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GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE IS A fundamental reality of 21st-century life. Our dedicated faculty produce scholarship with an international lens, providing their expertise to global businesses, governments, intergovernmental organizations, and nonprofit organizations. Our international students contribute their invaluable perspectives in the classroom and in our community, while our exchange programs allow students to broaden their horizons abroad. We have alumni in more than 70 countries, working domestically and internationally in numerous matters with international implications. At least six of our graduates have served as U.S. ambassadors: Walter Mondale ’56 (Japan), Sam Kaplan ’60 (Morocco), Jim Blanchard ’68 (Canada), Samuel Heins ’72 (Norway), Tom McDonald ’79 (Zimbabwe), and Scott Delisi ’80 (Eritrea, Nepal, and Uganda).

As part of our current strategic plan, we seek to leverage our global footprint and connections to benefit our students, faculty, and alumni. I am thrilled that this issue of the magazine highlights the new global reach of our alumni and their work, exploring the diverse ways in which Minnesota Law graduates navigate and engage in the law throughout the world. Whether practicing international law, serving in foreign policy positions, working for NGOs that promote human rights, serving as international business consultants, or advancing corporate sustainability initiatives worldwide, these alums represent the many ways in which our grads make a difference on the global stage.

Two other stories in this magazine also demonstrate the Law School’s global impact. The first is the feature on our LL.M. program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last year. In bringing students from more than 80 countries to join our Mondale Hall community, the LL.M. program has strengthened Minnesota Law’s international ties and broadened our worldwide network of lawyer-leaders. This spring, I will be visiting universities in Iceland, Norway, and Sweden to deepen our ties. The second story is our profile of Professor Fred Morrison, who celebrated his 50th anniversary teaching at the Law School this fall. In addition to being a world-renowned international law scholar and teacher, Professor Morrison pioneered our LL.M. program and has been instrumental to its success.

The global impact of the Law School is also evident in the meaningful work of our centers, institutes, and clinics, including the James H. Binger Center for New Americans and the Human Rights Center.

We believe a world-class legal education includes international scholarship, global perspectives, and a diverse community. The world is impacting our law school, and we are impacting the world.

Garry W. Jenkins
Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law
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Headlines Climate Liability Program

The Law School’s Environmental and Energy Law Society hosted a conversation on the legal and scientific case for recovering climate change damages on Oct. 15. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison ’90 delivered opening remarks and Professor Alexandra Klass moderated the seminar.

Ellison stressed the role of states’ attorneys general in recovering these types of costs, comparing such suits to the successful litigation against big tobacco companies over health-related costs.

The CLE event was co-sponsored by the Law School, Fresh Energy, the Center for Climate Integrity, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Professor Ní Aoláin

Addresses United Nations General Assembly

Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, faculty director of Minnesota Law’s Human Rights Center, addressed the United Nations General Assembly on Oct. 16 regarding the standard-setting processes in the counterterrorism context on global governance.

Ní Aoláin has served as the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism since 2017. She is Regents Professor and Robina Chair in Law, Public Policy, and Society at the Law School.

Journalist Ben Wittes

Discusses Presidential Power

Journalist Ben Wittes, who focuses on issues of national security and law, spoke at the Law School on Oct. 3 on the topic of executive power. Wittes is a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution and co-founder of the popular Lawfare blog, dedicated to national security issues.

The discussion, moderated by Professor Alan Rozenshtein, centered on the uses of executive power by the Trump administration and the implications for presidential administrations to come.

FOR THE RECORD
MondaleMoments

1 Retired Judges Gail Chang Bohr and Edward S. Wilson ’74 discuss their toughest cases on the bench with Dean Garry W. Jenkins at a program in October.
2 Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Natalie Hudson ’82 with Associate Dean of Students Erin Keyes ’00 at orientation for the class of 2022.
3 Professor Brad Clary ’75, having just learned he was the 2020 recipient of the prestigious Blackwell Award is congratulated by Dean Garry W. Jenkins and Professor Christopher Soper.
4 Students hear some words of wisdom from Professor John Matheson during a series of small-group lunches 1Ls had with faculty.
5 The subplaza of Mondale Hall is a little brighter these days with the addition of a series of five new aspirational posters.
Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Natalie Hudson ’82 congratulates a newly minted graduate.

Dean Garry W. Jenkins (center) with 2019 graduates Kayla Hoel, Alicia Granse, Derek Waller, Veena Tripathi, Silvie Rohr (LL.M.), and Robby Dube (left to right)
Justice Hudson Delivers Keynote at 131st Commencement Ceremony

Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Natalie Hudson ’82 spoke on the privileges and the responsibilities of being a lawyer during her keynote address at the Law School’s 131st commencement ceremony on May 18.

“The law is unquestionably a powerful vehicle for change in our society,” Hudson said. “Thus, you have the skill and the means to challenge the many systemic inequities that still exist in our nation and that impede the realization of that more perfect union. In addition to the power to engineer fundamental societal changes, you can also make profound differences in the individual life of a client.”

Hudson encouraged graduates to actively engage in pro bono work as lawyers. “Find what speaks to you, and then act. When you do that, you reflect the very best of this noble profession,” she said.

Veena Tripathi ’19 delivered the J.D. class address, and Silvie Rohr, LL.M. ’19, of Berlin, Germany, delivered the LL.M. class address.

More than 1,400 supporters were on hand at Northrop to witness students in the Law School’s J.D., S.J.D., LL.M., and Master of Science in Patent Law programs graduate.
SCOTUS Seat Is ‘a Pretty Good Gig’
Justice Elena Kagan Reflects on Court, Career Journey in 2019 Stein Lecture

BEFORE BEING APPOINTED
to the U.S. Supreme Court, Elena Kagan had always wondered what happened during the highest court’s secret deliberations, when doors are closed and others are barred from eavesdropping.

Now she knows.

For nearly a decade, Kagan has been on the inside, one of only nine people who serve as a U.S. Supreme Court justice, deciding the fate of landmark cases—and sometimes more mundane ones.

“The whole thing is a pretty good gig,” Kagan said. “It’s hard not to love the job.”

Kagan was the featured speaker at the 2019 Stein Lecture at Northrop Memorial Auditorium. A capacity crowd of about 2,700 was on hand at the 75-minute event to hear an engaging conversation between Kagan and Robert Stein ’61, Everett Fraser Professor of Law. The tone of the talk ranged from poignant to humorous.

Before being appointed by President Barack Obama, Kagan held such jobs as U.S. Supreme Court clerk, law professor, law school dean, and solicitor general of the United States.

Prior to her confirmation hearing in 2010, Kagan made informal visits to U.S. Senate offices. Many Second Amendment supporters from rural states asked if she’d ever been hunting. Kagan, a native New Yorker, hadn’t, but pledged to give it a try.

After joining the bench, she began accompanying Justice Antonin Scalia on hunting trips to Virginia, Wyoming, and Mississippi.

She enjoyed the trips and forging a connection to Scalia, who died in 2016. “I thought of him as a great friend,” she said.

Like Scalia, Kagan has issued some scathing dissents, including her minority opinion in Rucho v. Common Cause, a partisan gerrymandering case upholding the rights of state legislatures to draw political maps in favor of ruling parties.

“It was one of three dissenting opinions that she’s read from the bench. “It’s not common, but it is done,” she said. “It’s a symbolic action.”

The words in those dissents are designed to be convincing. “We believe in what we do,” she said. “You should write the most persuasive argument you can about why the majority opinion is wrong.”

Professor Stein pointed out that Kagan’s writing can also be very witty. He cited as an example Kimble v. Marvel Entertainment, a patent law dispute involving the Web Blaster, a Spider-Man-themed toy. In writing the majority opinion, the justice referred to the “web of precedents” in the case and stated that “with great power—there must also come great responsibility,” a reference no Spider-Man buff could miss.

One of the lighter moments in the discussion came when Stein asked Kagan about the humor at the U.S. Supreme Court and oft-reported calculations of which justice is funniest based on laughter from the gallery elicited during oral
University President Joan T.A. Gabel addresses a capacity crowd at Northrop Auditorium.

Dean Garry W. Jenkins welcomes U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan.

To commemorate her visit, the Law School presented Justice Kagan with a blanket decorated with a vintage map of her native New York City. The blanket was manufactured by Minnesota-based Faribault Woolen Mill Co., whose chairman is Paul Mooty ’85.

By Todd Melby, a Minneapolis-based writer and radio producer
The Law Library’s Riesenberg Center has received an important collection of documents and images related to former Dean Maynard Pirsig ’25.

Pirsig graduated from the Law School in 1925, studied at Harvard and in England, and returned to teach on the Law School faculty from 1933 to 1970. He served as the Law School’s fourth dean from 1948 to 1955 and was lauded for his faculty recruitment and the development of new programs. In addition to excelling as a classroom instructor and administrator, Pirsig was a noted scholar who authored two foundational casebooks, pioneering the fields of judicial administration and legal ethics in law school curricula. The Pirsg and Lindberg families carefully preserved important documents, photographs, and slides related to Pirsig’s life and career, and they have now generously donated this material to the Law Library.

David Lindberg, a noted artist and Maynard Pirsig’s grandson, meticulously digitized a large collection of these documents and images related to Pirsig’s teaching career at Minnesota, as well as aspects of his life beyond it. In addition, extensive written descriptions of the material draw on the recollections of Robert Pirsig—Maynard’s son and the noted author of Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance—which were recorded and organized by Robert’s wife, Wendy.

The Law Library is grateful for the donation of this valuable collection, which represents a wonderful testament to the life and career of former Dean Pirsig, one of our most illustrious graduates, and his legacy at the Law School.

