malpractice suits arising from complex fiduciary issues. He once spent three weeks defending an international firm against an \$800 million claim related to both a huge transaction and the banking advice offered afterward.

“We got a defense verdict, and, due to the plaintiff’s recalcitrance, never had the opportunity to make an offer. I always feel good when we are able to achieve a result that’s gratifying to the client,” says Joseph. While trial days are “incredibly fun, nights are incredibly tedious, hard, and draining,” he adds. “Day is heaven. Night is the opposite.”

Stakes aren’t shrinking. “The number of bet-the-company cases is growing, and the size of those cases is growing. Consolidated enterprises are generating more and more disputes, and as the economy produces larger and larger sums of wealth, it gets concentrated and the disputes get larger,” says Joseph. He hopes he won’t run out of clients seeking high stakes litigation any time soon: “I love it. I have no intention of ever stopping. I’m going out of here feet first.”

## IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT ZEROS

### LITIGATION DREAMS DIDN’T DRIVE JOHN HARTMANN

('87) into law school, but they escorted him into a rewarding career. His strong writing and “reasonably confident” public speaking skills persuaded a recruiter for Chicago-based Kirkland & Ellis; he eventually joined the firm after clerking for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and serving as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago for four years.

“Kirkland had a stable of good, big clients and a steady diet of work. I didn’t have to pound the pavement to drum up business on my own, and I was told, ‘Do good work and you’ll be fine,’” Hartmann says.

Kirkland’s clients are indeed big—BP is one of them, and a certain oil spill comes to mind—and Hartmann has enjoyed that steady diet since joining Kirkland in 1993. He handles shareholder, antitrust, and commercial litigation as well as white-collar criminal matters. One of his clients was Conesco Inc., the insurance company that, in 2002, filed the third-largest Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition in U.S. history.

Defining high stakes isn’t simple, Hartmann says. It may mean large dollar amounts, yet no threshold exists.

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—Barbara Berens (’90)



Sometimes the case has significant precedential value, or it could be a “bet-the-company case” for a medium-sized business. “For most clients who come to us, given how expensive litigation is, it’s always something that is high stakes for them. It’s presumptuous to think it’s not,” he says. Hourly rates, which can exceed \$1,000 for top lawyers at big firms, are market-driven and market-sensitive; today’s sophisticated clients expect the outcome to justify potentially millions of dollars in costs.

“If the dollar exposure is substantial, it does make a difference, because the client has to deal with the risk,” he adds. “Our job is to reduce or eliminate that risk by either winning or resolving the case in a way that’s tolerable. That has an impact on what we do, how we do it, and the level of resources we provide.” Dollar amounts—exposure, settlements, judgments—have grown substantially. “Juries seem more willing to shift very large amounts of assets and wealth from one party to another,” he says. “That makes high stakes litigation more high stakes, more important, and riskier.”

Hartmann credits his success at Kirkland & Ellis, which employs 1,600 attorneys worldwide, to several factors. “First, I’m surrounded by really good people. No matter how good you are, you’re better with a good team. Second, good lawyers make a difference at the margins, and margins are bigger in bigger-ticket litigation. Mostly it’s about rolling up your sleeves and doing the work, and we often outwork our opponents. Third, you have to be skilled and knowledgeable, and keep improving those skills and staying current on that knowledge,” he says.

Finally, one must master two universes. Most litigators like the factual universe; they’re adept at organizing, marshaling, and introducing facts into evidence. “We focus just as much on the moral universe—why people do what they do, what makes sense,” Hartmann says. “When you try a case, that’s often where the focus is. That’s also where I draw a distinction between the outstanding lawyers and the just really good ones. The outstanding ones

have a better grasp on the moral universe.”

Hartmann thrives on novelty as well as challenge. In a recent case involving accidents in an Idaho silver mine, he was familiar with the securities aspects of the case but had to plunge thousands of feet underground to understand the mining aspects. “It was absolutely fascinating,” he says. “We do great work for great clients, and the cases are really interesting. They’re all high stakes, regardless of zeros.”

## IT’S MORE ABOUT THE CLIENTS

**ONE SUNDAY IN 2011, BARBARA BERENS (’90) WAS** standing on the terrace of a beautiful home in Vienna when a client called. She was on vacation, but she took the call and flew home the next day. “That’s my job. That’s just what I do,” she says. “Law becomes very satisfying when it’s about that relationship between an outside lawyer and a client.”

Berens, principal owner at Berens & Miller in Minneapolis since 2008, works with such well-known clients as Vikings star Adrian Peterson, whom she is representing along with the National Football League Players Association in a recent suit filed against the NFL and commissioner Roger Goodell. But it’s not fame and fortune that draw her to high stakes clients. It’s the level of engagement.

“I like being in the courtroom. I like the pressure, and I like the fact that it focuses clients. If the stakes are high, they’re engaged, and when clients are extremely engaged, it somehow makes my job easier. The other side is paying more attention, too,” she says.

One of the first women hired as a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch in the 1970s, Berens came late to the litigation game. She successfully sold private placement tax shelters until the tax laws changed in 1986, when she abandoned Wall Street

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—K. Craig Wildfang (’77)

## IT’S ALSO ABOUT DELAYED GRATIFICATION

### HIGH STAKES LITIGATION REQUIRES A HEALTHY EGO

and a willingness to delay gratification, says K. Craig Wildfang (’77), co-chair of the Robins Kaplan antitrust and trade regulation group. Trial dates are often many years in the future. “Defendants like to stretch things out, and judges let them get away with it. They usually have the money in dispute, so the longer it goes on, the better they like it,” he adds. “A person needs to be able to take gratification from small victories along the way.”

Wildfang stumbled into his antitrust affinity with his first big case, filed in 1983. He liked the work, and the case was seared into memory when his father died unexpectedly during his last pretrial deposition, in 1990. Three days later, on the eve of trial and day of the Fort Snelling burial service, he reached a final settlement with the few remaining defendants.

Prior to joining Robins Kaplan, Wildfang was a partner at another Minneapolis firm and also served as special counsel to the assistant attorney general for antitrust at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he helped investigate securities pricing on NASDAQ. He liked government work, too, in part because “your phone calls always get returned.”

Rising stakes are a function of both the economy and growth in certain practice areas, such as antitrust, securities fraud, and intellectual property, Wildfang says. His first big antitrust case settled for \$53 million. His most recent, a class action suit against credit card industry leaders including Visa and MasterCard, settled, in 2013, for more than \$7 billion. “The defense counsel called it the ‘Super Bowl of antitrust litigation cases,’” he says. “We prevailed against substantial odds and the biggest banks and best lawyers in the world. That was particularly satisfying.”

Another favorite case involved independent boat builders suing boat engine maker Brunswick Manufacturing Co.,

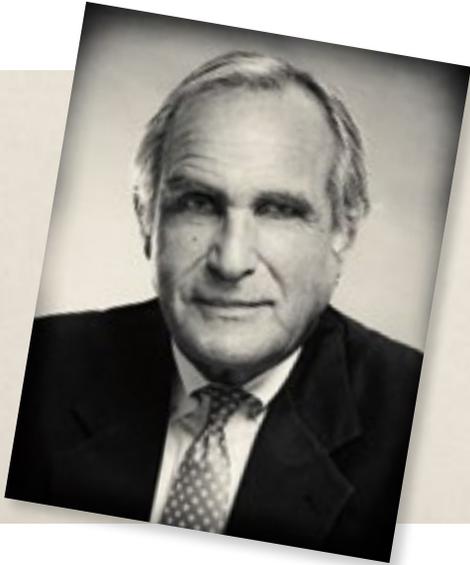
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to become the top salesperson at a cosmetics firm. It was her husband, Mike Berens (’59), now retired, who convinced her to get her J.D. and join him and partner Tim Kelly (’73) in their complex business litigation practice, then known as Kelly & Berens. “Mike has been such an incredible mentor. We can’t clean the basement together, but practicing law with him was like heaven,” she says.

She took the long way around, first clerking for U.S. District Judge David Doty (’61), where she became familiar with NFL and Players Association antitrust legislation, and then becoming a partner at Leonard, Street and Deinard before finally joining her husband’s firm in 1999. The firm is now all women, five attorneys who use today’s virtual technology and on-call resources to tackle high stakes cases.

Berens says female high stakes litigators are rare, but that has never stymied her. In fact, understanding both male and female viewpoints has gotten her work. “My father raised me like a man. He ran the family like the Marine Corps—I had five younger brothers, and I was in charge,” she says. “I focus on winning the war and not the battle, so there’s no need to be the toughest or most aggressive. If someone thinks I’m weak or stupid, that just gives me an advantage.”

High stakes cases are long—Berens estimates three years on average, though 10 isn’t excessive—but interesting; one of her favorites involved cranes and construction law. She thrives on intellectual challenge. “With an engaged court, a committed client, and maybe a chance to make new law, it’s very rewarding,” she says. “A high stakes case can pay for the kind of legal work that plows new ground.”



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—Peter Benzian (’70)

whose pricing policy effectively excluded competitors from the marketplace. “What makes these cases interesting is not necessarily the magnitude. Sometimes it’s just an interesting combination of issues,” he says. “I won the trial, for \$133 million, with the jury awarding damages right down to the penny that our expert estimated. That doesn’t happen very often. Then we lost on appeal in the 8th Circuit. That’s life.”

Antitrust law, with its short, broad, and general statutes, is largely made by judges, thus offering more creative opportunities than other areas, Wildfang points out. High stakes cases are always stimulating; creativity ups the ante. “You get to hone your skills against the best lawyers out there. You’ve got to be at the top of your game,” he says. “And the better you do, the higher the stakes.”

## AND FINANCING WHERE IT COUNTS

**“SOMETIMES I DESCRIBE MY JOB AS WHAT I DID AT** Latham, except I don’t have to do any of the heavy lifting,” says Peter Benzian (’70), who has been managing director at litigation financier Burford Capital since 2010. Previously he was senior partner at Latham & Watkins, where he represented Gulf Oil against Westinghouse’s uranium cartel allegation, defended Capitol Records in a shareholder class action suit, and defended Ernst & Young in several securities fraud cases. He knows high stakes when he sees them.

“I’ve worked on several matters where potential damages are in the high hundreds of millions. Some cases may not involve large damages but have other consequences or circumstances that make them high stakes,” he says.

With high stakes, the scale of everything increases substantially: lawyers, witnesses, discovery. “It’s not a particularly appealing process, particularly for younger lawyers tasked with reviewing hundreds, thousands, even millions of pages of documents, trying to find a needle in

a haystack,” he says. “But apart from the logistical issues, the basic trials are pretty much the same.”

Now Benzian brings his experience to bear on the front end without having to dive into trial prep. Launched in 2009, Burford is one of a handful of companies that finance litigation, a common practice in the United Kingdom and Australia but relatively new to the U.S. Many jurisdictions used to have statutes prohibiting or strictly regulating third-party investment in lawsuits, but “most of those have either been abolished or they’re in the dust pile,” he says.

“Essentially,” he adds, “we’re providing financing to help defray the enormous costs of being involved in large commercial litigation. It advances the general concept of ensuring that litigants are on an equal footing, and leads to, we believe, a more fair and equitable means of resolving disputes.” Deciding which cases merit financing can be tough. Benzian cites an international case in which Chevron was accused of causing environmental damage through oil pollution in Ecuador. As the case developed, new information prompted Burford to withdraw.

“To recover our investments and profit, the entity we’re backing has to prevail. We heavily evaluate cases and choose those we think will prevail at trial or after appeal, or which will settle favorably,” he explains. “From our standpoint, the ideal case will settle. Time is our enemy. The longer a case takes to resolve, the more expensive it is for us.”

Benzian, too, sees high stakes cases growing in size and complexity, in part because society as a whole, and the U.S. in particular, is becoming more litigious. But he also sees a trend toward arbitration and mediation as companies seek more economical ways to settle disputes and governments face economic pressure to fund their court systems.

For now, he is happy kibitzing with lawyers in high stakes cases, influencing trial preparation, reviewing briefs, offering suggestions, and sleeping well at night. “I miss the courtroom,” he says, “but being a trial lawyer is a young person’s job.” ■

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This article is part of an ongoing series highlighting professors' community work at state, national, and international levels. For all the differences in the issues they tackle, the citizens profiled in this series have much in common. They trace the roots of their current service to early educational and professional experiences. They thrive on putting expertise and passion to work on causes in which they believe. They bring fresh perspectives back to students in hopes of inspiring them to put their own scholarship into practice.