By Ryan Greenwood, Law Library faculty member and curator of rare books and special collections

Law Library faculty members have consistently led the legal information profession on a national and international level, and their contributions continue to be recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

Vicente Garces, reference administration and web services librarian, received the AALL Joseph P. Andrews Legal Literature Award as a co-author of the book Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries (second edition). This award, which was presented in July at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., recognizes a significant piece of scholarship that contributes to the body of legal literature and to advancing legal research and law librarianship. Garces specializes in legal research in the areas of legal history, criminal law, criminal justice, and American Indian law. He also teaches in the Library’s legal research instruction program.

Andrew Martineau, instructional services librarian, received the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award for his article “Reinforcing the ‘Crumbling Infrastructure for Legal Research’ through Court-Provided Metadata.” This competitive award recognizes significant scholarship relevant to legal bibliography and the profession of law librarianship. Martineau presented his paper in July at the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Martineau teaches Practice-Ready Legal Research in both the fall and spring semesters. In this simulation course, students apply legal research methods and techniques to scenarios involving a hypothetical client. He also leads the library’s legal research instruction program.
Loren Turner, foreign, comparative, and international law (FCIL) librarian, is serving as the 2019-20 chair of AALL’s FCIL Special Interest Section. Throughout the year, this section provides educational opportunities for law librarians working in areas of foreign, comparative, and international law and provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas regarding FCIL legal research instruction, sources, collection development, and scholarship. Turner teaches Practice-Ready International Legal Research, a course in which students learn international and foreign law research methodologies and analyze international and foreign legal issues in a range of practice environments.

Michael Twu started in July as the Law Library administrative director. As a member of the Library’s senior management team, he advises and participates in strategic planning, developing and implementing human resources policies, financial forecasting, and budget preparation and management. Twu also manages the library’s physical operations. Previously, Twu served for 12 years in administration at Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC), a nonprofit cooperative of libraries dedicated to preserving legal titles and government documents and providing online access through LLMC-Digital. Twu holds a B.A. in justice administration and an MBA. Through his work at LLMC, Twu has a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing academic law libraries.
Three Join Minnesota Law Faculty

Two visiting professors granted permanent status; One new member comes from NYU School of Law

Alan Z. Rozenshtein

comes to Minnesota Law from New York University School of Law. Ponomarenko is co-founder of and counsel to NYU Law’s Policing Project, a nonprofit that works in tandem with policing agencies and community groups to promote more effective police governance. She teaches and writes in the areas of administrative law, constitutional law, and criminal procedure. Her work focuses in particular on government agencies—such as policing agencies or other local regulatory agencies—that operate in domains that fall beyond the reach of traditional administrative law and scholarship. She was recently appointed associate reporter for the American Law Institute’s Principles of the Law: Policing project.

Rozenshtein joined the Law School as a visiting professor in 2017. He is a member of the Scholars Strategy Network and in 2018-19 was an affiliate with the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. His work focuses on the effects of technology on law and regulation. Courses he has taught include cybercrime and cybersecurity, constitutional law, criminal procedure, and legislation and regulation. Prior to joining the faculty as a visiting professor, Rozenshtein served as an attorney advisor in the Office of Law and Policy in the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Smith joined the faculty as visiting associate professor of clinical law and director of the Ronald M. Mankoff Tax Clinic in 2017. He also teaches federal tax procedure. Smith previously worked as a clinical fellow at Harvard Law School’s Federal Tax Clinic. Smith has given a number of presentations at national American Bar Association Tax Section conferences on low-income tax issues and co-authored a chapter on the earned income tax credit in the seventh edition of the ABA’s Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS. He is a vice-chair on the ABA Tax Section’s Pro Bono and Tax Clinic Committee.

Maria Ponomarenko

Caleb Smith

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**Staff Notes**

News about new Law School hires and moves

**ADVANCEMENT**

Abigail Loyd has been promoted to major gifts officer. She previously served as assistant director of annual giving and annual giving program manager.

Elizabeth Beghelli has been promoted to assistant director of annual giving. She previously served as class giving officer.

Clara Jung joined the Advancement team as associate development officer. She previously served as development coordinator for People Serving People.

Jacqueline O’Reilly joined Advancement as annual giving officer. She previously worked at Mayo Clinic as a marketing and recruitment coordinator.

**CAREER CENTER**

Alison Plavin joined the Career Center as assistant director of employer relations. She previously was an associate at Ice Miller in Indianapolis and served as director of alumni engagement at College Mentors for Kids.

Anne Sexton ’12 joined the Career Center as assistant director of public interest. She previously was assistant revisor at the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at the Minnesota Legislature. Prior to that, she was an assistant attorney general and a judicial law clerk.

**DEAN’S OFFICE**

Amanda Furst was appointed chief of staff at the Law School. She previously served as director of public interest and directs the Saeks Public Interest Residency Program. She is also a lecturer in law at the Law School.

**MOOT COURTS AND LEGAL WRITING**

Randall Ryder ’09 has been appointed director of appellate advocacy at the Law School. He formerly served as director of bar support. He also teaches legal writing and law in practice to 1Ls.

**EVENTS**

Olivia Kurtz joined the Law School as event manager. She previously was a senior event coordinator for the University of Minnesota Foundation and a private events coordinator for Cooks of Crocus Hill.
FOR ALLEN SAEKS ’56, serving the public interest has been an important and meaningful part of a legal career that spans more than 60 years.

In 1971, Saeks helped found the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, a student-driven organization dedicated to environmental issues, consumer protection, and social justice that has spread throughout Minnesota and across the nation. Saeks has also been very active with Equal Justice Works, a national organization that promotes public service in the legal community, and in the Fund for the Legal Aid Society, which supports legal aid programs in Hennepin County.

So it’s no surprise that Saeks, who spent most of his career at the Minneapolis firm Leonard, Street and Deinard (now known as Stinson) and now works as a sole practitioner, wanted to encourage today’s law students to consider a career in public interest.

“I saw that what students generally wanted was to get into a law firm and make a living,” Saeks says. “I thought, ‘Why wouldn’t it make sense to have some of those people deciding at the outset of their law school experience to do public interest work?’”

In 2016, he and his wife, Linda—who has also dedicated herself to serving the community, particularly in the area of child development and education—together set up an endowment at Minnesota Law to make that idea a reality. They established the Saeks Public Interest Residency, a program that allows students to apply through a competitive process to gain experience with a partnering public interest organization. Under the program, students intern for the regional organization during their 3L year and then, after graduation, are guaranteed a salaried job with that organization for one year.

“That way, when students graduate, they won’t just look for a job at a law firm,” Saeks says. “They have a job, and they have already had a year of experience with that organization.”

When the one-year residency ends, each organization may choose whether to keep the student on as an employee. It’s similar to a medical residency—but the idea of a legal residency is novel among universities, and few other law schools have such a program. The majority of participants so far have stayed with their organizations or moved to another public interest organization, Saeks says.

For Abigail Hencheck ’19, who begins her residency this fall, the program provided an opportunity to line up meaningful work before leaving school.

“I went to law school because I wanted a values-centered career where I could do work that I believe in,” she says.
Hencheck’s position is with Gender Justice, a nonprofit focused on creating gender equity through the law. Working with the organization afforded Hencheck ample experience, including drafting an appellate brief and then arguing the case in front of the appellate court.

“The level of responsibility I was given during my residency prepared me for my professional career,” she says. “At the same time, the staff was always available to answer questions, brainstorm arguments, or bounce ideas around. They were committed to making sure I was successful.”

Alexandra Holznecht ’17, who entered the Saeks program in its inaugural year, found that working with the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office in child protection provided exactly what she was looking for.

“I knew from the beginning of law school that I wanted to work in the field of public interest,” she says. “I wanted to advocate for the people, whether that be representing the community as a whole, or individual clients.”

Through the experience, Holznecht built connections, mentorships, and friendships that have supported her and helped her advance her career, first as a prosecutor in child protection and now as a public defense attorney in the field. Overall, the program helped her smoothly transition from law student to new lawyer.

“My very first years as an attorney were able to be dedicated to honing a practice that I’m passionate about,” she says. “The experience has given me choices that allow me to do work that I find challenging, important, and immensely rewarding.”

Much like Holznecht, Jiaqi Li, 3L, knew going into law school that he wanted to practice in the field of public interest. As he begins the internship portion of the program this fall with the Minnesota Board of Public Defense, he’s excited by the prospect of gaining experience helping in areas such as legal research and trial preparations, starting in the First District in Chaska and then in greater Minnesota for the second year.

“The program can help me learn the differences in local practices, but it is also a great opportunity to develop my network in the field,” Li says. “Hopefully, I can turn this two-year residency program into a permanent position as an assistant public defender doing the work that I am deeply passionate about.”

While it provides crucial experience to students, the Saeks Public Interest Residency program also benefits its partnering organizations. Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, a nonprofit firm that specializes in providing legal help to Minnesotans who have less access to the justice system or lower incomes, has participated in the residency program since its inception, bringing students aboard to work on its tenant rights and immigration practices.

In general, organizations like MMLA have to turn away many people they were designed to serve simply because there are not enough resources to meet the need, says Greg Marita ’91, the organization’s deputy director. The Saeks residency has helped MMLA in its mission to reach more of these people.

“The residency program is an innovative partnership that helps us leverage the resources that we do have available,” says Marita, who is a member of the Law School Board of Advisors. “Our attorneys are able to train and mentor the fellows throughout their third year of law school, and very quickly the fellows are helping us serve people we might otherwise have had to turn away.”

By Kevin Coss, a freelance writer based in Minneapolis

Left to right: Abigail Hencheck ’19 (Gender Justice); Jiaqi Li, 3L (Chaska Public Defenders); Allen Saeks ’56; Gabriel Andrus, 3L (Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota and US Bank); and Alexandra Holznecht ’17 (Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, now with Hennepin County).
On Sept. 20, the University of Minnesota officially inaugurated its 17th president, Joan T.A. Gabel, in a ceremonial transition into Gabel’s presidency, which began July 1. Gabel, a lawyer by training, is the first woman to serve as the U’s president in its 168-year history. The events wrapped up a weeklong celebration welcoming Gabel to the University’s top administrative position, including activities that blended long-held University traditions with new approaches that emphasized accessibility, inclusivity, innovation, discovery, and fiscal stewardship.

UNIVERSITY INAUGURATES A NEW PRESIDENT

1 President Joan T.A. Gabel addresses the large crowd on hand at the inauguration.
2 Minnesota Law Professor Carol Chomsky, vice chair of the U’s Faculty Senate, had a prominent role at the inauguration, carrying the ceremonial mace in the procession.
3 Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan and Governor Tim Walz with President Gabel at the ceremony.
4 Mascots from across the U system participated in the inaugural festivities.
in this time of trade wars and shifting alliances, climate change and human rights crises, lawyers must often think and practice on a global scale. Across the country and the world, Minnesota Law alumni in a wide variety of practice areas and career fields are working on internationally important issues and making a difference. The following are just a few of their stories.

by cathy madison
Minnesota Law Alumni Are Making a World of Difference

Rosalyn Park, Director
Women’s Human Rights Program
The Advocates for Human Rights
Bin Zhao ’97

Bin Zhao ’97 spoke no English when he arrived in Minnesota in 1987. With a master’s degree in literature and linguistics from Beijing University under his belt but only $50 in his pocket, he was, he says, “very curious to learn. China was completely closed then, and I knew nothing about what goes on in the rest of the world.”

Today, Zhao is senior vice president for government and legal affairs at Qualcomm China.

He spent a year learning English, then several more earning a Ph.D. in linguistics with an internationally renowned Chinese linguistics professor at the University of Minnesota. The lifelong friends he acquired during that time convinced him to abandon his academic goals.

“They made me understand why law was important and how it could enrich my life,” Zhao says, adding that he earned about $10 a month before leaving China. At Minnesota Law, he qualified for resident tuition, but he would have to start from scratch.

“I knew nothing about law. In China, future rule-makers and politicians studied in the department of languages and literature,” he points out. The idea of the rule of law—as opposed to the rule of people—was a “completely alien concept.”

His English still poor, Zhao recorded his course lectures and discussions, taking precious eating and sleeping time to review his tapes. His intellectual property professor once confronted him about recording without permission. “That was an important lesson,” says Zhao, whose future would entail intellectual property tussles with companies such as Apple.

After graduating, Zhao landed jobs with multinational law firms Baker McKenzie and DLA Piper and with corporate giants Intel and Sony. He joined Qualcomm China in 2012, just in time for the company to be raided by uniformed Chinese government officials and fined nearly $1 billion for antitrust violations.

Since then, Zhao has litigated more than 30 complex, sophisticated matters, high-profile cases “other lawyers only dream of.” Yet the work can be grueling. When Qualcomm wanted to acquire a European company, for example, Zhao and his team managed to get clearance from eight different jurisdictions; only China failed to climb aboard.

Today Qualcomm is a leader in 5G technology and operates with a highly successful business model, Zhao says. “I’m not only very busy but also very proud of what I’ve been doing”—which he sees as smoothing the way for Qualcomm as well as for an industry that spans the globe. He lauds his professors at Minnesota Law for the extra help they provided, and he champions international legal learning.

“When they come back, they are new people,” he says of those who study abroad. “I am still benefiting from what I learned in my early years.”

Rosalyn Park ’02

“Seeing how hard women from across the world are working has always inspired me,” says Rosalyn Park ’02, who, as director of The Advocates for Human Rights’ Women’s Human Rights Program in Minneapolis, is also committed to making sure governments enact and enforce laws to better protect women and hold offenders accountable. But her path to such a mission was “a little weird,” Park says. “I majored in botany.” She expected to pursue medical school or tropical forest conservation, but extracurricular human rights activism at the University of Wisconsin pointed her toward law school.

Whether studying orchids in Costa Rica or Maori law in New Zealand, the daughter of South Korean immigrants knew she wanted to work globally, exploring different ideas, cultures, and policies. “As Americans we are really fortunate, but other countries have laws that threaten safety and security,” she says. “Working as an intern for Anti-Slavery International in London really opened my eyes and helped cement my commitment to human rights.”

Park says she took advantage of every globally oriented course, clinic, and mentorship available at Minnesota Law, pointing out that coursework has changed significantly since then, making even broader opportunities available. She joined The Advocates soon after graduating, working as staff attorney and research director before being named director of the Women’s Human Rights Program in 2014. A widely recognized expert on transitional justice and the death penalty as well as violence against women, she has led fact-finding missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Tajikistan, Mongolia, Sierra Leone, Serbia, and Montenegro, always working with local partners to open doors.

“We monitor and document how laws are actually working on the ground. You have to peel back the layers to see where governments are falling down and why,” she says. Working with the Autonomous Women’s House
in Zagreb, Croatia, she and her volunteer team discovered that domestic violence had been removed from the criminal code. After documenting abuses that fell through the cracks, they appeared before the UN’s Human Rights Committee; within months, Croatia reinstated the law.

“Working with other women’s rights defenders around the world who fight onerous laws with limited resources in difficult conditions really spurs me. I always come away so inspired and energized,” says Park. Committed to training lawyers, volunteers, supporters, and partners, she inspires others as well.

**Krisann Kleibacker Lee ’03**

Krisann Kleibacker Lee ’03, a native Midwesterner, caught the global bug early. At the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, she majored in English and literature but studied policy issues as well. She spent a semester in South Africa, learning about British law as apartheid was ending. She spent a year in Japan, teaching English. By the time she got to Minnesota Law, her interests ranged wide.

“They made sense to me as related, although I hadn’t understood them as being related,” says Kleibacker Lee, global lead lawyer for sustainability at Cargill in Minneapolis. Love for poetry taught her that words matter. Summer internships with former U.S. Senator Tom Daschle raised awareness about environmental and labor issues. South Dakota roots demonstrated how agriculture fits into the policy puzzle. Global experience fueled her passion for equality and human rights. Yet after she earned her J.D., Kleibacker Lee was undecided. “I did what a lot of people do when they don’t know what they want to do. I got a clerkship,” she says. After clerking for then-U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Jonathan Lebedoff, she joined Faegre & Benson (now Faegre Baker Daniels) in Minneapolis and spent five years focusing on environmental, natural resources, and agriculture law. She learned “a ton about the nuts and bolts of law,” but as a law firm associate, she felt one step removed from client challenges. She was working with a slice of the facts rather than making decisions, anticipating problems, planning for the future, and potentially changing mindsets and cultures.

Her environmental law experience opened the door at Cargill, which she joined in 2011. The company later restructured to focus on sustainability as a strategy and established land use, climate change, and water as sustainability priorities. Charged with a pilot program to determine how Cargill’s law department should support its evolving mission, she decided to innovate.

“I said they should name a sustainability lawyer—and hire me,” says Kleibacker Lee, who is skilled at navigating separate but interrelated issues. “A collaborative approach...
is required to solve these problems—everything from palm oil issues in Malaysia to deforestation in Brazil to child labor in West Africa.” Cargill policy must work locally and globally, and because the company operates in 71 countries, buys products from more than 120, and employs lawyers in 30, Kleibacker Lee must work across global time zones. She also speaks frequently to law schools eager to foster sustainability programs.

“I like to build small and scale up. My job is much more diffuse and complex now, as Cargill embraces its global role,” says Kleibacker Lee, who credits the Law School for excellent preparation. “They gave me the basics for what I need to do in this job. All the building blocks were there, although I didn’t realize it at the time.”

**Megan Manion ’16**

Global goals also emerged early for Megan Manion ’16, who studied political science at the University of Wisconsin and received a postgraduate Fulbright-Hays fellowship to study the Yoruba language in Ile-Ife, Nigeria. Later, in Minneapolis, she worked with The Advocates for Human Rights and as a legal and medical advocate at the Sexual Violence Center, where her direct contact with survivors revealed systemic gaps and the urgent need for gender-sensitive policies and legal reform.

“I wanted to use this experience and training to ensure that legal and governance institutions work better for—and are informed by—women,” says Manion, who in 2017 began working at UN Women headquarters in New York as a policy analyst on women, peace, and security. “I hoped I could push the envelope forward a bit.”

She chose Minnesota Law for its strong international human rights program and faculty as well as hands-on clinic and research opportunities. The chance to work on real-time issues with the International Criminal Court’s Trust Fund for Victims, as a research fellow for the Transitional Justice Institute in Belfast, and as a Robina Foundation fellow with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid helped shaped her understanding of global challenges.

Since joining UN Women, Manion’s human rights work has focused on transitional justice, preventing violent extremism, and countering terrorism. Her assignments have taken her to Chad, the Netherlands, and other countries. For the past six months she has supported the UN Women office in Afghanistan and is moving there to become a justice and security specialist.

“My work in the field has been a reality check,” she says. “Significant work remains to be done, and in order to build laws and policies that protect them and promote their rights, women must be able to participate meaningfully and lead the way. They often risk their lives to do this, and I feel very privileged to work alongside them.”

**Nooshin Soltani ’05**

Nooshin Soltani ’05 calls herself an “accidental immigrant” whose multicultural background has influenced her leap from a high-paying Manhattan law firm to the U.S. Department of State. Now a foreign service officer on the Romanian desk in Washington, D.C., she has no regrets about essentially starting over.