## Ann M. Burkhart: Real Solutions for Affordable Housing

**HOW DID A CHICAGO NATIVE WHO WANTED TO** become a litigator and live in a warm climate wind up teaching real estate law in wintry Minnesota, where she endears herself to students and tackles bold projects to remedy housing inequity throughout the country?

"I was very lucky," says Ann Burkhart, Curtis Bradbury Kellar Professor of Law. After earning B.S. and M.S. degrees from Purdue University and graduating magna cum laude from the University of Illinois College of Law, Burkhart clerked for Judge James C. Hill of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law at Sidley & Austin, Chicago, before winter compelled a change.

"I swore I would never live in the cold again," she says. "When Alston & Bird had an opening in Atlanta, I took it. It just happened to be in real estate, but I figured I'd try it for a year. If it didn't work out, I still wanted to be a litigator."

The geography didn't take, but the specialty did. "Real estate is a very people-oriented practice, for one thing," Burkhart says. "In addition to property buyers, sellers, and lenders, you have a huge cast of characters, all working toward the same goal. Everybody wants to be able to close, and everybody can celebrate afterward. That's a marked change from litigation."

Burkhart liked real estate so much that she decided to teach it, joining the Law School faculty in 1982. "It is an excellent school in a very livable city" is how she explains her climatic about-face, which was clearly the right choice. Her enthusiasm for the field infuses the classroom, where she teaches property law, real estate finance and development, land use planning, and comparative property law. The Law School has honored her with the Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching and Counseling Award four times, and rumor has it that her students honor her with a nickname: Velvet Hammer.

"Everybody loves Professor Burkhart. She has a stellar reputation. Her class is—strangely enough—a very pleasant experience, although her exams are very difficult. And she is definitely the most patient teacher I've ever had. She can

take an infinitely complex subject—like contingent and vested remainders and interests—and break it down into simple pieces that everyone can wrap their brains around," says Maxwell Mensinger ('16). He enrolled in her 1L property class thinking it would be boring; instead, it was his favorite class that year. He promptly signed up for her land use planning class, which he also enjoyed, and became her summer research assistant.

"She catches 1Ls just after first-semester grades, when it's very tense in the classroom," Mensinger says. "Students who did well are cocky, some who did poorly aren't feeling good, and others are just angry. Yet she manages to create a very warm environment and make sure everyone is involved and engaged in the subject."

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In real estate law, says Burkhart, "you have a huge cast of characters, all working toward the same goal. Everybody wants to be able to close, and everybody can celebrate afterward."

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Burkhart says her property law classes are popular for two reasons. "One is that with interest rates low and rents high, a much greater percentage of students own homes now than in the past, and they want to understand every step of the transaction, from purchase agreements to titles and deeds. The other reason is the housing market meltdown. They want to understand what went so wrong and how we can prevent it from happening again."

Burkhart is not one to simply observe and reflect, however. While serving on a state legislative committee examining ways to improve foreclosure laws, she discovered that owners of manufactured homes, previously known as mobile homes, get no foreclosure protection at all. The

homes are built on a chassis with wheels and thus are licensed as cars in 42 states; moreover, they're classified as personal property instead of real property. That means buyers don't qualify for mortgages—their purchases are financed, in essence, as car loans—and lack other legal rights, such as homestead protection and spousal interests, in some states.

"I was flabbergasted," Burkhart says. "These are people's homes! It seems their owners should have the same legal protections that other homeowners have."

For two years, Burkhart researched disparate, complicated, and often poorly drafted state laws and collected data on an issue that hovers below the radar despite the fact that it has affected about 24 million people, 7% of the population. The earliest mobile homes, dating back to the 1920s, were travel trailers hitched to the backs of cars. During the Great Depression and World War II, people began living in them due to the housing shortage. "They got bigger and bigger until they're not really mobile anymore. Normally, when the home gets to its site, the wheels are taken off and never reattached," she explains. Sites have also changed (these days, about 70% of manufactured homes are situated on private lots, not in "trailer parks"), and perceptions evolved. In Malibu, for example, manufactured homes on leased land sell for \$2 million. "A person who spends that much must find them attractive and comfortable to live in," Burkhart notes. "But the law hasn't changed. It really underserves manufactured home owners. It has been left untended for quite a while and needs to catch up with reality."

Her solution: provide a simple process to make the home real property so the buyer qualifies for a mortgage. She approached the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) with her proposal and served as reporter on the committee that drafted the Uniform Manufactured Housing Act, which was unanimously approved in 2012, has been introduced in the Massachusetts and Vermont legislatures, and is on tap for Minnesota and other states.

"The beauty of the Act is that we plug into existing systems. When someone buys a home, instead of getting a motor vehicle license, they just record a document in the land records. The Act doesn't require a new apparatus. It also builds in consumer protections, recommends consultation with a trusted advisor, and prohibits dealers from steering buyers into chattel loans," Burkhart says. "Anyone who is informed about their legal rights would want their home to be real property."

"In many states it is difficult or almost impossible to classify a manufactured home as real property," says John Van Alst, a National Consumer Law Center staff attorney who works on affordable housing issues. "Many [academics] would be content to see what's happening and write about it, but Ann saw it, took it on, and has made tremendous strides. She singlehandedly got the ULC interested in this topic and got them moving on writing the law." Van Alst says he was impressed by Burkhart's consistent smile and friendly, helpful persistence as she reached out to disparate industry players—manufacturers, dealers, finance companies—not all of whom are anxious to change the status quo.



PROF. ANN M. BURKHART

"For the industry as a whole, I see this as a positive development. It's a slow, painful, and difficult process, but once we get it adopted in more states, there's a better chance other states will be thinking about it," Van Alst says. Manufactured home owners will certainly benefit. "They might not know Ann's name or understand the issues, but they owe her real gratitude. She really made a difference."

Burkhart continues to advocate for change, publishing articles on manufactured home tax implications, for example, and working with affordable housing groups, such as the Minnesota Housing Partnership, All Parks Alliance for Change, and the Corporation for Enterprise Development, on enactment of the Act.

She also pays close attention to real estate's wider world, where mortgage securitization has had a huge impact, and normal cycles turn abnormal. Burkhart says the meltdown wasn't surprising, given such poor lending practices; what surprised her was that people took so long to figure it out. Things are improving slowly, she says—though subprime lending is drifting back. "Congress is trying to undo the financial reforms that were enacted, chipping away at them piece by piece," she says.

Because the meltdown brought inadequate foreclosure laws into focus, Burkhart is currently looking into how other countries foreclose on property. Several hold well-publicized auctions; here, the lender may be an auction's sole attendee. "I have my students go and watch foreclosure sales. They're amazed at how poor the process is—the lack of procedure and lack of bidders is very eye-opening."

Whether her latest quest will result in another model law remains to be seen; meanwhile, teaching remains her first love. "As a law professor, I have the best job on the planet. I have a chance to work with smart students and smart colleagues and explore issues that interest us," she says. ■

By Cathy Madison, a freelance writer and editor based in the Twin Cities

# Faculty Perspective



## FACULTY AWARDS, GRANTS AND NEWS



**Stephen Befort** ('74) has been elected co-chair of the Labor Law Group, along with Melissa Hart of the University

of Colorado Law School. The Labor Law Group is a nonprofit educational trust that promotes educational activities and produces teaching materials in the field of labor and employment law.



**June Carbone's** most recent book, *Marriage Markets: How Inequality is Remaking the American Family*,

co-authored with Naomi Cahn of

George Washington University Law School, was named one of the best books of 2014 by *Newsweek* and *The Economist*.



**Dale Carpenter's** work was cited in a decision by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District

of Mississippi to strike down the state's ban on gay marriage. The judge repeatedly relied on Carpenter's article, published in the *Supreme Court Review*, entitled "Windsor Products: Equal Protection from Animus." Carpenter was co-counsel with *United States v. Windsor* attorney Roberta Kaplan and Professor Steve Sanders of the University of Indiana

Maurer School of Law on an amicus brief filed in the same-sex marriage cases pending in the Supreme Court. Known as "The People's Brief," it argues that laws excluding same-sex couples from marriage violate the Equal Protection Clause because they reflect animus against gay people. It was filed March 6 on behalf of the Human Rights Campaign and the 207,551 Americans who read and electronically signed it.



**Laura Cooper** has been appointed to the Minnesota Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) as the

alternate member representing the public at large. PERB is a new

1 Profs. Susanna Blumenthal and Barbara Welke at the Rebecca J. Scott reception

2 Ron Goldser ('78) and Associate Dean Sharon Reich Paulsen with Minn. Supreme Court Justice David Lillehaug at the Verrilli reception

3 Prof. and Associate Dean Carol Chomsky and U. S. Solicitor Donald Verrilli Jr.

4 Profs. Neha Jain, Bill McGeeveran and Jessica Clarke

5 Prof. June Carbone, Mark Austin ('17), Paul Rubin, Prof. Brett McDonnell, and Greg Arenson ('16) at a faculty-hosted potluck for students

6 U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. in conversation with Prof. Mark Kappelhoff



agency, created by the 2014 Minnesota Legislature. Beginning July 1, 2015, it will consider unfair labor practice charges filed against state and local governments, public employees, or public-sector unions.



**Barry Feld's** ('69) juvenile justice scholarship—on issues ranging from youths' custody status for purposes

of Miranda warning to use of delinquency convictions for sentence enhancement to lengths of sentences juveniles receive when tried as adults—was cited or quoted by four different state appellate courts. Feld's 2013 book *Kids, Cops, and Confessions: Inside the Interrogation Room* received the 2015 Outstanding Book Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Science. The citation called it "an extraordinary contribution to the study of crime and criminal justice." *Kids, Cops, and Confessions* is only the second empirical study of police

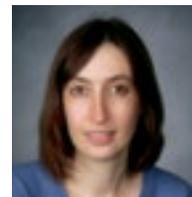
interrogation since the Supreme Court decided *Miranda*, and the first to examine juveniles. This is the second book for which Feld has received one or more outstanding book awards. Feld is the only solo-author criminologist to receive one or more outstanding book awards for two different books.



**Jennie Green** submitted a brief that was cited by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in its March 25 opinion

in the case of *Doe v. Drummond*. Among other findings, the court ruled that corporate officers could be held liable for human rights violations under the theory of command responsibility—the issue addressed by Green's brief.

**Jill Hasday's** article "Contest and Consent: A Legal History of Marital Rape," published in the *California Law Review*, was cited by Judge Martha



Craig Daughtrey of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in her dissenting opinion in *DeBoer v. Snyder*.

Daughtrey's dissent argued that the same-sex marriage prohibitions in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee should be struck down; she used Hasday's work to help support the point that "[h]istorically, marriage was a profoundly unequal institution, one that imposed distinctly different rights and obligations on men and women." Judge Marsha Siegel Berzon of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit also cited Hasday's article in her concurring opinion in *Latta v. Otter*, which struck down the same-sex marriage prohibitions in Idaho and Nevada.

**Claire Hill** has been elected to the American Law Institute (ALI), the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and improve the law. The ALI drafts,



discusses, revises and publishes *Restatements of the Law*: model statutes and principles of law that are enor-

mously influential in the courts and legislatures, as well as in legal scholarship and education. Prior to being elected, Hill was selected as an associate reporter on an ALI project entitled “Principles of the Law, Compliance, Enforcement, and Risk Management for Corporations, Nonprofits, and Other Organizations.” Hill is the reporter on risk management issues. Hill has also been named a research associate at the European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance, a network initiated by researchers from Leiden University, Delft University of

Technology, and Erasmus University Rotterdam. The organization “aims at building a trans-European network of high-quality researchers and societal stakeholders around the interdisciplinary theme of economic and financial governance in the EU.”



**Alexandra Klass** was named a Distinguished McKnight University Professor—one of just five

University of Minnesota faculty members to receive the distinction this year. The Distinguished McKnight University Professorship program recognizes the University’s “highest-achieving mid-career faculty who have recently attained full professor status... and whose

accomplishments have brought great renown and prestige to Minnesota.” Recipients hold the title “Distinguished McKnight University Professor” for as long as they remain at the University. Klass, who joined the Law School faculty in 2006, will be a visiting professor at Harvard Law School in the fall of 2015.