“At some point, I knew I would pivot toward public service,” says Soltani. “We weren’t refugees, but coming from Iran, I felt blessed and moved to give back.” At age 4, Soltani and her family moved to a Kansas City suburb so her father could get cancer treatment. After he died, her mother remarried and the family stayed. Soltani studied political science and sociology at the University of Kansas, then chose Minnesota Law for its solid reputation and a chance to relocate.

More important than coursework were the professors she discovered at the Law School, whose diverse interests, experiences, and perspectives offered inspiration. Professor Oren Gross, for example, encouraged her to dream big, beyond Minnesota.

“That vision resonated with me,” says Soltani. She participated in the Uppsala University exchange program in Sweden, which she found “fascinating. I did not know the European legal system, and seeing the law through that lens spurred much interest in what I would do later.”

After a brief stint at Faegre & Benson, Soltani spent five years handling mergers and acquisitions at the powerhouse New York firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, an intense experience she deems formative but not for the faint of heart. Comparing her freedom and opportunity to the extended family she left behind in Iran, she began to think more broadly, outside the law.

“Some people like paper and grappling over deal points. I liked the policy level of engagement and vision,” she says. “So I said I’d be a diplomat.” She applied to the State Department on a whim, embarking on a lengthy process that eventually landed her assignments in Armenia, on the Caribbean desk, and most recently in Prague. Reflecting on a career she finds “amazing” but sometimes frustrating due to slow-moving bureaucracy, she cites Colin Powell’s notion that there is no better work than international relations.
Soltani’s challenges resemble those she encountered while managing huge transactions and teams at the law firm, she adds, and her legal expertise has proved helpful. Now, however, she feels more personally invested in policy issues and public service.

“Having been raised in a different culture but moving to the U.S., I can relate to many things that are happening today. I feel more connected to people in that way,” she says. “I’m glad I made this jump. Who knows where the future will take me?”

**Maya Suresh ’14**

Hailing from a family replete with University alumni and blessed with a love for learning, **Maya Suresh ’14** confesses she was scared to enter the real world after earning a finance degree from the Carlson School of Management. So enrolling in law school made sense—until it didn’t.

“I went into law school thinking I’d become a lawyer, but I hated it,” she says. She confessed to business law Professor **John Matheson**, who assured her that some of the smartest law students he knew became not attorneys, but CEOs, astronauts, authors, and other professionals instead. Intellectual property law Professor **Ruth Okediji** (now teaching at Harvard) also came to her rescue with a frequent admonition: “Being a lawyer is one of the least interesting things you can do with a law degree.”

Suresh combined her love for luxury goods and affinity for business and trademark law into a career that included stints at Deloitte in Minneapolis and Tiffany & Co. in New York City, where she handled global store strategy, operations, and policy. While she enjoyed these traditional jobs, Suresh, who studied abroad in Uruguay and speaks Spanish, yearned for more challenge on a global scale.

In early 2019, she joined Booz Allen Hamilton in New York as an international strategy associate. She consults on pure play strategic initiatives for clients within the Middle East/North Africa region and is excited to be on a startup team in a developing area. “As of this morning, women in Saudi Arabia no longer need permission to get a passport,” she says.

Still, she is well aware of all the progress that has yet to be made. “You don’t get to just go to Saudi Arabia if you feel like it. I will get to experience a country and culture that a lot of people may never experience.”

Although her fashion affinity may be limited to choice of abaya, Suresh expects to lean heavily on her law school skills, from critical thinking to understanding legal implications wherever they apply. “Whether related to business strategy or political strategy, or public or private industry, you can’t escape them.”
Christopher Chinn ‘04 describes his law school years with a term seldom heard in these parts: exotic.

Born and raised in Honolulu, educated at Yale, and working in France, Chinn opted for the ultimate Midwest experience. A real campus. A top-notch law school with reasonable tuition and diverse students. A chance to study area history while working in the rare books library, and to retrace the path of his Japanese-American grandfather, reportedly stationed at Fort Snelling.

Feeling somewhat like a foreign exchange student, Chinn became one of Professor (now Emeritus) David Weissbrodt’s mentees. “His course in international human rights law excited me, although international public law and diplomacy is not something you can plan a career around. Only about half a dozen law firms in the world are known to specialize in that,” Chinn says. The Law School’s LL.M. program kept him connected to international law students, however, and an exchange program sent him to the University of Lyon’s Jean Moulin III Law School in France.

Before law school, Chinn polished his French while training at Coudert Brothers, an international arbitration law firm in Paris. After graduation, he worked for New York international law firms Covington & Burling and Baker McKenzie before returning to Paris in 2012, when he passed the French bar. With Paris-based firms Hafez, then Mayer Brown, then his own firm, Chinn Arbitration, launched in 2017, he has represented clients ranging from a West African hospitality company and a Canadian

International students who enroll in Minnesota Law’s LL.M. program are already trained lawyers in their own countries. They arrive in Minneapolis to study American law with the goal of better preparing themselves for careers when they return home, wherever that might be.

Since the LL.M. program began 26 years ago, it has graduated approximately 850 students from 84 countries, many of whom today are making notable impacts in global business and policymaking. Using their LL.M. degrees, they’re running companies, practicing law around the world, and advising governments and international organizations on public policy.

“Most of our LL.M.s are here because they’d like to gain some expertise in American law in order to apply it to their legal work overseas,” says Kara Galvin, director of International and Graduate Programs. “But in addition, the soft skills they gain are invaluable. What these international students achieve here only solidifies their drive, and proves that they can do anything when they return to their international careers.”

Advising on Global Policies in Chile

Karina Uribe Peña, LL.M. ‘17, for example, transitioned from Minnesota Law to become legislative advisor for the National Congress of Chile, where she works on major global policy
Chinn contends that law schools offer more international arbitration courses than the market justifies; the same may be said of international human rights law. Yet, as the world shrinks, practitioners everywhere, including in Minnesota, are likely to need international law expertise at least occasionally. “For someone practicing any type of private commercial law, it would be strange not to have matters related to another country. Since I’m based in Europe, being familiar with other laws and jurisdictions is par for the course.”

Though committed to Paris, Chinn remains a fan of Minneapolis, “the cultural capital of the Midwest—with great food. The quality of life and economic opportunity for the average person are second to none,” he says. And although he was unable to attend his 15-year class reunion recently, he still keeps tabs on the Gophers.

Cathy Madison is a Twin Cities-based writer.

issues such as combating money laundering, nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and antiterrorism. Uribe Pena also teaches international law at the University of Valparaiso and, in her free time, works on human rights issues.

A large part of her professional work, she explains, involves coordinating international relations with other countries and with international organizations. “My time in Minnesota was incredibly valuable for my professional training,” she says. “I work now with different international institutions, and most of these relationships require speaking English—even better if it’s legal English. Moreover, working in Minnesota in the human rights field has helped me share those experiences in my job as well as with my students in the university.”

Also invaluable, says Uribe Pena, are the soft skills she developed at Minnesota Law. “Sharing time with people from different cultures, now many of them my friends, developed in me an ability to work effectively across cultures and make social relations in different contexts. Those soft skills really matter in my work here in Chile.”

**Leading a Multinational Company**

**Pavel Shteling, LL.M. ’12,** is CEO of Norwegian Park LLC, working out of St. Petersburg, Russia. The company operates a growing number of activity parks in Russia and Scandinavia (currently 25 and expanding). These activity parks attract a million visitors annually.

After graduating from Minnesota Law, Shteling interviewed with Norwegian Park for a job as legal advisor, but soon discovered the company was looking for a new CEO.

“The condition was that the CEO should be from outside, with good English skills, a good education, and have some management experience. I didn’t meet all the requirements, but they decided to give me a try, a probation period as CEO. I had to prove myself.”

Shteling did just that, and was offered the job permanently after four months.

Shteling’s experience in the LL.M. program prepared him well to become a CEO doing business internationally, not to mention dealing with legal issues around contracts and property law, among others.

“Being CEO is very challenging work, but my LL.M. degree and international experience definitely gave me a huge advantage,” he says.

The LL.M. program fully prepared him “to formulate an opinion, defend a point of view, and seek relevant information,” he says. “Almost daily in the LL.M. program, I participated in discussions, worked on group projects, and not only mastered theoretical knowledge, but got practical, hands-on experience. All these skills have actually been very valuable for my current leadership role.”

Chuck Leddy is a Boston-based writer.
BRINGING TRANSPARENCY TO TAXATION

Professor Kristin Hickman’s busy year included advising federal policymakers and hosting an international conference

BY KATHY GRAVES

When the U.S. Treasury Department and the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) agreed to review tax regulations for the first time in more than three decades, Professor Kristin Hickman was the first person they called, tapping her as special adviser. Hickman, a national authority in tax policy and administrative law, spent a year helping OIRA develop the process for reviewing federal tax regulations.

“When I walked into OIRA’s office a couple weeks after my appointment, they were just getting started with implementing the agreement,” says Hickman. “Treasury and OIRA have different norms and cultures, plus the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act had just been enacted, so it was a particularly challenging time.”

With rare expertise at the intersection of administrative and tax law, Hickman says she functioned as a translator. “My job was to help the agencies understand each other and to learn how to communicate and work together.”

Bringing Transparency and Accountability to the Tax System

A deep belief in transparency and accountability drives Hickman’s work. “Government can seem abstract, but tax is concrete,” says Hickman. “You can’t have effective government without taxes, and you can’t collect taxes without effective tax administration. The tax system is most people’s primary interaction with the government. And in our current political climate, we all need to be concerned about perceptions of the legitimacy of government action.”

Hickman practiced as a certified public accountant for five years before earning her J.D. at Northwestern University School of Law. While she went to law school with an eye toward being a tax attorney, her path diversified after she worked with Thomas Merrill, her administrative law professor, and then clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Her law review article with Merrill, “Chevron’s Domain,” was cited in a U.S. Supreme Court decision (United States v.
As a clerk, she observed that roughly 60 percent of the cases were about administrative law, and she began to notice differences between tax regulations and those of other federal agencies.

After joining the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 2004, Hickman conducted an empirical study of three years of regulatory tax packages. She discovered that the Treasury Department had a weak record of compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), which governs how federal agencies develop and issue regulations.

“The APA imposes several procedural requirements on unelected officials at federal agencies,” says Hickman. “If regulations aren’t aligned with the APA, it erodes transparency, accountability, and public participation in the development of rules that govern taxpayer behavior.”

In 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court accepted Hickman’s interpretation of the Chevron standard of judicial review of agency regulations, ruling in Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research v. United States that Chevron, and more broadly the APA, should apply to tax regulations. As a result, the number of cases at the intersection of tax and administrative law grew, leading to the 2018 Treasury-OIRA agreement.

**Shining an International Spotlight on Taxpayer Rights**

This past May, Hickman was instrumental in bringing the International Conference on Taxpayer Rights to Minneapolis (the conference had previously been held in Amsterdam, Vienna, and Washington, D.C.) The event brings together government officials, scholars, and practitioners from around the world to explore how taxpayer rights globally serve as the foundation for effective tax administration.

“Taxpayer rights are about transparency and accountability, and how tax agencies interact with taxpayers,” says Hickman. “An effective tax system relies on voluntary compliance, but that compliance is highly dependent on taxpayer attitudes, which in turn are influenced by government behavior. This conference is a rare opportunity for academics, revenue officials, and tax practitioners to talk about taxpayer rights and responsibilities and how to improve tax administration.”

**Watching for Progress**

Hickman is watching closely as the OIRA begins to implement review of tax regulations through the processes she helped design. She is in the early stages of writing a law review article about the work. “OIRA is an executive branch watchdog,” she says. “It plays a highly influential role in the regulatory process, and it most certainly can help create a more legitimate tax system.”

By Kathy Graves, a Minneapolis-based writer.
Brad Clary ’75 was named the 2020 recipient of the prestigious Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in the field of legal writing. This distinguished award, presented annually by the Association of Legal Writing Directors and the Legal Writing Institute, honors a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of legal writing by demonstrating an ability to nurture and motivate students to excellence; a willingness to help other legal writing educators improve their teaching skills or legal writing programs; and an ability to create and integrate new ideas for teaching and motivating legal writing educators and students.

Prentiss Cox ’90 was promoted to the position of professor of law.

Claire Hill presented at the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans’ 2019 Investments Institute on behavioral biases in financial decision-making. At the Canadian Securities Administrators’ Biennial Commissioners Conference, Hill spoke on a panel that discussed the deterrence of securities violations. She also co-organized and spoke at the 11th annual Adolf A. Berle Symposium on Corporation, Law, and Society at Seattle University School of Law; the symposium’s theme was Law and Corporate Culture, and Hill’s presentation concerned the relationship between CEO language in companies that had experienced significant ethical lapses with those that had not.

Jill Hasday testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Intellectual Property at a hearing considering the STRONGER Patents Act, a piece of proposed legislation aimed at changing certain standards that apply in patent cases.

Kristin Hickman’s article—co-authored with Gerald Kerska ’17—was cited by the Iowa Court of Appeals in In re Interest of I.P., 2019 WL 3317922 (Iowa Ct. App. July 24, 2019).

Tom Cotter testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Intellectual Property at a hearing considering the STRONGER Patents Act, a piece of proposed legislation aimed at changing certain standards that apply in patent cases.

Like the article, the case concerned whether tax regulatory actions are exempted from pre-enforcement judicial review by a provision of the tax code known as the Anti-Injunction Act. Also, Hickman’s Administrative Law Treatise was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in Azar v. Allina Health Services, No. 17-1484 (June 3, 2019), a case concerning whether the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services failed to satisfy statutory procedural requirements. In another case heard before the U.S. Supreme Court—Kisor v. Wilkie, No. 18-15 (June 26, 2019)—Justice Neil Gorsuch cited Hickman’s essay, co-authored with Mark Thomson ’12, examining the Auer doctrine, which calls upon courts to defer to federal government agency interpretations of their own regulations.
Heidi Kitrosser, as a member of the founding steering committee, helped launch the Free Expression Legal Network, a collaboration between Yale Law School’s Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. FELN is a network of law school clinics, academics, and practitioners (including nonprofits) across the country that seeks to promote and protect free speech, free press, and the flow of information.

Herbert Kritzer was named a recipient of a 2019 Legacy Award from the Law and Society Association, an interdisciplinary scholarly organization committed to social scientific, interpretive, and historical analyses of law across multiple social contexts. This lifetime achievement award honors people whose contributions significantly helped to develop the association through sustained commitment to its mission and legacy.

Steve Meili presented his research on the constitutionalization of human rights law at conferences and workshops sponsored by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg), the Refugee Law Initiative at the University of London, Queen Mary University (London), the Law and Society Association (Washington, D.C.), and the Latin American Studies Association (Boston). Meili’s research, part of a long-term comparative project funded by the University of Minnesota’s Grand Challenges Research Initiative, looks at the circumstances under which constitutionalized human rights law offers protection to refugees and asylum-seekers beyond that which is provided under international law.

Amy Monahan was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel. Induction as a fellow of the ACEBC is a distinction for employee benefits lawyers who have made demonstrably substantive contributions to the field of employee benefits over their careers. Monahan was one of only 20 employee benefits attorneys throughout the country to be so honored.

Perry Moriearty received the Stanley V. Kinyon Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, presented at the 2019 commencement exercises.

Fionnuala D. Ní Aoláin received the Stanley V. Kinyon Tenured Teacher of the Year Award, presented at the 2019 commencement exercises. Ní Aoláin was also admitted to the Royal Irish Academy, an independent academic body that promotes study and excellence in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences.

The Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity, directed by Myron Orfield, released a study entitled “American Neighborhood Change in the 21st Century,” which found that poverty concentration and neighborhood decline are occurring more frequently in American cities than gentrification and displacement of low-income families. The study also found that the decline is strongly associated with white flight and concentration of families of color.

Paul Vaaler was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study and teach in South Africa during the 2019-20 academic year. Vaaler will join faculties at the University of Pretoria’s Gordon Institute of Business Science and the University of Limpopo’s School of Economics and Management and will work with graduate students and faculty at both universities to help them publish more research in top-tier academic and related policy journals.
Professor Fred Morrison Marks 50 Years of Teaching at Minnesota Law

The Pathbreaking International Law Expert Has Inspired Generations of Students

When Professor Fred Morrison came to the University of Minnesota Law School in 1969, the entering class was nearly all male, there were no international students, Minnesota statutes fit tightly into two volumes, and the faculty was as big as the second largest law firm in the state.

Times have changed.

Today, 12 volumes of Minnesota statutes line Morrison’s shelf, and many law firms outnumber the collective faculty. More than half of the class is female and there are more than 50 foreign students.

“Many things are different, but some things have not changed,” says Morrison. “Our core curriculum remains the same. And of course, this school is still one of the three or four best public law schools in the United States.”

What has changed, he says, is the growing specialization in legal education. “Fifty years ago, our job was to make sure students were generalists, but most lawyers then were from similar backgrounds. Today, the diversity of views requires the law to have benchmarks that aren’t subjective. This is positive but it demands that legal education be much more specialized.”

As Morrison enters his 51st year of teaching, his impact throughout the Law School is clear.

“Professor Morrison has contributed enormously to the outstanding reputation and legacy of our law school,” says Garry W. Jenkins, dean and William S. Pattee professor of law. “Five decades of students, faculty, and staff have benefited from his preeminence in the field of international law and his service to the Law School and the University. He is singularly responsible for our superior LL.M. program and several of our international partnerships. His dedication to his students, commitment to law and justice, and steadfast support for Minnesota Law are all unparalleled.”

A force for an international focus

Kara Galvin, director of International and Graduate Programs, credits Morrison for the tremendous growth in international focus at the Law School. “He has been at the helm in developing the LL.M. degree, the S.J.D. degree, and the Visiting Scholar program,” she says. “He seems to be able to carry on a conversation in anybody’s language. It’s incredible to watch.”

Meredith McQuaid ’91, who worked with Morrison for many years before becoming associate vice president and dean of International Programs for the University of Minnesota system, says Morrison deserves particular credit for the LL.M. for foreign lawyers. “Back in 1994, you would have been hard-pressed to find such a program anywhere,” she recalls. “Fred appreciated the need for education for non-American lawyers who are often required to interact with the American legal system. But he also saw the benefit of bringing lawyers from all over the world into the classroom with J.D. students.”

Morrison attended Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship before earning a Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University and a J.D. from the University of Chicago.

“My career goal was to be a political science teacher, but I thought I had...
better get a law degree, too, since I would be teaching constitutional law,” he says. After teaching for two years at the University of Iowa Law School, Morrison was lured to Minnesota by then-Dean William Lockhart.

Early in his career, Morrison took time off from teaching to get practical experience at the law firm of Popham Haik; he later worked in the U.S. State Department, where he was appointed counselor on international law. He represented the United States in the International Court of Justice and in the Iran–United States Claims Tribunal. He also helped craft some of the constitutional structures that led to the peaceful separation of South Sudan, the world’s newest country, from Sudan.