**Fionnuala Ní Aoláin’s** leadership of the Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) at the University of

Ulster in Belfast was recognized by the U.K.-based Research Exercise Framework (REF), which evaluates institutions for research outputs, research environment, and research impact and issues overall rankings in

## SPRING 2015 FACULTY WORKS IN PROGRESS

Lectures on works in progress at the Law School and other institutions are held on Thursdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 385. For more information, contact Bria Goldman at 612-626-5048 or goldm075@umn.edu.

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each discipline. Ní Aoláin holds joint appointments with the Law School and the TJI and serves as co-director of the latter, which was ranked fourth in REF's law school rankings in the U.K. as a whole. The Transitional Justice Institute is an interdisciplinary research institute with a deep international law concentration. Ní Aoláin has also been selected to join the University of Minnesota's Grand Challenges Research Strategies Group, which is charged with gathering perspectives from across the campus on the cross-disciplinary areas of research and scholarship where the University has, or is poised to have, exceptional strength and a competitive advantage. In consultation with faculty, staff, and students, and with relevant external experts, the group will then suggest which of these areas might best align with the Grand

Challenge criteria outlined by the Strategic Planning Workgroup.



**Hari Osofsky** was named the November 2014 Environmental Law Scholar by University of

North Carolina School of Law's Center for Law, Environment, Adaptation and Resources.



**Daniel Schwarcz** has been elected to the American Law Institute (ALI), the leading

independent organization in the United States producing scholarly

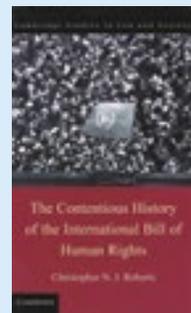
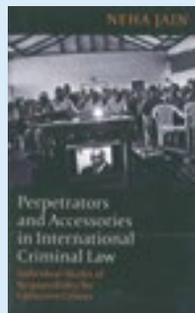
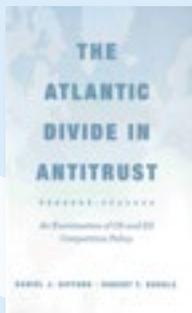
work to clarify, modernize, and improve the law. The ALI drafts, discusses, revises and publishes *Restatements of the Law*: model statutes and principles of law that are enormously influential in the courts and legislatures, as well as in legal scholarship and education.



**Francis Shen** was the lead author of a neurolaw study into how politics affects criminal justice reform.

The study, "Red States, Blue States, and Brain States: Issue Framing, Partisanship, and the Future of Neurolaw in the United States," published in the March 2015 volume of *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*,

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**DANIEL J. GIFFORD  
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*The Atlantic Divide in Antitrust: An Examination of U.S. and EU Competition Policy* (University of Chicago Press, 2015)

**HEIDI KITROSSER**

*Reclaiming Accountability: Transparency, Executive Power, and the U.S. Constitution* (University of Chicago Press, 2015)

**NEHA JAIN**

*Perpetrators and Accessories in International Criminal Law: Individual Modes of Responsibility for Collective Crimes* (Hart, 2014)

**CHRISTOPHER  
N.J. ROBERTS**

*The Contentious History of the International Bill of Human Rights* (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

**HARI M. OSOFSKY  
(WITH JACQUELINE  
PEEL)**

*Climate Change Litigation: Regulatory Pathways to Cleaner Energy* (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

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found that Republicans and Independents are more likely to disapprove of neuroscience-based legal reforms if those reforms are seen as being too lenient on criminal defendants. In recent years, American courts (including the Supreme Court) and legislatures have increasingly relied on brain science in making judicial rulings and writing statutes. Future advancements in neuroscience research might allow criminal law to better identify recidivists; tort law to better differentiate between those in real pain and those who are faking; insurance law to more accurately and adequately compensate those with mental illness; and end-of-life law to more ethically treat patients who might be able to communicate only through their thoughts. In Shen's study, however, significantly greater numbers of Republicans and Independents disapproved of using neuroscience in law if that use would benefit defendants. Democrats, however, supported neurolaw equally whether its use was framed as helpful to the prosecution

or the defense. Shen says the study makes it clear that neuroscience is not yet a polarizing political issue. To keep it that way, he suggests, "we must pay careful attention to the ways in which neuroscience and its application to the legal system are presented to the public."



**Paul Vaaler's** research on the venture investment impact of migrant remittances to developing countries has been featured in the World Bank's recently published Country Economic Memorandum for the West African country of Guinea-Bissau. The memorandum features Vaaler's analysis of recent trends in migrant remittances to Guinea-Bissau and other less-developed countries and their impact on new business funding, founding, and growth, particularly in countries with large informal (unobserved and/or unregulated) economies. Vaaler's

research documents the substantial positive economic development impact that migrant money and ideas can have in countries with legal and regulatory systems that deter more conventional foreign investors, such as multinational firms. In 2014, migrant remittances to developing countries totaled more than \$400 billion, making remittances the largest foreign capital inflow to developing countries.



**Susan Wolf** has received the McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Award for Excellence in Law and

Medicine, given annually by Indiana University's Robert McKinney School of Law in conjunction with the university's School of Medicine. Wolf traveled to Indianapolis to receive the award and deliver the MMK Memorial Lecture on Feb. 20. ■

## RECENT IMO STUDY EXAMINES PERSISTENT SEGREGATION IN MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL AREA



► PROF. MYRON ORFIELD

**IN FEBRUARY 2015, THE LAW** School's Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity, whose director is Professor Myron Orfield, released a study with the unequivocal title "Why Are the Twin Cities So Segregated?" The study received in-depth coverage locally and in such national media outlets as *The Atlantic* and *PBS NewsHour* and occasioned a stinging editorial in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* called "The Unintended Consequences of Affordable Housing Policies."

Those policies, promulgated by what Orfield calls the "poverty housing industry," come in for intense scrutiny in the IMO report, as do those of what Orfield labels the "poverty education complex":

[T]hese powerful special interests have worked with local, regional, and state government to preserve the segregated status quo, and in the process have undermined school integration and sabotaged the nation's most effective regional housing integration program. Finally, in what should serve as a call to action on civil rights, this report demonstrates how even moderate efforts to achieve racial integration could have dramatically reduced regional segregation and the associated racial disparities.

The study concludes that it is not too late to create a truly integrated community in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Orfield calls for existing fair housing laws to be maintained and enforced, civil rights protections applied to all parts of the public education system, and a renewed commitment to "the society that was Martin Luther King's dream and that most Americans still aspire to" on the part of governments and foundations. "Changing our current course will involve hard work and it may be less profitable for many of the entities that currently control housing and education policy," he says. "But our Minnesota values say that it is necessary and our history shows that it is possible."

The study can be read in its entirety at [law.umn.edu/metro](http://law.umn.edu/metro). ■

## Faculty Profile

### JEAN M. SANDERSON

*Professor of Clinical Instruction*

Jean M. Sanderson, a Law School faculty member since 1991, has been the director of the clinical program since 2007. Recognized for her work in child advocacy law and family law, she was awarded the first Stanley V. Kinyon Clinical Teaching Award in 1997.



**THE JANUARY CLINICAL FACULTY** meeting was routine, packed with administrative details and a quick, five-minute wrap on who was doing what. For example, students enrolled in the Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic had been heavily involved in a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court the previous Tuesday. A student from the Robert M. Mankoff Tax Clinic would argue an 8th Circuit Court of Appeals tax case in February, and a Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic student was scheduled to argue before the same court the following day. In U.S. District Court, a student-argued case had just resulted in a summary judgment for a Consumer Protection Clinic client. The recital of cases and accomplishments just kept coming.

“I just sat there thinking, ‘This is all quite amazing,’” says Professor Jean M. Sanderson, who has directed the clinical education program since 2007. “We have managed to do both small cases—helping somebody out with a housing issue or representing a child in juvenile court—and large cases that have an impact on public policy.”

She isn’t one to shout from the rooftops, but Sanderson confesses she is “very proud of the program.” That quiet pride is well-earned. With 22 different clinics and 20 adjunct professors in addition to full-time faculty, the Law School boasts one of the largest clinical programs in the country. Student participation exceeds 50%, about twice the average in U.S. law schools. With clinics that address legal issues ranging from bankruptcy and

environmental sustainability to insurance and consumer protection, the program continues to evolve in breadth and diversity, much like Sanderson’s career.

Sanderson grew up near Hibbing on Minnesota’s Iron Range, where her father worked in the mines and both parents were active in politics and community organizations. She was on the high school debate team and majored in political science and economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, where a mentor encouraged her interest in government. Scholarship opportunities sent her to Duke University School of Law for her J.D., but returning to her Minnesota roots was always her plan.

Happily back in Duluth, Sanderson was assistant St. Louis County attorney for several years before moving to the Twin Cities, where Washington and Hennepin counties sought her services. She served as executive director of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association from 1983 to 1989, and a stint in the Duluth public defender’s office added yet another career credential. When she heard that the Law School planned to establish a family law clinic, she applied to teach it.

“I’d helped train young prosecutors, I’d worked as both an assistant county attorney and an assistant public defender, I had legislative and lobbying experience, and I really liked teaching,” she says.

Sanderson joined the faculty in 1991 and was soon developing the Child Advocacy Clinic and Indian Child Welfare Act Clinic as well as teaching clinics on civil practice and

family law. She also taught family law courses from 1994 to 2010, and she has dedicated her time to several statewide organizations devoted to family support and juvenile justice.

Keeping the clinics running smoothly is challenging. “With 250 students all practicing law and handling cases, we’re running a law firm—and not a small one—in addition to teaching,” she says. Most clinical courses run for two semesters, although at Minnesota 2L students can stay on to become clinic directors during their third year.

While today’s tight job market may render students even more likely than their predecessors to seek practical experience, clinic spaces (filled by lottery) have always been in demand. Waiting lists, particularly in the areas of civil practice, tax, bankruptcy, and immigration, are long. “Robina Foundation funding allowed us to do a large expansion two years ago—we now have three clinics and an outreach program focused on immigration issues. We keep expanding, but demand stays just as strong,” Sanderson says.

“I would like to see every student who wants to take a clinic be able to take one. Adding clinic capacity is part of our strategic plan,” she adds. “I like working with students who are handling actual cases, seeing them pull together all the things they learned in law school, then using what they know to go out and be lawyers. Seeing their careers develop is pretty rewarding.” ■

By Cathy Madison, a freelance writer and editor based in the Twin Cities

# Student Perspective



## STUDENT PROFILES



### MARCELA SÁNCHEZ-BUITRAGO

2014-15 Humphrey Fellow  
When Marcela Sánchez-Buitrago of Colombia told her parents she was gay, they were shocked. Then she added, “I am not just a lesbian. I will be a very public person.”

Sánchez-Buitrago’s mother struggled with the news, but quickly

moved to a place of reluctant acceptance. “I don’t agree,” she said. “But you are my daughter.”

In the years that followed, the social-worker-turned-activist made good on her promise. After working for Profamilia, a Bogotá-based sexual rights group dedicated to providing contraception access and HIV prevention, Sánchez-Buitrago co-founded an LGBT rights organization, Colombia Diversa.

Since its founding in 2004, Colombia Diversa has been fighting for marriage equality and adoption rights for same-sex couples. And as Sánchez-Buitrago promised, she hasn’t shied away from the spotlight. As the group’s executive director, her words appear in newspapers, her voice is heard on the radio, and her image flickers on televisions across the country.

At first, some of her family members were embarrassed by the attention. But that later turned into excitement. One of Sánchez-Buitrago’s aunts is particularly fond of exclaiming, “¡Marcela es en la televisión!”

Securing rights for Colombian LGBT couples hasn’t been easy. The Colombian Senate rejected several equal rights measures, but the Constitutional Court has been more receptive, ruling that same-sex couples could seek civil unions. In 2013, a Bogotá judge formally recognized the relationship of two men who had been together for 20 years.

At the time, Sánchez-Buitrago called the move “historic” and “a step forward,” but she knew the struggle was far from over—and that to win, she needs to keep battling. “You must not sleep,” she says. “On the contrary,

**1** Law Council and journal student representatives meeting with Rajesh De and Prof. Mark Kappelhoff in November

**2** The Fighting Mondales hockey team and their fans at the Golden Gavel Tournament in April

**3** Ls Michael Petre, Brian Kennedy and George Byron (“Geordie”) Griffiths meet for a little fun in London during their studies in Uppsala, Madrid and Dublin, respectively.

**4** Prof. John Matheson and students at a potluck held for students at Prof. June Carbone’s house

**5** Students in Prof. Myron Orfield’s Legislative Process capstone course in the Minnesota Senate chamber, discussing legislative rules and processes with Mike Linn, second assistant secretary of the Senate



you must keep pushing.”