In service to the wider academy
Morrison is widely recognized for his work throughout the University. He served on the faculty consultative committee and in the University Senate, and in May 1997 he was honored with the University President’s Award for Outstanding Service.

“Fred is a great teacher and scholar, but also a wonderful citizen of the University,” says Professor Robert Stein ’61, who has worked alongside Morrison for many of the last 50 years. “He is highly respected by the Law School faculty, but the central administration depends on his expertise, too.”

Driven by curiosity
McQuaid says that Morrison is driven by an authentic curiosity about other cultures. “I traveled with him to China numerous times, and he is a great travel companion. He’s unflappable, gracious, and respectful. To be truly educated, you have to be educated about other cultures. Fred knows this. He has been a remarkable role model for me and many other people.”

Morrison and his wife are avid travelers—they recently returned from Svalbard, a group of islands north of Norway—but every fall he is back in the classroom. “I’m still having fun,” he says. “Why quit now? It never gets old watching students mature in their knowledge of the law.”

By Kathy Graves, a Minneapolis-based writer.
Author in Question
Prof. Jill Hasday
Distinguished McKnight University Professor
Centennial Professor in Law

Intimate Lies and the Law

Professor Jill Hasday’s *Intimate Lies and the Law* is the first book that systematically examines deception in intimate relationships and uncovers the hidden body of law governing this duplicity. The book, published by Oxford University Press, is available in both electronic and hardcover formats. Visit jillhasday.com for details and ordering information.

What are some of the interesting legal areas you tackle in the book?

My book examines deception in dating, sex, marriage, and family life and explores the law’s response to this duplicity, which is usually to deny remedies to deceived intimates and protect their deceivers.

What inspired you to write a book on this topic?

This is a good opportunity share the book’s dedication: “To my loved ones. You did not inspire me to write this book.”

Who is the audience you had in mind?

This book is for anyone who has ever experienced, committed, or gossiped about deception within an intimate relationship. In other words, it is for everyone.

What is something surprising that you discovered in researching or writing this book?

Judges assume that deception is widespread in romance, sexual relationships, and marriage—and they take it as common sense that the judiciary should defend that status quo. When judges presume that many examples of harmful deception are ordinary and expected aspects of intimacy, they help make that so—normalizing the deceit by protecting it from legal redress and legal condemnation.

What are a few common misconceptions that you dispel in your book?

Courts frequently blame deceived intimates for having been duped. But detecting an intimate’s deceit can be extremely difficult, even for a person of ordinary or above-average shrewdness and sophistication. First, almost all of us have much less ability to spot deception than we may like to imagine, and detecting deception from an intimate may be especially hard. Second, powerful social norms discourage the investigation of intimates. Third, even if a person would like to disregard those social norms, it is often difficult or impossible to mount an investigation without the investigation itself jeopardizing or ending the relationship because the investigated person finds out about it.

What is a key takeaway for a reader unfamiliar with the legal framework surrounding intimate relationships?

People often assume that deception within intimacy is a quintessentially private phenomenon that courts and legislatures leave untouched. But the law pervasively regulates intimate deception. Inside courtrooms and beyond them, legal rules, practices, and presumptions create incentives to deceive, make deception easier to accomplish, and protect deceptive intimates while routinely denying remedies to the people they duped.

Video of Prof. Hasday discussing the book is available at law.umn.edu/bookbites
What impact would you like your book to have?

The law should extend more help to people injured by deceitful intimates and offer less protection to their deceivers. Courts should begin with a rebuttable presumption that a deceived intimate will have access to the same legal remedies that would be available if she was deceived outside of intimacy. Lawmakers should also transform how they regulate intimate deception before litigation begins, countering the incentives to deceive, making it more difficult for deceivers to accomplish their plans, and limiting the damage that duplicitous intimates can inflict.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your book or the experience of writing it?

While working on this book, I have often been asked about which kinds of intimate deception I find most surprising. No example surprises me anymore. Any topic that anyone might imagine—anything that might matter to one or both people in a relationship—has been the subject of intimate deception. The list is endless.

Intimate deception is much more fun to write about than to experience. The law should extend more help to people injured by deceitful intimates and offer less protection to their deceivers.”

—Professor Jill Hasday
Mubanga Kalimamukwento, LL.M. ’20
A Zambian human rights advocate who came to Minnesota as a Fulbright scholar

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?
I have been practicing criminal law for the past two years, but have worked in various areas since 2013. I consider myself a human rights advocate through my writing and like to think about the relationship between literature, especially about minorities, and the development of human rights legislation and policy.

DECISION TO PURSUE AN LL.M.?
I was a Hubert H. Humphrey (Fulbright) Fellow in the 2018-19 cohort and, as part of that, decided to take the Introduction to American Law class offered by the Law School. I was already considering studying for my LL.M., and took the class to get a better understanding of the legal system and also to help me decide if the United States would be the right place for me to study.

WHY MINNESOTA LAW?
Zambians pride themselves on being welcoming to guests and I’m always proud when I hear visitors say how at home they felt in Zambia. Because of this, I’ve come to find that whenever I visit a country, I gauge my whole experience on how “at home” I feel in a place. In Minnesota, at the University, and especially in the Introduction to American Law class, I felt at home right away and that was a big part of my decision.

CAREER ASPIRATIONS?
I am very interested in the relationship between literature and the law, so going forward, I’m sure my studies and career will continue to inspire the kind of stories I put out into the world.

THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOU?
The incurable optimist.

ANYTHING ELSE?
My first novel, The Mourning Bird, a first-person narrative of the life of a homeless girl in Lusaka, Zambia, is available in paperback on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.
Molly Doda, 3L, Spends Summer as Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow

Molly Doda, 3L, was selected for the 2019 Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellowship. Each summer, Equal Justice Works partners with Legal Services Corporation to support 30 dedicated law students who want to serve rural and isolated communities across the United States and its territories. Student fellows spend eight to 10 weeks during the summer conducting outreach, exploring innovative ways to meet with clients living in remote areas, and building capacity at the organizations they serve. Doda was hosted by Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota, where she worked with landlords to find mutually beneficial alternatives to eviction.

Two Students Hosted at Latham & Watkins Tech Summit in NYC

Noah Cozad and Jiatian Huang, 2Ls, were among a select group of students from around the country whom Latham & Watkins hosted at its Technology Innovation Summit in New York City last spring.

Through a series of presentations, simulations, and workshops, the students engaged with lawyers and senior executives from the firm and industry experts in emerging and fast-evolving legal technology. The summit’s interactive sessions covered topics including artificial intelligence, blockchain, practice-area-specific resources, emerging legal technologies, and design thinking. Students were competitively selected for the program on the basis of academic and leadership achievements, demonstrated interest in legal technology, and desire to practice law at a global firm. As part of the application process, the students submitted a statement addressing their interest in learning about innovation and technology and how they could make technology one of their competitive advantages.
Joshua Greenberg ’19 Receives Environmental and Energy Law Student Award

Joshua Greenberg ’19 was the 2019 recipient of the Charles Nauen and Pati Jo Pofahl Environmental and Energy Law Student Award, which honors a graduating student in Minnesota Law’s environmental and energy concentration who exemplifies a strong commitment to environmental and energy law, academic accomplishment in the area, and leadership in and contributions to the Law School’s environment and energy law program.

From fall 2018 through spring 2019, Greenberg served as president of the Environmental and Energy Law Society and student director of the Environmental & Energy Law Clinic. After graduating last May, Greenberg joined the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey & Whitney.

Paul Dimick ’19 Awarded Equal Justice Works Fellowship

Paul Dimick ’19 was awarded a prestigious Equal Justice Works Fellowship last spring. Dimick is using his fellowship to provide advocacy and education assistance to immigrants.

Dimick works with the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, where he represents low-income immigrants in detention. He is also developing a federal habeas corpus manual for other attorneys representing detained noncitizens.

Thomas Hansfield, 3L, Appears on NPR’s Planet Money Podcast

Thomas Hansfield, 3L, appeared on NPR’s Planet Money podcast to discuss his article in the Minnesota Law Review regarding in-game video game purchases and whether or not they fit the legal definition of gambling.
Our investment in tomorrow’s lawyer-leaders remains a top priority as we enter the final two years of the U-wide Driven campaign, known here at Minnesota Law as Driven to Lead. The Warren Spannaus and Dean Carl Auerbach Public Interest Fellowships encourage students to serve the public and promote justice equality by supporting recipients through summer internships with a government agency or nonprofit organization in Minnesota. These awards are made possible by the generosity of friends and alumni who believe in the Law School and the limitless potential of our students.

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**Cody Humpherys, 2L**
Legal extern, Baker MacKenzie, Sydney, Australia

“One of the unique features of my experience in Sydney was the opportunity to perform research for multinational clients. There were a number of projects I worked on where it was my task to survey the laws of several different countries on a particular topic and provide a comprehensive report which would inform the policy or action of our client.”

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**Michelle Rodenburg, 3L**
Intern, Office of the International Co-Prosecutor in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

“This experience highlighted the ever-changing and evolving status of international criminal law. International criminal law tribunals ... are constantly establishing and testing the rules of international criminal law. This makes the work challenging, yet extremely important.”
Big Picture
Ben Rogers, 2L, spent his 1L summer as an intern for the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps. He was detailed to Defense Service Office West at Naval Base San Diego in California—the busiest defense office in the Navy. Rogers, whose grandfather served in the Navy for 23 years, wanted to explore the JAG internship as means to make a substantive contribution to naval service as an attorney. “I provided legal analysis and case strategies, wrote trial motions, and observed a high-profile Navy SEAL trial from the gallery,” he says. “Other activities were experiential. I participated in weekly command physical training, got two hours in a helicopter simulator, toured submarines, aircraft carriers, destroyers, and helicopter squadrons, and much more.”
MEET THE CLASS OF 2022

JESSICA BONTEMPS, 1L
Jessica Bontemps, a first-generation college student in her family, has a B.A. in English language and literature from Hunter College. Prior to enrolling in law school, she served as tutor, coach, and mentor to at-risk youth in New York City.

“As a first-generation college student, having the opportunity to pursue a legal education meant having doors open for me that otherwise might not have been,” she says. “I look forward to having more opportunities to advance in my career and my education.”

She plans to pursue public policy work to help improve the public education system.

FABIOLA GRETZINGER, 1L
Fabiola Gretzinger hails from San Jose, Costa Rica. Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, she works part-time as a paralegal at Igbanugo Partners, an immigration law firm in Minneapolis. Last spring, she graduated with a B.A. in political science, and minors in economics and Portuguese.

Describing her paralegal work, Gretzinger observes, “It’s some of the most rewarding work I have ever done, and I love it because it keeps me on my feet. Although it’s very difficult to lose a case, I’ve discovered my passion to do everything humanly possible to help someone who may not be able to help themselves.”

She says she wants to use her legal education to “make an impact and give a voice to those who can’t.”

LOIDA GUAJARDO, 1L
With a B.S. in biology, health and medical sciences from Minnesota State University Moorhead, Loida Guajardo wants to put her STEM background to work in the dynamic field of intellectual property law. While she considers herself generally reserved, she volunteered to speak at her commencement to allow her classmates to know how much they had contributed to her personal development.

Explaining how she decided to transition from a path to the lab to a path to law, she observes, “the professor of my medical ethics class pushed me to explore where healthcare, health science, and the law overlapped. I have always been interested in healthcare innovation. Earning a J.D. allows me to be a cog in that process in a way I cannot achieve with my STEM background alone.”

She hopes to one day work at a Twin Cities law firm with a strong IP practice.

MATT JACOBS, 1L
In addition to being an aspiring lawyer, Matt Jacobs is a budding entrepreneur. A graduate of the University of Oregon with bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and Spanish and a master’s in philosophy, he owns Mad Genius Escape Rooms in Portland, Oregon. He also spent five years working as a brewer.

“Working as a brewer for five years taught me the value of legal representation for workers seeking safe working conditions and remedy for wage theft,” he says. “Owning an escape room underscored the value of legal expertise from the opposite perspective, demonstrating that compliance with employment law can be challenging even for employers who prioritize it.”

His goal is to use his legal education to pursue work that enforces and amplifies protections for workers.

DANIEL RADDENBACH, 1L
Daniel Raddenbach, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, last spring interned at the U.S. embassy in London. He plans to study international law and hopes to put his legal education to work in foreign policy.

“I had a great opportunity to see foreign policy in action while interning for the U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom,” he says. “I think that the study of law meshes very well with diplomatic work—
they both approach problems with a very analytical mindset, and foreign policy is heavily involved with navigating international law, which I hope to study here at Minnesota.”

His ambition is to start out practicing law, possibly in Washington, D.C., and eventually to transition to working for the U.S. State Department as a foreign service officer serving in embassies overseas.

KELLY ZECH, 1L

Kelly Zech served as a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy specializing in operations for six years. Most recently, she served as a stay-at-home mom managing three children for seven years. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, where she obtained dual degrees in management information systems and entrepreneurial management.

“Navy life and mom life both require sleep management, organization, adaptability, and patience,” she says. “Being a stay-at-home mom is rewarding but all-consuming. I learned to seek out personal growth opportunities, and as such, I love the mental challenge of being in the classroom. My kids motivate me to work hard and be focused.”

She is currently contemplating eventually practicing business law, but is open to letting her law school experiences direct her ultimate career path.

YU-CHEN WANG, LL.M. ’20 TAIWAN

Yu-Chen Wang is a Taiwanese public interest lawyer who received his bachelor’s and master’s legal degrees from National Taipei University. His work as a lawyer involved helping child victims in abuse and rape cases. His thesis on child witnesses’ hearsay evidence involved researching the U.S. legal system, which, in turn, triggered a desire to study in the United States. “As a lawyer from a code-based country, I hope to gain further insight into how to analyze, present, and solve legal issues from a common-law perspective,” Wang says. “I also hope to create a global career and build up my professional network through Minnesota Law.”

SEOWOO JANG, LL.M. ’20 SOUTHERN KOREA

Seowoo Jang hails from South Korea, where she studied some aspects of American law and developed an interest in it. She served as a legal research assistant at the American Law Research Institute. She has also tutored immigrant children and their parents, providing them with legal assistance. “I chose Minnesota Law because when I researched programs, that seemed appealing to me,” she says. “I found out that Minnesota Law provides various activities for LL.M. students, such as LL.M. judicial observation, a mentorship program, and optional concentrations. Besides taking classes, I thought these activities would help me expand my U.S. legal knowledge.”

REPRESENTED IN THE 2020 LL.M. CLASS

- Chile
- China
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Palestine
- Panama
- Slovakia
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Taiwan
- Turkey
- Uganda
- United States
- Zambia
ALUMNI Interrogatory
Bethany Owen ’95
President of ALLETE Inc.

Last February, Bethany Owen ’95 became the new president of ALLETE Inc., a Duluth-based energy company. Owen also oversees ALLETE’s five operating divisions: Minnesota Power, Superior Water Light and Power, ALLETE Clean Energy, U.S. Water Services, and BNI Energy. She is the first woman president in the company’s history.
What advantages do you think your legal background gives you as the president of a major corporation?

Having a legal background has enhanced my ability to think critically and creatively, spot issues, assess risk, develop strategic solutions, and communicate clearly and concisely—all skills that are valuable no matter one’s career path.

What have you found most surprising about your career path, which has straddled both the legal and operational sides of your company?

I am curious by nature and have always been interested in learning and trying new things, but I suppose I am most surprised by the fact that I am in this role. In addition to working in the U.S. Senate for four years before attending law school, I have had the opportunity to work in a wide variety of roles and industries. I certainly didn’t set out to be the president of an energy company, but it has been wonderful to look back and see that every experience I’ve had in my career has built upon the previous experiences.

What excites you most about working in the energy industry?

Everything is exciting about working in the energy industry today. We are in one of the most transformative times, and ALLETE is a leader in the clean energy field. Sustainability is not only one of our company’s values—it is the foundation of our business strategy. Our largest business unit, Minnesota Power, is on track to provide customers 50 percent renewable energy by 2021—further and faster than most of our peers and well ahead of the state’s requirement of 25 percent by 2025. In addition, we formed ALLETE Clean Energy eight years ago, and that company now operates in nine states and will have more than 1,000 megawatts of wind energy in its portfolio by the end of 2020. We are very proud of our leadership role in developing and supplying clean, sustainable energy.

What advice would you have for a law student just starting out today?

Work hard, but also try to get some outside work experience, because that experience and the connections you make will be invaluable. I needed to work to support myself during law school, and I was grateful to have a winter clerkship at a large firm, which led to a summer clerkship, and then to a full-time position after graduation. Every position I have held since then has linked back to that first winter clerkship. Grades are important to get your foot in the door for your first job, but after that it’s all about your work ethic, talent, experience, attitude, and track record.

Given what is surely an incredibly hectic schedule, what do you do to de-stress and maintain wellness?

I am definitely a work in progress on the de-stressing front, but sailing on Lake Superior, reading a great book, listening to music, and a walk in the woods with my spouse and our dog have always worked wonders for me. Since those options aren’t always available to me when things are hectic at work, I am fortunate to work with people I respect and enjoy—and thankfully, they have great senses of humor, so we laugh a lot!

How do you like to spend your free time?

My spouse, Christopher, and I love to travel when we have free time. We really enjoy immersing ourselves in different cultures—in recent years, everywhere from Sicily to a tiny island off the coast of Newfoundland to Vermont.

What are a few interesting items one might find on your desk or on display in your office?

Two of my most favorite quotations: “Be the change you wish to see in the world” (Mahatma Gandhi) and “Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail” (attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson). There’s also work by regional artists, a variety of rocks that I have collected from travels, and a dandelion preserved in glass.

Is there anything else you’d like to share with the Minnesota Law community?

When I applied to the University of Minnesota Law School, I had no idea of the wide variety of potential career and life paths that a law degree would make possible. I am grateful for the opportunities that education has afforded me, especially so that I am able to give back to the community and to support and mentor others.

—Bethany Owen ’95
In October, our leadership donors gathered at the McNamara Alumni Center for the 2019 WILLIAM B. LOCKHART CLUB DINNER. Jeanette Bazis ’92, a member of the Law School’s Board of Advisors, welcomed Minnesota Law alumni, donors, and friends, and Dean Garry W. Jenkins, Professor Alexandra Klass, and current student Eduardo Castro, 3L, celebrated Minnesota Law’s recent accomplishments and its important role as a leader in legal education. The evening included a special video highlighting the impact of the Binger Center for New Americans.
The Lockhart Club is the University of Minnesota Law School’s leadership annual giving society. The Lockhart Club brings together generations of alumni and friends who generously express their support of Minnesota Law through an annual gift of $2,000 or more.

$25,000+ Binger Circle
Named for legendary lawyer-leader and philanthropist James H. Binger ’41, the Binger Circle consists of the Law School’s most generous supporters. Members of the Binger Circle ensure our alumni, faculty, and students can solve today’s grand challenges.