As a Humphrey Fellow, Sánchez-Buitrago has spent some time reflecting on how to help Colombia’s LGBT community move forward. One way is to engage supporters and allies online through social media platforms like Twitter.

“I know about the importance of building community and I know about mobilization,” she says. “But now I need to learn how to build community in a very special way.”

Doing that will help Colombia Diversa achieve its goal: an inclusive nation with equality for all. “It’s my job. It’s my passion,” Sánchez-Buitrago says. “It’s my life.”

**MIGUEL ANGEL VALLEJO GUERRA**  
LL.M. Class of 2015

As a lawyer at one of Mexico’s top business law firms, Miguel Angel Vallejo Guerra is no stranger to big deals. In 2007, he received his bachelor’s degree in law; in the months that followed, he helped



broker the franchising of 1,600 McDonald’s restaurants in Latin America and the Caribbean. *Latin Lawyer* dubbed it the “M&A Deal of the Year.”

Vallejo Guerra followed that up with a \$1.4 billion merger between Banorte and IXE banks in 2011 and last year’s American Tower acquisition of 4,500 wireless mobile phone towers in Mexico and Brazil. That deal was valued at \$811 million.

Although Vallejo Guerra, 30, wasn’t the lead attorney on those deals—he hasn’t made partner yet—he was deep

enough in the details to glean several insights. Among the lessons he learned was that when working with Americans, it’s important to speak English fluently and to possess a deep understanding of the U.S. legal system.

That’s why, a few years ago, Vallejo Guerra spent several months at the University of Alberta in Edmonton immersed in English as a second language courses, and why he’s currently completing his LL.M. degree at the Law School. Not surprisingly, his favorite courses include Contracts, Antitrust, and Business Strategy for Legal Professionals.

Despite thoroughly enjoying his LL.M. work, Vallejo Guerra has no plans to stay in the United States. “I don’t want to be an American lawyer,” he says. “I want to be a Mexican lawyer who understands American law.”

Vallejo Guerra grew up in Zongolica, Veracruz, a small town in southern Mexico, one of four children whose parents emphasized

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the importance of education. He left home at 15 to study at a private school in a nearby city. In college, he graduated third in his class at the elite Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas in Mexico City.

When asked what he does outside of the office, Vallejo Guerra admits to spending long hours poring over legal documents. Unfortunately, that doesn't leave much time for hobbies.

"I would like to say I run marathons every weekend, but no," he says. "I have a very simple life. I work and I visit with my friends."



### BEAU MILLER

M.S.P.L. Class of 2015

As a child, Beau Miller was fascinated by bugs and buildings. He once constructed a house for a bunch of wiggly monarch caterpillars, hoping it would keep them safe until they metamorphosed into graceful butterflies. Miller wandered the prairie countryside near his grandfather's farm in Northfield, Minn., gathering milkweed for the caterpillars to munch on.

Alas, the caterpillars died. However, Miller's craving for knowledge about small things didn't. Instead of studying insects, he went smaller still—to the DNA level. A year ago, the still boyish Miller (he's 23) graduated from the University of Minnesota with a double major in genetics, cell biology and development—that's a single major—and biochemistry.

"I really wanted the whole picture," he says. "I like learning and I wanted to learn as much as I could in college."

To nab that double major, Miller filled his summers with coursework.

But that was OK because he likes to stay busy. As an undergraduate, he also served in student government at the College of Biological Sciences and volunteered at People Serving People and the emergency department at Hennepin County Medical Center.

"I don't need a lot of sleep," he says.

After completing his bachelor degrees, Miller took a full-time job as a patent legal assistant at Westman, Champlin & Koehler, a Minneapolis intellectual property firm. That, of course, is a natural fit for a student in the Law School's Master of Science in Patent Law Program.

For Miller, that didn't mean quitting the firm. Instead, he simply reduced his hours to 20 per week while learning the law. "I feel less busy than during undergrad," he says.

When he's not attending class, studying, or working, Miller enjoys wielding knives and spatulas in the kitchen. Naturally, his favorite cookbook is *The Science of Cooking*. Among the cool tips he's gleaned: When making pie crust, use vodka instead of water. And don't be afraid to add soy sauce to gravy. The amino acids in the soy sauce make one's taste buds appreciate the flavors more.

And knowing such things makes eating that much more enjoyable.



### HAKEEM ONAFOWOKAN JR.

Class of 2015

Hakeem Onafowokan Jr. grew up playing hoops, but wasn't deft enough on the court to make the big time as a player. But the Minnesota native seems destined to make it in profes-

sional basketball—or another sport—as an attorney.

Like a lot of kids, Onafowokan grew up in the Minneapolis suburbs playing video games and shooting hoops. He liked just about everything about it—the teamwork, the perseverance needed to win, and the sport's sheer elegance.

"The game of basketball is very beautiful," he says.

Some teenagers' love of sports fades as they grow older. Not so with Onafowokan. He's been steadfastly preparing for a career in the field for many years now. As an undergraduate, he picked the University of Minnesota for its sports management program, not its proximity to home. And now he's weeks away from graduating from the Law School.

When he began studying the law, he figured on a career as a sports agent. An agent with a law degree would undoubtedly be a big plus to clients during contract negotiations. But after learning more about the competitiveness of the business, the straightforward Onafowokan decided it wasn't for him.

"That wasn't my personality to go into that industry," he says.

So now he's focused on landing a job with a sports labor union, preferably the National Basketball Players Association. "I'm pro-employee," he says. "Lots of fans see athletes as overpaid, but the owners are making billions off of teams."

And with ESPN paying \$7.3 billion to broadcast 12 years' worth of college football playoff games (that's only 84 games), many people—including Onafowokan—are raising alarms about whether student athletes should receive compensation. He's currently writing about unionization efforts by Northwestern University football players.

During his three years at the Law School, Onafowokan has served as president of the Black Law Students Association and co-president of the Sports Law Association. He's also interned at NASCAR, where, in addition to improving his legal skills, he had the chance to ride in a pace

car swooshing around a racetrack.

“At 170 miles per hour, I started to get dizzy,” he says. “It’s very exhilarating. I definitely won’t forget that.”



### REBECCA CASSLER

Class of 2016

Rebecca Cassler grew up in a suburb of Portland, Ore., playing on soccer teams, cooking, and reading historical novels.

“I devoured them,” she says.

Although not exactly sure what she wanted to do in life, Cassler possessed a burning desire to make a difference. Which is probably why Oberlin College’s marketing slogan struck a chord with her. “Think One Person Can Change The World? So Do We.”

Cassler chose the liberal arts college based largely on that promise, arrived in Ohio, and fell hard for Mandarin Chinese. “It’s beautiful the way the pieces of the characters fit together,” she says. “The writing is art.”

While studying in Beijing prior to the 2008 Summer Olympics, Cassler couldn’t help noticing the cacophony of multiple construction projects—and the laborers performing the work under questionable conditions. She tried talking to workers to learn more about potential dangers, but their bosses intervened.

“These people seemed invisible to educated Chinese,” she said. “I wonder who is invisible to me in the United States?”

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in politics and East Asian studies, Cassler took a job as a case manager with a Philadelphia nonprofit. Many of her clients were undocumented immigrants. Since

Cassler spoke Chinese and Spanish (she’d studied that language in high school), she understood their woes and helped to the best of her ability. But it didn’t seem like enough.

“They needed more expertise than I had,” she says.

After that, she worked as a union researcher in Washington, D.C. The work was gratifying. But again, she wanted to do more. So she decided to broaden her skills at the Law School.

Cassler, who’s due to graduate next spring, has been focusing on public interest courses and clinics. One of her favorites is the Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, where she’s filed habeas corpus petitions challenging government detention practices. “I’m trying to push things in the right direction,” she says.

All the reading she did as a kid helped make Cassler a talented writer. In a 1L writing section, she crafted the best brief. She now works as a student legal writing instructor and will soon be drafting briefs for federal judges. After graduation, she begins a two-year stint clerking for U.S. District Judge John R. Tunheim (\*80) and 8th District U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Diana E. Murphy (\*74).



### NADIA ANGUIANO-WEHDE

Class of 2017

As a high school junior in suburban Columbus, Ohio, Nadia Anguiano-Wehde fell in love. With physics. It started when one of her teachers challenged his students to build a better buttering machine for corn on the cob.

Anguiano-Wehde led a group that used a conveyor belt and a small

brush to apply melted butter to the slowly rotating ears. More than a decade later, she can still draw a diagram of her design in a visitor’s notebook.

“I remember really, really loving it,” she says.

So it wasn’t a surprise when Anguiano-Wehde, the daughter of Mexican immigrants, chose mechanical engineering as a major at The Ohio State University. But something inside her suggested she might be making a mistake. “Truth be told, I was a little reluctant,” she says.

It turns out Anguiano-Wehde was also deeply attracted to the liberal arts. Yet like many children of newcomers to the United States, she eschewed career risks. “I felt tremendous pressure to get a high-paying job,” she says.

Mechanical engineering wasn’t a bad fit for Anguiano-Wehde. In fact, she proved to have a knack for it. At OSU, she graduated cum laude, received a National Science Foundation fellowship for graduate studies, and eventually earned a graduate degree in the field as well.

That led to a job designing enclosures for IBM server systems in Rochester, Minn. Within a few years, she was promoted to lead engineer and had a pair of patents to her name. But outside of work, Anguiano-Wehde spent a lot of time tutoring Hispanic teens at a local nonprofit.

Eventually, she embarked in a new direction. “I couldn’t reconcile spending time at IBM,” she says. “I wanted to do something to help people.”

She gave up on Big Blue in pursuit of a degree from the Law School. As a Robina Public Interest Scholar, a National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter board member, and an intern at the ACLU of Minnesota, it’s clear her new direction is a big departure.

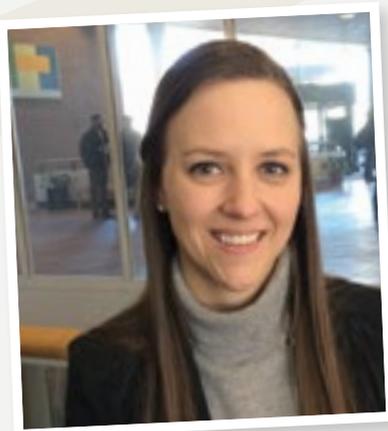
That change in direction turned out to be just fine with her parents. Said her father, “It’s about time.” ■

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By Todd Melby, a freelance writer and radio producer based in Minneapolis

# STUDENT NEWS AND AWARDS

## Eleanor Wood ('16) Wins Tax Law Writing Award



Eleanor Wood ('16)

The Federal Bar Association announced that Eleanor Wood ('16) was the winner of the 2015 Donald C. Alexander Writing Competition for her article "Rejecting Tax Exceptionalism: Bringing Temporary Treasury Regulations Back in Line with the APA." This marks the second straight year that a Law School student has placed first in the competition; Matthew Hu ('14) was the winner last year. As the winning author, Wood received \$2,000 and a trip to the FBA Section on Taxation's annual tax law conference, which was held March 5-6 in Washington, D.C. Her article will be considered for publication in the FBA magazine, *The Federal Lawyer*, or the Section on Taxation's newsletter, *Inside Basis*.

The Alexander competition is open to any full- or part-time J.D. or LL.M. student who submits an original paper concerning federal taxation. "I am so pleased for Eleanor, and so appreciative of her efforts," said Professor Kristin Hickman, a federal tax expert who advised Wood as she worked on the paper. "Eleanor not only wrote an outstanding article, but she took the time to enter it into the competition. Don Alexander was widely admired by tax attorneys throughout the

United States, so Eleanor's achievement means national recognition both for her and for the Law School."

"The paper primarily deals with the interaction between tax and administrative law," said Wood, "arguing that the Supreme Court's rejection of tax exceptionalism in *Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research v. United States* creates considerable doubt about the enforceability of temporary Treasury Department regulations promulgated in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act. It also proposes several judicial and legislative actions that could help bring Treasury back in line with the APA without destabilizing the tax system."

Wood graduated summa cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., in 2010 and became a Minnesota Certified Public Accountant in 2011. Before enrolling at the Law School, she worked as a tax senior associate with the international accounting firm Grant Thornton. She is a staff member of the *Minnesota Law Review* and has served as a law clerk at the Scudder Law Firm in Lincoln, Neb.

## Mock Trial Team Wins at Regionals

Two teams from the Law School spent four intense days in mock trial arguments at the regional level of the annual Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition in February. One team earned Regional Champion honors and went on to compete at the national finals in March; the other team also made a strong showing, placing 10th out of the 24 teams participating.

The regional event, one of 14 held around the country Feb. 4-7, took place at Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Neb. The Law School's winning team—made up of Alex Hagstrom ('15), Jenna Shannon ('16), Leon Wells ('15), and



Mock trial regional champions Leon Wells ('15), Alex Hagstrom ('15), Jenna Shannon ('16), and Rosie Derrett ('16)

alternate Rosie Derrett ('16)—defeated teams from Creighton and the University of North Dakota en route to its victory. The team competed strongly at the national finals, held March 11-15 in Houston, but did not advance to the championship rounds. The other Law School team—Carolyn Isaac ('16), Ryan Kief ('15), Joseph Serge ('15), and alternate Kaiya Lyons ('16)—bested teams from Hamline and Washburn Universities before being eliminated from competition by a team from the University of Iowa. The teams are coached by adjunct professors Craig Roen ('87) and Craig Buske ('10).

The Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition was established in 1975. This is the second time in the past three years that the Law School has sent a team to the finals.

## Daniel Schueppert ('15) Wins International Award for Essay on Climate Change and the Law

The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) announced the winners of its Legal Essay Contest 2014, and third-year student Daniel Schueppert ('15) was named a silver award winner for his essay "Climate Change, the U.N. Convention to Combat Desertification and Multi-Level Governance." His essay, along with those of the four other winning



Daniel Schueppert ('15)

law students, will be published by the CISDL in a special working paper series later this year.

The essay had its genesis in a paper Schueppert wrote for Professor Fred Morrison's International Environmental Law course in the spring of 2014. After the course was over, Schueppert continued working on the paper, adapting it to the requirements of the CISDL essay competition, which asked law students from around the world, "What are the most pressing governance challenges for the world in responding to the threats and challenges of climate change...? Which innovative legal instruments and practices hold potential to help address them? How can they be implemented across diverse sectors?"

Schueppert describes his essay as an exploration of "the systemic environmental and international policy issues associated with desertification, a type of regional land degradation where drylands

become increasingly arid. The essay primarily focuses on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and its iconic multi-level organizational model, but it also critically assesses the efficacy of past, present, and future anti-desertification initiatives by the UNCCD, individual nations, and international bodies."

The CISDL is based at McGill University Faculty of Law in Montreal and operates in cooperation with law and climate centers at the Universities of Cambridge, Chile, and Nairobi. The essay award winners were announced at a U.N. climate conference in Lima, Peru.

### George Byron Griffiths ('15) Honored by Minnesota Justice Foundation

The Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) announced that among the recipients of its Outstanding Service Awards for 2014 was third-year student George Byron ("Geordie") Griffiths. The awards were presented at the MJF Annual Awards Celebration on November 19.

Griffiths received an MJF Law Student Volunteer Award. Prior to enrolling at the Law School, he spent three years working in special education and 15 years as a professional photographer. Since his 1L year, he has devoted himself to volunteer service in a variety of MJF placements, including the Wills



George Byron Griffiths ('15)

for Heroes program, the Minnesota Indian Estate Planning Project, the Asylum Law Project, and the Street Law teaching program. Most notably, Griffiths has performed more than 260 hours of service as a volunteer guardian ad litem in Hennepin County, advocating for abused and neglected children. During his 2L year, he worked as a student attorney in the Civil Practice Clinic. He has served on the Law Council, as an admissions ambassador, and as an orientation leader. He has also been active in the OutLaw GLBT student group and on the MJF student chapter board, and for two years he served as president of OWLS (Older and Wiser Law Students).

The Minnesota Justice Foundation was incorporated in 1982 by Minnesota law students. Since then, the MJF has secured legal aid for thousands of underrepresented Minnesotans by coordinating the efforts of volunteer law students and attorneys. ■

## NEW JOURNAL EDITORS

### > *ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law* (Vol. 31)

Editor in Chief: Katlyn Lynch  
Lead Managing Editor:  
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Symposium Editor: Rajin Olson  
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### > *Minnesota Journal of International Law* (Vol. 25)

Editor in Chief: Ally Billeaud  
Executive Editor: Amber Kraemer  
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Lead Articles Editor: Chris Land

### > *Law & Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice* (Vol. 34)

Editor in Chief: Drew Glasnovich

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Symposium Editor: Allison Rochford

### > *Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology* (Vol. 17)

Editor in Chief: Emily Harrison  
Executive Editor: Kirsten Johanson  
Symposium Editor:  
Eugenia (Nia) Chung  
Lead Articles Editor: Will Orlady

## Students Seek Clemency for Nonviolent Inmates



Chad Pennington ('15), David Blevins ('15), William Hamilton ('15) and Prof. JaneAnne Murray

**IN 2014, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION** launched a clemency initiative aimed at reducing the sentences of long-term, nonviolent federal inmates who had been subject, in the words of Deputy Attorney General James Cole, to “older, stringent punishments that are out of line with sentences imposed under today’s laws.” Under the supervision of Professor JaneAnne Murray, three Law School students—William Hamilton, Chad

Pennington, and David Blevins, all 3Ls—have taken up the challenge of representing inmates who are seeking clemency.

The inmates’ stories are representative of the inequity the program is intended to redress. Each man was at the low end of the drug distribution chain. Each was arrested, tried, and given the sort of lengthy prison sentence that was typical in the 1990s and early 2000s. And each, if convicted today, would receive a much shorter sentence. For example, Hamilton’s client, arrested in 1993 at the age of 22, is serving life without the possibility of parole for his role as a “runner” in a street-level crack distribution conspiracy in Washington, D.C. He engaged in no violence, never carried a weapon, and has had an exemplary prison record. His sentence for the same offense today would likely be about 10 years. Pennington’s client has

served more than three quarters of his 262-month sentence. He was recently diagnosed with lung cancer—his second cancer diagnosis since his incarceration. Blevins’s client, who would likely receive a sentence of 20 years today, is currently in the 24th year of a life sentence.

Professor Murray is on the steering committee of Clemency Project 2014, the group of defense organizations (the ABA, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, the ACLU, and Federal Defenders) formed to screen the 35,000 inmates who have applied for relief and recruit and train volunteer lawyers for those with meritorious cases. “Mass incarceration is one of the key civil rights issues of our day,” Professor Murray says. “I am so gratified that our students want to play a part in redressing it.” ■

## RAISE THE BAR DAY OF SERVICE

**DIVERSITY WEEK (MARCH 2-7, 2015) WRAPPED UP** with a successful Raise the Bar Day of Service. Students, staff, family, and friends pitched in at various locations, including Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, Feed My Starving Children, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, the YMCA, and Rebuilding Together. Soren Lagaard ('15) served as organizer, assisted by the Law Council and the U of M student board at the Minnesota Justice Foundation.

- 1 At a Rebuilding Together house. Front row: Liz Young ('17), Gina Aprilitasari (LL.M. '15), Somayeh Amiri (LL.M. '15), Yi Liu ('17), Dean of Students Erin Keyes ('00). Middle row: Drew Glasnovich ('16), Gaowen Li ('17), Comi Sharif ('15), Cassandra Fenton ('17). Back row: Alec Storms ('17), Benjamin Sisney ('16).
- 2 Chaohua Bu (LL.M. '15), Sumi Park ('15), Catherine Abbett ('14), Assistant Director of Student Services Noelle Noonan, Julia Zwak ('15), Allison Rochford ('16)
- 3 Jina Park ('17), Mehrnoosh Karimi Andu (LL.M. '15), Jinyoung Seok ('17), and Katarina Lee ('16) at Salvation Army Harbor Light Center
- 4 Pedro Freyre and Colleen Kelly ('14) taking a break to smile for the camera at Feed My Starving Children
- 5 Andu, Lagaard, Jina Park, Seok, and Lee at Salvation Army Harbor Light Center
- 6 Li, Sisney, Fenton, and Sharif helping to install drywall in a basement being rehabbed for wheelchair use





## A TASTY FROZE-IN TORT

Poster art by Katie Manske

**ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IN** the Twin Cities continues to warm up, the Law School's Theatre of the Relatively Talentless (TORT) kept things cool in its 13th annual musical parody, *Walt Mondale's Froze-In*, presented April 17 and 18 at the Pantages Theatre in Minneapolis.

The show's heroine is Elsa, an overstressed law student, who inadvertently plunges the inhabitants of Mondale Hall into an eternal winter. But with the help of her sister Anna and a ragtag band of law students, plucky Elsa delivers the Law School into the warmth of spring once more! Featuring talented leading actors and dancers, a 15-member pit band, and a 40-member chorus, *Froze-In* pulled out all the stops for two nights of laughs and entertainment.

Professor Judith T. Younger made

her 13th appearance onstage—continuing her streak since TORT's inception. Other faculty thespians included Professors Brad Clary ('75) and Ruth Okediji, as well as Deans David Wippman and Erin Keyes ('00). Judges Joan Ericksen ('81) and John Tunheim ('80), not to mention Vice President Mondale ('56) himself, made cameo appearances—another favorite TORT tradition.

Like all TORT productions, *Walt Mondale's Froze-In* was written, performed, and produced entirely by Law School students. Jim Stray ('15) headed the 12-writer script team, Jill Jensen ('16) choreographed the dances, and Jake Dona ('16) arranged and conducted the eclectic musical numbers.

Critical behind-the-scenes contributors included costumer

Andrea Miller ('15) and technical director Kyle Kroll ('16), who headed the set-construction crew. Mathew Morrison ('15) directed the action, and producers Leon Wells ('15) and Maria Warhol ('16) put it all together.

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By Leon P. Wells ('15)

# Alumni Perspective



## ALUMNI PROFILES



### DALE R. JOHNSON

Class of 1973

Getting bit by the entrepreneurial bug never occurred to Dale Johnson while he was earning his J.D. at Minnesota and his LL.M. in taxation at Boston University School of Law ('76). "It's where fate took me," says Johnson, now president/CEO of Greene Lyon Group, a Boston-area company that develops precious-

metal recycling technologies. He practiced at Boston law firms for two decades before clients invited him to join Manufacturers' Services Ltd. (MSL), an electronics industry startup.

"First I was their legal counsel, but when I got too expensive by the hour, they hired me. The CEO wouldn't let me just be a lawyer. He demanded that I be an executive," Johnson says. As executive vice president and general counsel, he learned electronics manufacturing and managed MSL's growth by acquisition; in 1995, he acquired companies in Ireland, Spain, Singapore, and Malaysia—simultaneously. In 2000, with revenues of close to \$2 billion, MSL went public. Johnson joined a venture capital firm, handling several high-tech startups and succumbing to the entrepreneurial itch.

Rather than getting into manufacturing, he began to explore the opposite end of the product life cycle, and in 2004 he co-founded MaSeR Corp., which recycled end-of-life electronics. "We were mechanically separating the units and mechanizing the process, versus the labor-intensive process then in existence," Johnson explains. The realization that circuit boards comprised 5% of a product's weight but 98% of its value caused him to shift his focus to precious metals; in 2007 he launched Greene Lyon Group, which develops and licenses metal-reclamation technologies that are cheaper, faster, and greener than conventional methods. Its name, derived from an old English poem, connotes modern alchemists.

Johnson's legal background helps him analyze situations and understand disparate viewpoints, but what he

**1** Justice Paul Anderson ('68), jurist-in-residence, speaking to Rajesh De at a reception following De's public lecture in November

**2** Tony Fernandes ('93) speaking to a Humphrey Fellow class in April

**3** Judge James Rosenbaum ('69) and Judge Marilyn B. Rosenbaum with Gary Haugen ('74) at the Judge Jed Rakoff reception in November

**4** Alumni gather at the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C., for a reception and discussion in December

**5** U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. and Stephen A. Peterson ('67) at the Verrilli reception

**6** Members of the class of '65 at the Minneapolis Club during Spring Alumni Weekend



enjoys most about entrepreneurship was once illustrated by his business partner at MaSeR as they walked into a new 50,000-square-foot facility. "He looked around and said, 'It's not just a PowerPoint anymore,'" recalls Johnson. "I'm very lucky because I'm also proud of what we're doing here at Greene Lyon. Obviously we're in it to make money, but what we're doing is good, greener, better. That helps a lot when I wake up at 4 a.m. worrying about making payroll."

This, his last venture (he promised his wife), remains all-consuming. The company is on the cusp of "large deals with major players in different industries. This is going to be a breakout year for us," he says. "The spirit lives on."

## MARY JANE WEAVER

Class of 1989

How did Mary Jane Weaver become an immigration lawyer? Easy question. "Anna Shavers changed my life," Weaver says of the associate clinical professor who helped shepherd her career. Shavers ('76) established the Law School's first immigration clinic



during her 1986-89 tenure and now teaches citizenship law at Nebraska College of Law.

"In her class we discussed so many fundamental themes—what it means to be from somewhere, who is in, who is out," Weaver says. "Immigration law is at the intersection of family law, criminal law, constitutional law—it's a little bit of everything, which suits someone with a liberal arts background and an interest in the way people interconnect. It's fascinating."

Encouraged by Shavers, Weaver clerked for the U.S. Department of Justice in Miami and San Francisco before joining Berry Appleman &

Leiden in 1992, just as Silicon Valley was emerging as an incubator of new technologies. She learned a lot, but the bread-and-butter clients who engage large firms interested her less than small startups, which secured funding for big ideas but scrambled to find immigration counsel.

Weaver began meeting monthly with two immigration lawyers she'd met through a professional organization. "We called it our stupid question dinner, where we could ask questions we were afraid to raise with our bosses," she says. The three soon hatched plans for Weaver Schlenger Mazel, which they launched in 1996. That taught Weaver a lot, too. "Attorneys starting a practice see the revenue side but not the cost side. They don't see how hard it is to operate a business," she says.

With a current staff of 18, the women-owned firm works with universities and companies of all sizes and types, from biotech and medical research to advertising and financial services. "Immigration law has only become more complex and difficult, so the need for good lawyers contin-

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ues to increase,” she says. “We deal with complex statutes and regulations, and in many ways, neither has kept up with the times. Immigration is such a hot-button issue—like abortion rights—that no one wants to touch it.”

Weaver relishes the challenge of understanding how a business works and why a foreign hire is important, then seeing the process through. “When it works, it makes people happy, with some nice rewards along the way.”



### LIZ FOWLER

Class of 1998

“I ended up in law school on a whim,” says Liz Fowler, who wrote in her application essay that practicing law was not her goal. Health policy claimed her heart during sophomore year at the University of Pennsylvania, when she learned that the U.S. was the world’s only developed country without a national health care system. She abandoned her pre-med path, earned a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and, two weeks after defending her dissertation, began law school. She favored constitutional and tax law, which proved extremely valuable in her future endeavor: helping to craft the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

“I feel incredibly humbled and honored to have been part of an important initiative. Whether you like it or hate it, you have to admit the system was broken and needed to be reformed,” says Fowler, who is now vice president for global health policy at Johnson & Johnson.

The ACA wasn’t her first Capitol Hill achievement. She’d worked with Sens. Daniel Moynihan and Max Baucus and Rep. Pete Stark, and helped draft the Medicare Part D

prescription drug program—she was, in fact, the only staffer to work on both Medicare and ACA legislation. She left for a private-sector stint as a vice president at WellPoint Health Networks (now known as Anthem Inc.), then re-joined Baucus in 2008 as chief health counsel for the Senate Finance Committee, ready to tackle reform once again.

“We held a number of hearings and summits that summer, and even if John McCain had been elected, we were ready to launch. Our approach would work no matter who was elected,” says Fowler, emphasizing the team’s commitment to bipartisanship. That the ACA has become such a lightning rod is regrettable, but it was “the best policy that could have passed Congress,” she says.

Fowler served as deputy director for policy at the Department of Health and Human Services and special assistant to the president for health care and economic policy at the National Economic Council. In 2012 she left behind—at least for the time being—the high stress of government service. Her current position aligns with her vision of providing sustainably financed universal coverage to the world’s citizens. Studying other systems, especially in China and India, has provided a “greater appreciation for the system we have, with flaws and shortcomings but also incredible innovation and quality. I can see how we ended up where we are.”

### JOSHUA A. NEWVILLE

Class of 2012

Born to parents who married as teenagers and lived in a trailer in rural Wisconsin, Joshua Newville knew what the KKK was by the time he was 4. By second grade he knew he wanted to be a lawyer (but spelled it L-A-Y-E-R). By high school he knew he was gay but was petrified to tell anyone in his small hometown.

“In a weird way, it propelled me. It changed the trajectory of my life,” says Newville, who focused instead on academics, becoming class and student body president, and athletics. By college—he was the first in his extended family to attend—he was



out and impassioned about pursuing social justice. Today, the associate attorney at Madia Law in Minneapolis is handling the country’s last two gay marriage ban challenges, representing 13 same-sex couples in South and North Dakota.

During law school he’d clerked, initially for no pay, at Madia. “That first summer I worked on amazing employment discrimination and civil rights cases, exactly the kind of work that drew me to law school. The next summer I got to do litigation. I wanted work that was meaningful and important to me, and that was exactly what happened,” he says.

A Law School colleague referred him to a South Dakota couple, Jennie Rosenkranz and Nancy Robrahn. “They couldn’t find anyone to take their case, which didn’t fit the ACLU national strategy. I’ve never been in awe of other human beings as I am of these two people,” Newville says. Others joined the case, which hovers in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals while the U.S. Supreme Court gay marriage ruling, due in June, looms. “I’d be really surprised if I get a cooler set of cases in my entire career,” he adds.

As he predicted early on, his career path is set. “The fascinating thing to me is that we may have marriage equality shortly, if I’m right, but in over half the states in this country you can get fired for showing up for work with a photo of your same-sex partner. You can get married, but you won’t be protected from discrimination on the job,” he says. “I’ll continue to challenge the government and private employers, and I’ll always be passionate about fighting discrimination in all the forms it can take. What an incredible opportunity.” ■

# ALUMNI NEWS AND AWARDS

## Michael Ciresi ('71) and Jan Conlin ('88) Establish New Practice



On Feb. 1, Michael Ciresi ('71) and Jan Conlin ('88) both partners in Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi (RKMC)—a firm with which Ciresi had been associated for 44 years, beginning as a law clerk—departed to form a new firm, Ciresi & Conlin. They were joined in the endeavor by a third RKMC partner, Katie Crosby Lehmann.

Martin R. Lueck, RKMC chair, said, "The three departing partners have decided to pursue their varied interests with greater flexibility. We thank Mike, Jan, and Katie for all of their past contributions and wish them continued success in their endeavors." RKMC is now known as Robins Kaplan.

"Jan, Katie, and I have the deepest respect for our former partners and colleagues," said Ciresi. "We are extremely proud of the firm and the historic accomplishments in which we have been privileged to play a role. However, we have come to a point in our careers where we want to forge a new road on a continuing journey. We leave many good friends behind, but we look forward to collaborating together on professional matters in the future."

## Tim Looby ('82) Appointed Judge in Minnesota's First District

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton appointed Tim Looby ('82) to serve as a judge in the state's First Judicial District, which encompasses a seven-county area just south of



the Twin Cities. Looby's investiture was held Oct. 24, 2014.

Looby grew up in the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Park and earned his undergraduate degree at Bemidji State University in northern Minnesota before enrolling at the Law School. He entered practice in 1983 with Waconia, Minn.-based Melchert Hubert Sjodin, where he was a partner for 28 years, specializing in family law. For nearly three decades, Looby coached the mock trial team at Waconia High School.

## Janine Kern ('85) Named to South Dakota Supreme Court



Janine Kern ('85) was appointed a justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court on Nov. 25, 2014. She had previously served for 18 years as a judge in the state's 7th Judicial Circuit. Kern is the 49th justice in the history of South Dakota's high court, and the third female justice.

Born and raised in the small town of Lake Andes, S.D., Kern earned her undergraduate degree at Arizona State University in 1982. After graduating from the Law School, Kern spent 11 years working as an assistant attorney

general in the South Dakota state capital, Pierre. Kern has also served on the state advisory board of the Council of Juvenile Services, the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, the state Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse advisory committee, and the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee.

## John Tuma ('88) Appointed to Minnesota Public Utilities Commission



Governor Mark Dayton appointed John Tuma ('88) to a six-year term on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC), effective Feb. 2. The five-member PUC regulates the state's electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications industries.

Tuma has worked on energy policy issues for a number of organizations. At the time of his PUC appointment, he was serving as a government relations associate with Conservation Minnesota, and he has previously held policy positions at the Minnesota Inter-County Association and the Minnesota Environmental Partnership. Tuma served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1995-2002, helping to gain bipartisan support for key energy legislation, including the bill establishing Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard. As an attorney, he has practiced in the areas of workers' compensation, criminal law, business, real estate, special education law, and personal injury litigation.

## ALUMNI NEWS AND AWARDS

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**Three Law School Alumni Honored in University's China 100 Celebration**

Left to right: Z. Alex Zhang ('89), Ruilin Li ('01), Chang Wang ('06)

As part of the University's China 100 celebration, which marked the centenary of the first three Chinese students' enrollment, 100 individuals were recognized with the Distinguished Chinese Alumni Award. Among them were three J.D. graduates of the Law School:

Z. Alex Zhang ('89) heads the Shanghai office of White & Case, where he specializes in China-related mergers and acquisitions and other cross-border business and commercial matters. He has served as Minnesota's trade representative in Hong Kong, coordinated University delegation visits to China, and supported the Law School in the development of its LL.M. program in Beijing. In 2004, Zhang received the University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award.

Ruilin Li ('01) is an officer with Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis. Licensed to practice in both China and the United States, she works with U.S. businesses looking to expand into Chinese markets as well as with Chinese businesses seeking representation in the U.S. Li focuses on business organization, governance, finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and the energy and life sciences sectors.

Chang Wang ('06) is chief research and academic officer at Thomson Reuters in Eagan, Minn. He is the author of three books, including the recently published

bilingual volume *Legal Research in American Law*. He is an associate professor at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, an adjunct professor at the Law School, and a visiting professor at the University of Milan and the University of Vienna, among other teaching posts.

**Steve Simon ('96) Elected Minnesota Secretary of State**

Steve Simon ('96) was elected Minnesota secretary of state in November 2014, winning a close race by a margin of 22,000 out of 1.9 million votes cast.

In 1984, at age 14, Simon volunteered with Walter Mondale's ('56) presidential campaign. In 1992, having just graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in political science, he went to work as a full-time staffer at Bill Clinton's presidential campaign headquarters in Little Rock, Ark.

Following Clinton's election, Simon returned home to the Twin Cities, earned his J.D., and worked in the Minnesota Attorney General's office, concentrating on consumer protection and education issues. He later entered private practice and was named a Rising Star four times by *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine. In 2004, Simon won a seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives, where he served for 10 years. As a state legislator, he spearheaded several voting rights and voter protection bills and chaired the House Elections Committee.

**Nicole Starr ('03) Appointed Judge in Minnesota's Second District**

Nicole Starr ('03) was appointed by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton to serve as a judge in the state's Second Judicial District, which encompasses all of Ramsey County and includes the capital city of St. Paul.

Starr was previously an assistant public defender in the Second Judicial District Public Defender's Office, where she specialized in forensic science. She was also of counsel at the Hellmuth & Johnson law firm, based in Edina, Minn. She also served as a law clerk with Judge Katherian Roe in Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District and with Justice Zakeria Mohammed Yacoub in the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

Starr is a former president and current executive board member of the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association and a member of the Minnesota Lavender Bar Association. She has received the William E. Falvey Excellence Award for commitment and service to the indigent of Ramsey County.

**Sara Sommarstrom ('05) Honored by Minnesota Justice Foundation**

In November, the Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) presented Sara Sommarstrom ('05) with a 2014 Direct Legal Service Award in recognition of her role as VETLAW (Veterans Employed Through Legal Advocacy Work) director at the



Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. In that capacity, Sommarstrom works with attorneys and non-lawyers across the state to reduce and remove legal barriers to stability for veterans experiencing homelessness and other life crises.

Sommarstrom is also an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where she was named the 2010 Faculty Woman of the Year. She co-chairs the ABA Coordinating Committee on Veterans Benefits and Services and is a member of the ABA Commission on Homelessness

and Poverty. Earlier in 2014, she was named an Unsung Hero by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

### Frank DiPietro ('14) Receives ABA Public Service Fellowship



In February, the ABA Section of Taxation awarded Frank DiPietro ('14) a Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellowship for 2015-17. During the fellowship, DiPietro will work with the Law School's Center for New Americans and its Robert

M. Mankoff Tax Clinic to help immigrants deal with tax issues that may prevent them from becoming U.S. citizens. DiPietro also plans to work with the Tax Clinic and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans to provide tax and legal advice to veterans, particularly those on fixed incomes.

"Often, paying taxes is a new concept for immigrants," DiPietro said. "Common mistakes with respect to filing status, tax I.D. numbers, and dependent exemptions can block their chance at becoming citizens. There are also tax preparers who prey on undocumented immigrants by preparing fraudulent tax returns, which can get them into legal problems they can't solve on their own." In addition to addressing such matters, DiPietro plans to create a community outreach program that will help immigrants choose reputable tax preparers and avoid tax problems in the first place. ■

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# Class Notes

NEWS ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES AND COLLEAGUES

## 1957

**Richard L. Pemberton** of Pemberton Law in Fergus Falls, Minn., was honored for Outstanding Service to the Profession as part of *Minnesota Lawyer's* 2014 Attorneys of the Year. He was also named to the Circle of Excellence as a repeat honoree.

## 1963

**John Karalis** was the inaugural winner of the Amicus Award from Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He was honored for his 30 years of support and his generosity in helping create the John Karalis Foresight Through Hindsight Project.

## 1969

**David J. Twa** of the Contra Costa County Administrator's Office in Contra Costa, Calif., was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California In-Home Supportive Services Authority.

## 1972

**Malcolm Brown** was appointed deputy county executive of Oakland County, Mich.

**Fred T. Friedman**, former chief public defender for Minnesota's Sixth District, was honored for Outstanding Service to the Profession as part of *Minnesota Lawyer's* 2014 Attorneys of the Year.

**Neil Meyer** of Meyer & Njus in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the LegalCORPS Inventor Assistance Program team.

## 1973

**Charles A. Bird Sr.** of Bird, Jacobsen & Stevens in Rochester, Minn., was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the Norman trial team.

## 1976

**Robert Bennett** of Gaskins Bennett Birrell Schupp in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the *Kucera v. Jespersen* trial team. He was also named to the Circle of Excellence as a repeat honoree.

**Stuart D. Gibson** was named editor of *Tax Notes International*, a weekly magazine covering international taxation issues.

**Fred Pritzker** of PritzkerOlsen in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the Pritzker trial team. He was also named to the Circle of Excellence as a repeat honoree.

## 1977

**M. Susan Murnane** authored *Bankruptcy in an Industrial Society: A History of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio*, published by the University of Akron Press.

**Daniel L. Rust** was appointed to the board of directors of Crookston National Bank in Crookston, Minn.

**K. Craig Wildfang** of Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the Dahl trial team.

## 1978

**Alan C. Page**, associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, was honored for Outstanding Service to the Profession as part of *Minnesota Lawyer's* 2014 Attorneys of the Year.

## 1980

**Philip Bush** retired after 25 years as a Hennepin County judge. During his time on the bench, he was known as a juvenile court reformer and an advocate of using technology to make the legal system more accessible to the public.

**Jerry T. Sewell** joined Patterson Intellectual Property Law's Nashville, Tenn., office as of counsel.

## 1981

**Robert W. Due** of DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Minneapolis was elected to the firm's executive committee.

## 1982

**Sally A. Mullen** of U.S. Bank in Minneapolis was named one of the Top Women in Finance 2014 by *Finance & Commerce*.



**Paul D. Swanson** of Lane Powell in Seattle was named a top individual in the practice of trademark law by the 2015 *World Trademark Review 1000*.

## 1983

**Debra K. Page** of Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year. She was also named one of the Top Women in Finance 2014 by *Finance & Commerce*.

**Karla Teasley** was named vice president of customer service of American Water.

**Roberta Walburn** joined Ciresi Conlin in Minneapolis as of counsel for complex, high stakes litigation.

## 1984

**Alice R. Senechal** was appointed as a full-time federal magistrate judge, serving the Eastern Division of the U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota.

## 1985

**Janine Kern** was appointed to the Supreme Court of South Dakota by Governor Dennis Daugaard.



**Elaine Kumpula** of Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis was elected partner and leads the global mobility section of the immigration and global mobility practice.

## 1986

**Wallace G. Hilke** of Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year.

## 1987

**Lawrence R. LaPorte** joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips's Los Angeles office as a partner in the intellectual property practice.

## 1988

**John Tuma** was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve a six-year term as commissioner on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

## 1989

**David S. Jensen** joined Parsons Behle & Latimer's Boise, Idaho, office as a shareholder in the real estate practice.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS &gt;

Your classmates and the Law School would love to know what important things are going on in your life, and we welcome your submissions for the Class Notes section of *Perspectives*. To be included in the next issue, your items must reach us by October 1, 2015. Submit your news via email at [lawalum@umn.edu](mailto:lawalum@umn.edu), or via mail to the Office of Advancement, Suite 321, University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. We look forward to hearing from you, and thanks for keeping in touch!



**Natalie Tyrrell** was recently reelected to serve another three-year term as the chief justice of the North Las Vegas Justice Court.

**Z. Alex Zhang** received the Distinguished Chinese Alumni Award as a part of the University of Minnesota's China 100 celebration. He was honored for his legal work in China-related business matters, his work as a trade representative to China from the state of Minnesota, and his coordination of University delegations to China.

## 1990

**Linda H. Benjamin** has joined Truli Media Group's advisory board of directors.

**Keith Ellison** was reelected to his fifth term in the United States House of Representatives. He represents Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District.

## 1991

**Charles (Chad) Baruch** was elected chair of the College of the State Bar of Texas.

## 1992

**Kwon Lee** joined Mayer Brown's real estate practice as a partner. He will work in the Hong Kong office before moving to the New York office at the end of 2015.

## 1993

**Tiffany A. Blofield** of Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year.

**Fr. James Mason** has been appointed president-rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury, Mo.

## 1994

**Patrick A. Hrbacek** joined Spencer Fane Britt & Browne's Colorado Springs, Colo., office as of counsel in the firm's real estate and special districts group.

**Benjamin Mulcahy** of Sheppard Mullin in New York, N.Y., was featured in *Variety's* 2014 Dealmaker's Impact Report, a feature spotlighting the most important players in the fields of law, finance, representation, and executive leadership.

## 1995

**Carl Crosby Lehmann** of Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year.

## 1996

**Sarah Duniway** of Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis was named a managing officer at the firm.

**Christopher Lee** joined Aiken, St. Louis, & Siljeg's Seattle office and will focus on estate, trust, guardianship, and vulnerable adult litigation.

**Stephen Simon** was elected as Minnesota's secretary of state.

## 1997

**Kathleen K. Edmond** of Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis was named a partner in the firm's corporate compliance and ethics, government and internal investigations, and retail practice groups.

## 1998

**John Michael Dahl** joined Westman, Champlin & Koehler in Minneapolis as of counsel specializing in patents and trademarks for electrical and mechanical arts.



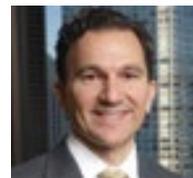
**Robert J. Heinrich** joined Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Milwaukee as a shareholder in the banking and finance practice.

**Clara Ohr** joined Lukoil Pan Americas in New York, N.Y., as legal counsel and compliance officer.

**Jessica E. Slavin** joined Averbeck & Hammer's Fond du Lac, Wis., office as an associate specializing in personal injury, wills and trusts, and foreclosures.

## 1999

**Adam C. Furber** of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in Hong Kong was elected partner specializing in private investment funds.



**Pablo L. Petrozzi** joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister's Chicago office as a partner in the real estate group.

**Stacey P. Slaughter** of Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for her work on the Dahl trial team.

## 2000

**Kaela Meyers** of Meyers Law Offices in St. Paul was named a 2014 Top 100 Immigration Lawyer by The National Advocates.

**Jill R. Radloff** of Stinson Leonard Street in Minneapolis was named one of the Top Women in Finance 2014 by *Finance & Commerce*.

## 2001

**Ruilin Li** received the Distinguished Chinese Alumni Award as a part of the University of Minnesota's China 100 celebration. She was honored for her work representing U.S. businesses looking to expand in China as well as Chinese businesses operating in the United States.

**Kathryn Nash** of Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year.

**William Robers** of Sparks Willson Borges Brandt & Johnson in Colorado Springs, Colo., was promoted to shareholder.

**Chris Tiedeman** of Weber Johnson Public Affairs was named to the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 list.



**Michael G. Wu** joined Winston & Strawn's San Francisco office as a partner in the firm's corporate practice.

## 2003

**Court J. Anderson** of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the Jesse Ventura trial team.

## Class Notes

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**Rebecca J. Bernhard** joined Dorsey & Whitney's Minneapolis office as of counsel in the labor and employment group.



**Nicole Druckrey** of Quarles & Brady was named the pro bono coordinator for the firm's Milwaukee office.

**Brendan Flaherty** of PritzkerOlsen in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the Pritzker trial team.



**Eric Hanson**, a major in the U.S. Army, was selected for a 2015-2016 Congressional Fellowship in Washington, D.C., by the Army Judge Advocate General.

**Rebecca K. Hasse** of Allina Health in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year.

**Amy Salmela** of Patterson Thunete in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for her work on the LegalCORPS Inventor Assistance Program team.



**Angela Woessner** joined Faegre Baker Daniels's Minneapolis office as counsel in the real estate group.

## 2004

**Jennifer Opheim** of Schulte Roth & Zabel in New York, N.Y., was promoted to special counsel.

**Dawn H. Pruitt** of Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis was named one of the Top Women in Finance 2014 by *Finance & Commerce*.

## 2005

**Anne L. Bjerken**, shareholder at Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis, was named to the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 list and was named to The (Real) Power 50 list by *Minnesota Business* magazine.

**Brandon E. Thompson** of Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis was named partner in the medical malpractice, personal injury, and business litigation practice groups.

## 2006

**Ketan Bhirud** joined Dickinson Wright in Las Vegas, Nev., as of counsel with a focus on high-stakes commercial litigation.

**Calise Y. Cheng** of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, Calif., was elected partner specializing in corporate and securities law.



**David Gates** joined Faegre Baker Daniels's Minneapolis office as a member of the real estate litigation practice.



**Michael J. Lehet** of Littler's Chicago office, who specializes in employment law, was promoted to shareholder.

**Laura H. Meronk** of Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee was elected shareholder in the firm's corporate and real estate practice groups.

**Michael D. Reif** of Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis was elected principal in the business litigation and insurance and catastrophic loss practice groups.

**Chang Wang** received the Distinguished Chinese Alumni Award as a part of the University of Minnesota's China 100 celebration. He was honored

## RECENT REGIONAL EVENTS

### ALUMNI CONNECT NATIONWIDE

#### DECEMBER 3, 2014

**PROF. MARK KAPPELHOFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
Approximately 40 Washington, D.C.-area Law School alumni and friends joined Dean David Wippman at the Department of Justice for a discussion with Professor Mark Kappelhoff, who is on leave from the Law School to serve as deputy assistant attorney general for the DOJ's Civil Rights Division. The event was hosted by the Office of Advancement and D.C. alumni ambassadors Nick Sanchez ('06), Kate McKnight ('08), Maisa Jean Frank ('10), and Chuck Bruse ('71).



Dean David Wippman addresses alumni at the Department of Justice. Looking on are Chuck Bruse ('71) and Prof. Mark Kappelhoff.



#### FEBRUARY 26, 2015

**PROF. FRANCIS SHEN AT SCOTTSDALE RECEPTION**

Bucky Zimmerman ('72) and his wife, Pat Miles Zimmerman, hosted Law School alumni in their home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Dean Wippman attended the gathering and provided an update on the Law School, while Professor Francis Shen shared with the group information about his cutting-edge research and teaching at the intersection of law and neuroscience.

for his work writing bilingual legal books for American and Chinese audiences. He also is the second Chinese national ever elected to the American Law Institute, and he serves on the ABA's Human Rights Advisory Council. He published *New Tales of the Twin Cities: The History, Law, and Culture of Minnesota*, the first Chinese-language book about Minnesota.

## 2007



*House of Cards*, starring Kevin Spacey.

**Andrew Borene** appeared as a senior White House national security official in season 3 (chapter 38 episode) of the Netflix series

**Jennifer Burnette** was elected partner at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun in Chicago, where she specializes in patent prosecution.



**Richard D. Collier III** of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox in Washington, D.C., was elected director in the mechanical group.



**Sarah Horstmann** of Maslon in Minneapolis was elected partner in the litigation group.



**Ethan Klepetar** joined Parese Sabin Smith & Gold of Williamstown and Pittsfield, Mass., as a senior associate in business and commercial law, commercial financing, nonprofit law, employment law, and real estate.



**Jessica M. Marsh** was elected shareholder at Felhaber Larson in Minneapolis, where she focuses on labor and employment law.

**Archana Nath** of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly in Minneapolis was elected partner. He was also appointed to serve on the Federal Practice Committee for the U.S. District Court of Minnesota.

**Annie O'Neill** joined Leavitt Partners in the Minneapolis office as a senior director.

## 2008

**Sitso W. Bediako** joined Lowey Dannenberg Cohen & Hart in the firm's New York office.

**Eric Day** of the Law Offices of Eric S. Day in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year.

**Lindsey C. Yock, M.D.**, completed residency training in pediatrics and adolescent medicine at the Mayo Clinic in 2014 and currently serves as chief resident for the department.

## 2009

**Joshua M. Feneis** joined Anderson, Bottrell, Sanden & Thompson in Fargo, N.D., as an associate focusing on landlord-tenant law, commercial litigation, and general civil litigation.

## 2010

**John F. Mathews** of Hughes Mathews Greer in St. Cloud, Minn., was named a shareholder.

**R. Henry Pfitzenreuter** joined Larkin Hoffman in Minneapolis as an associate in the business litigation, franchise and distribution, and commercial litigation practice groups.

**Jeffrey Thomas** joined the Austin, Texas, office of Foster, specializing in nonimmigration visa options.

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## FEBRUARY 12, 2015

### PROF. PAUL VAALER AT NEW YORK RECEPTION

New York-area alumni and admitted students gathered at Kaye Scholer's midtown Manhattan office for a reception featuring remarks by business law professor Paul Vaaler. Vaaler spoke about his interdisciplinary research and teaching and the strong partnership between the Law School and the Carlson School of Management. The event was hosted by Lindsay Moilanen ('09).



Alumni and admitted students in New York gather at Kaye Scholer to hear Prof. Paul Vaaler (far right) talk about his teaching and research in business law.



## MARCH 18, 2015

### PROF. ALAN ERBSEN AT NAPLES RECEPTION

Elliot ('61) and Eloise Kaplan hosted Law School alumni in their home in Naples, Fla. Professor Alan Erbsen joined Dean Wippman for a discussion of the future of legal education and how the Law School is innovating to address the needs of the next generation of lawyers.

## Class Notes

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**Cameron Wood** joined Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis as an associate in the corporate group.

## 2011

**Steven R. Kinsella** joined Fredrikson & Byron's Minneapolis office as an associate specializing in bankruptcy.

## 2012

**Michael S. Divine** joined Dudley & Smith in St. Paul and will focus on estate planning, business law, civil and criminal litigation, and trademark law.

**Kevin S. Lampon** joined Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus, Ohio, as an associate in the litigation group.

**Kelly McNabb**, formerly of PritzkerOlsen in Minneapolis, was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for her work on the Pritzker trial team. She is now an associate at Loeff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein in New York, N.Y.

**Emily Unger** joined Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis as an associate in the litigation group.

## 2013

**Graham Berg-Moberg** became the new assistant county attorney in Faribault County, Minn.

**Benjamin J. Hamborg** of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a *Minnesota Lawyer* 2014 Attorney of the Year for his work on the Jesse Ventura trial team.



**Kyle R. Hardwick** joined Faegre Baker Daniels's Minneapolis office as a member of the construction and real estate litigation team.

**Pari McGarraugh** joined Fredrikson & Byron's Minneapolis office as an associate focusing on regulatory compliance and health care litigation matters.



**Emily Peterson** joined Briggs and Morgan's Minneapolis office as an associate in the employment benefits and labor section.

## 2014

**Terran Chambers** joined Felhaber Larson in St. Paul and will focus on general litigation.

**Tucker Chambers** joined Robins Kaplan's Minneapolis office as an associate focusing on intellectual property and technology litigation.

**Daniel Deveny** joined Fredrikson & Byron's Minneapolis office as an associate in the condemnation and eminent domain group.

**Melinda Dugas** joined Stinson Leonard Street's Minneapolis office as an associate in the real estate and public finance division.

**Sarah Hewitt** joined Stinson Leonard Street's Minneapolis office as an associate in the areas of business litigation and labor and employment litigation.

**Serena Iacono** joined Henningson & Snoxell in Maple Grove, Minn., and will focus on family law and litigation.

**Katharine Tace James** joined Briggs and Morgan's Minneapolis office as an associate in the energy section.

**Peter Kemp** joined Johnson, Killen & Seiler in Duluth, Minn., as an associate.



**Lauren Krueger** joined Henningson & Snoxell in Maple Grove, Minn., and will focus on employment and real estate law.



**Bethany Mihalik** joined Faegre Baker Daniels's Minneapolis office, where she will focus on intellectual property litigation.

**Linhda Nguyen** joined Merchant & Gould's Minneapolis office as an associate focusing on litigation and trademark prosecution and enforcement.

**Jacob Stonesifer** joined Johnson, Killen & Seiler in Duluth, Minn., as an associate.

**John A. Sullivan** joined Quinlivan & Hughes in St. Cloud, Minn., as an associate specializing in civil litigation and medical malpractice defense.



**Jordan Weber** joined Briggs and Morgan's Minneapolis office as an associate in the business litigation section.

**Emily Wessels** joined Merchant & Gould's Minneapolis office as an associate focusing on patent, copyright, and trademark litigation. ■

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Keep an eye out for our monthly digest email providing up-to-date information about volunteer opportunities and alumni events, or visit <http://community.law.umn.edu>.

> **JUNE 22, 2015 EMERGING PROFESSIONALS NETWORK HAPPY HOUR (5:30 P.M.) AND SAINTS GAME (7 P.M.)**

Join recent graduates from around the University for a baseball game at the new St. Paul Saints stadium. More details will be available soon.

> **OCTOBER 30, 2015 WELCOME TO THE BAR BREAKFAST**

Members of the class of 2015 are invited to a breakfast before the swearing-in ceremony at the St. Paul RiverCentre. More details will be available in the fall.

# RECENT TWIN CITIES EVENTS

## ALUMNI AND STUDENTS CONNECT



### NOVEMBER 5, 2014

## ALUMNI AND STUDENT FALL SOCIAL

More than 200 alumni, students, and faculty attended the Alumni and Student Fall Social at Atlas Grill in downtown Minneapolis. The event was hosted by the Office of Advancement, along with alumni hosts Judge James Rosenbaum ('69), Becky Moos ('77), David Potter ('80), Marshall Lichty ('02), and current student hosts Ariel Pittner ('15) and Anthony Remick ('16).

- 1 Jessie Lu ('16), Jay Kim ('88), and Della Boutrous ('88)
- 2 Rebecca Huting ('15), Steve Safranski ('97), Sukanya Momsen ('16), and Pat Stoneking ('05)
- 3 Julia Barlow ('17), Jack Hicks ('17), John Hite ('17), Marshall Lichty ('02), Chelsey Jonason ('17), and Melissa Moravec ('17)
- 4 Judge James Rosenbaum ('69), Joe Dixon ('69), Andrew Heiring ('17), Adam Sorenson ('17), and Kareem Tawfic ('17)
- 5 Standing: Roxanne Thorelli ('17), Tim Joyce ('17), and Rachel Gartner ('08); sitting: Kristin McGaver ('17), Kate Swenson ('08), and Laura Nelson ('12)

### JANUARY 27, 2015

## GRADUATE AND STUDENT NETWORKING RECEPTION

About 110 alumni from the classes of 2005-2014 and current law students took over Gluek's Restaurant and Bar in downtown Minneapolis for a networking reception and happy hour. The event was hosted by recent graduates David Couillard ('10), Joshua Newville ('12), Kiel McElveen ('13), and Catherine Abbett ('14), and current student Gaowen Li ('17).



### APRIL 18, 2015

## PRE-TORT HAPPY HOUR

A happy hour for alumni and students was held before the Theatre of the Relatively Talentless production of *Walt Mondale's Froze-In*. More than 100 alumni and students joined in the fun at Kieran's Irish Pub in downtown Minneapolis. The event was hosted by the Office of Advancement and Rachel Gartner ('08).

- 1 Kate Swenson ('08) and Alumni Host Rachel Gartner ('08)
- 2 Paula Polasky ('13) and Jenny Monson-Miller ('15)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Class of 1941**

**James B. Lund**  
June 27, 2014  
Bloomington, Minn.

**Class of 1947**

**Ralph H. Peterson**  
October 13, 2014  
Albert Lea, Minn.

**Class of 1948**

**John C. Burton**  
December 5, 2014  
Deephaven, Minn.

**Class of 1949**

**Donald B. Crassweller**  
December 15, 2014  
Hermantown, Minn.

**Wilbur M. Lasley**

December 20, 2014  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**Joseph A. Rheinberger**

October 28, 2014  
St. Paul, Minn.

**Class of 1950**

**Raymond H. Nordhausen**  
December 24, 2014  
Amarillo, Texas

**Class of 1951**

**Martin. E. Raskin**  
October 23, 2014  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**Theodore W. Schick**

October 8, 2014  
Allentown, Pa.

**Bruce F. Thompson**

September 13, 2014  
Deephaven, Minn.

**John A. Trenti**

November 18, 2014  
Virginia, Minn.

**Class of 1952**

**Bob B. Ebbesen**  
October 10, 2014  
Redwood Falls, Minn.

**Thomas R. Mulcahy**

November 16, 2014  
Arden Hills, Minn.

**Class of 1954**

**John J. Daly Jr.**  
December 25, 2014  
Burnsville, Minn.

**William W. Merrill**

October 13, 2014  
Sarasota, Fla.

**Class of 1956**

**James E. Jacobson**  
February 5, 2015  
Downingtown, Pa.

**Moscha H. Locketz**

February 6, 2015  
Anaheim, Calif.

**Class of 1957**

**Karl J. Herman**  
February 14, 2015  
Bloomington, Minn.

**Class of 1958**

**Robert J. Healy**  
December 18, 2014  
St. Paul, Minn.

**Class of 1961**

**Bruce J. Hartigan**  
December 21, 2014  
Minneapolis, MN

**Class of 1962**

**Robert V. Campbell**  
December 25, 2014  
Duluth, Minn.

**Class of 1963**

**Lynn S. Castner**  
December 14, 2014  
Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Class of 1964**

**Gerard W. Ring**  
October 24, 2014  
Wabasha, Minn.

**Class of 1966**

**Barbara Madsen Bacich**  
February 19, 2015  
Anna Maria, Fla.

**Class of 1967**

**Thomas F. Andrew**  
December 24, 2014  
Duluth, Minn.

**John B. Dennison**

December 9, 2014  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**John D. Parsinen**

January 31, 2015  
La Pointe, Wis.

**Edward L. Schwarz**

January 12, 2015  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**Class of 1968**

**Patrick J. Roche Jr.**  
January 17, 2015  
Virginia, Minn.

**Class of 1969**

**Orville E. Fisher Jr.**  
January 29, 2015  
Greenwood, Minn.

**James Annenberg La Ve**

October 4, 2014  
Boca Raton, Fla.

**Class of 1971**

**Robert A. Seefried**  
September 13, 2014  
Fort Collins, Colo.

**Class of 1972**

**Stephen R. O'Neil**  
January 7, 2015  
Bethesda, Md.

**Class of 1973**

**Mitchell F. Felchle**  
January 1, 2015  
Driggs, Idaho

**Thomas G. Rowe**

January 25, 2015  
South St. Paul, Minn.

**Class of 1976**

**Douglas M. Turbak**  
November 15, 2014  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**Class of 1989**

**Elizabeth A. Mitchel**  
March 13, 2015  
Baraboo, Wis.

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## SPRING ALUMN! WEEKEND *reconnect* APRIL 24–25, 2015

Hundreds of alumni returned to the Law School for a variety of all-alumni events as well as individual reunions for those classes celebrating milestone anniversaries. This year's lineup included such highlights as the student and alumni networking event, an alumnae breakfast and CLE on business development, the Riesenfeld Center's CLE and open house showcasing its collection of Magna Carta documents, and an alumni and faculty luncheon and dessert reception. Thanks to all who attended for being part of this growing Law School tradition!

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WEEKEND ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
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