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As dean, Everett Fraser helped bring the Law School to national prominence. Today, members of the Fraser Society help secure the Law School’s place at the forefront of legal education.

$5,000–$9,999 Dean’s Circle
Since its founding in 1888, the Law School has been led by eleven distinguished deans. Members of the Dean’s Circle build on their example and help ensure the Law School graduates the next generation of lawyer-leaders.

$2,000–$4,999 Murphy Society
Judge Diana Murphy ’74 was a champion of justice and opportunity for all, and promoted education as a means to improve everyone’s lives. Members of the Murphy Society honor her legacy through their generous support of the Law School.

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Alumni News

Rachna Sullivan ’96
Appointed 4th District Judge
Governor Tim Walz appointed Rachna Sullivan ’96 a district court judge in Minnesota’s 4th Judicial District.

At the time of her appointment, Sullivan was a shareholder at Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis, where she served as the lead lawyer in commercial litigation cases.

Previously, she was a partner at Rider Bennett; law clerk to James M. Rosenbaum, former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota; and an assistant district attorney at the King’s County District Attorney’s Office in Brooklyn, New York.

Sullivan is a director of the Minnesota Chapter Infinity Project, a director of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, and the co-chair and co-founder of the Leadership Summit on Gender Equity in the Law. She also volunteers at various organizations, including providing food packages at the Nellie Stone Johnson Elementary School and serving meals at the Church of St. Stephens in Minneapolis.

Six Alumni Honored as Up-and-Coming Attorneys
Six Minnesota Law alumni were recently named “Up & Coming Attorneys” by Minnesota Lawyer.

Up & Coming Attorneys are recognized for their professional accomplishments, leadership and service to their community and profession, and achievements in their first 10 years of being admitted to the bar.

The alumni selected for the award are Alison J. Bure ’11, Faegre Baker Daniels; Rachel Kitze Collins ’14, Lockridge Grindal Nauen; Aleida Ortega Conners ’13, Fredrikson & Byron; Calvin Hoffman ’09, Stinson; Paige S. Stradley ’12, Merchant & Gould; and Mahesha Subbaraman ’11, Subbaraman PLLC.

Federal Courthouse in Minneapolis Renamed After Late Judge Diana Murphy ’74
The federal courthouse in Minneapolis has been renamed in honor of pathbreaking Judge Diana Murphy ’74, the first woman appointed to the federal bench in Minnesota and the first to sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. Murphy died last year at the age of 84.

Murphy joined the 8th Circuit bench in 1994, having been nominated by President Bill Clinton. For 19 years, she was the court’s sole woman member. She had previously served 14 years as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, including two years as chief judge. Her prior experience included serving as a judge on the Hennepin County Municipal Court and working as a lawyer in private practice in Minneapolis.

Murphy also chaired the U.S. Sentencing Commission from 1999 to 2004.
When asked to serve as this year’s Annual Fund chair, I jumped at the opportunity. Why? I care, and I want to give back to the school that gave me a strong legal foundation. I want our school’s law students to have at least the same and even better opportunities than we did. I see the remarkable differences our contributions make. I know the money we contribute is the difference in an increased University of Minnesota Law School presence, heightened visibility, and a superior reputation nationwide.

Barbara D’Aquila ’80
2019–2020 Annual Fund Chair

The Law School Annual Fund leverages thousands of gifts of all sizes and the support of our alumni to make a real impact on our students and the communities we serve.

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51 Willard L. "Sandy" Boyd has written a memoir about his life and career entitled *A Life on the Middle West’s Never-Ending Frontier*. The book, which chronicles his more than six decades of leadership and service, including as president of the University of Iowa, was published by University of Iowa Press.

69 Joseph Dixon Jr. of Henson Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2020 Minnesota Super Lawyer in litigation.

71 William Forsyth of Henson Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2020 Minnesota Super Lawyer in family law.

73 Alan Eidsness of Henson Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2020 Minnesota Super Lawyer in family law. He was also named a Top 10 Super Lawyer for the 10th time.

76 Stuart Gibson was named deputy editorial director of international tax law at Bloomberg Tax & Accounting in Arlington, Virginia.

78 LaJune T. Lange was recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* with a 2019 Diversity and Inclusion Award. Lange is a retired judge of Minnesota’s 4th Judicial District Court in Minneapolis.

80 Charlie Nauen received the 2019 Hubert H. Humphrey Award for Dedication and Leadership to the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The award was presented at the DFL’s annual Humphrey-Mondale dinner before an audience of 1,500, including keynote speaker Nancy Pelosi. Nauen is a partner at the Minneapolis law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen.

82 Rebecca Bender co-wrote a family biography/memoir entitled *Still* with her late father, Kenneth Bender. The book, published by North Dakota State University Press, includes stories about Law School Dean Everett Fraser and Bender’s practice of law in Minnesota.

83 Chris Middlebrook authored a book entitled *The Bandy Chronicles: My Pursuit of a Forgotten Sport*, which will be published December 1, 2019.

84 Kathryn Graves, a shareholder at Henson Efron, was named a 2020 Minnesota Super Lawyer in family law.

85 Elizabeth K. Bransdorfer was named chair of the family law section of the State Bar of Michigan. Bransdorfer specializes in divorce and family law at Mika Meyers in Grand Rapids.

85 R. Hugh Magill was elected to the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. Magill is vice chairman for wealth management at Northern Trust in Chicago.

86 James M. Lockhart joined RJM Construction, a Minnesota-based general contractor, as general counsel and vice president of risk management. For the past 20 years, Lockhart has represented RJM as its construction attorney, most recently as a partner in the law firm Ballard Spahr.

87 John P. Boyle was elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors at Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis.

88 Steven Baron cofounded the law firm Baron Harris Healey in Chicago.

89 James L. Chosy was recognized by the National Association of Women Lawyers with the Lead by Example Award. Chosy is executive vice president and general counsel at U.S. Bank.

Mike Glover is serving his second year on the board of directors of Lommen Abdo in Minneapolis.

Kevin Sheys joined the global transportation regulatory practice at Hogan Lovells in its Washington, D.C., office.

William Invie Shroyer was named to the 2020 Best Lawyers in America list. Shroyer is a shareholder of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, working in its Milwaukee and Phoenix offices.

Barbara Duffy was elected president of Lane Powell in Seattle. Duffy has chaired the firm’s litigation department for more than a decade. She represents clients in complex commercial litigation, class actions, and health care regulatory matters.

Marc Johannsen is serving his second year as president of Lommen Abdo in Minneapolis.
He was recently recognized by the Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his volunteer work.

Chad Baruch received the State Bar of Texas Jim Bowmer Professionalism Award. Baruch, a shareholder at the Dallas business litigation and appellate law firm of Johnston Tobey Baruch, focuses his practice on constitutional and appellate law matters, with a heavy emphasis on civil, criminal, and family law appeals.

Kathy Bray was named vice president and general counsel of SFM Mutual Insurance Co. in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Toni Cooley was appointed to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta’s New Orleans branch.

Jeanette M. Bazis was recognized by Minnesota Lawyer as a 2019 Diversity and Inclusion honoree. Bazis is a litigator at Greene Espel in Minneapolis whose practice has focused largely on federal courts.

Kimberly Hewitt was appointed vice president for institutional equity and chief diversity officer at Duke University.

James K. Lee joined Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer as a litigation partner and serves as the managing partner of its Seoul office.

Elizabeth Rader started her own practice, Calliope Legal, which specializes in appellate advocacy. The practice is based in Washington, D.C.

Christine L. Tuft was named a lead marketing partner at Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala in Minneapolis.

Jenneane Jansen joined Lommen Abdo in its Minneapolis office.

Scott Larison was elected to the board of directors of Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis.

Scott Neilson, a shareholder of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis, was named a 2020 Minnesota Super Lawyer in litigation.

Kao Ly Ilean Her was elected to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Her is the chief executive officer of the Hmong Elders Center, an adult day center in St. Paul that serves Hmong seniors. She previously worked in a variety of organizations in government, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors, including serving as executive director of the Minnesota Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

Daniel Lugo was elected the 21st president of Queens University of Charlotte.

Steffen N. Johnson joined Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati as a litigation partner in its Washington, D.C., office. He chairs the firm’s nationwide Supreme Court and appellate practice.

David Black was appointed deputy commissioner of Social Security to a term that expires on Jan. 19, 2025. He will also serve as the secretary to the Social Security Board of Trustees.

Rachna Sullivan was appointed a judge in Minnesota’s 4th Judicial District by Governor Tim Walz. Sullivan spent the previous 13 years at the Minneapolis law firm of Fredrikson & Byron, where she practiced commercial litigation.

JIM CHOSY ’89
HONORED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

Chosy, executive vice president and general counsel at U.S. Bank, was recognized with the association’s Lead By Example Award for his ongoing advocacy and commitment to advancing women attorneys. The annual award honors the exemplary leadership of a male attorney who promotes and supports the advancement of women within their company and the broader profession.

Among the cited accomplishments, Chosy was recognized for fostering a legal department at U.S. Bank with high female representation in senior leadership positions—including nearly 80 percent of his direct reports—and an equally strong presence in the leadership pipeline.

DAVID BLACK ’96
SWORN IN AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY

His term runs through Jan. 19, 2025. He will also serve as the secretary to the Social Security Board of Trustees.

A lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Black served in the Army for nearly 30 years, as both an enlisted soldier and an officer, and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Prior to his nomination, he served as the White House senior adviser for Social Security.

Black was previously general counsel for Social Security. He also worked with the U.S. Department of Education as the deputy assistant secretary in the Office for Civil Rights.

The Social Security Administration has a national workforce of about 63,000 employees and 1,500 facilities across the country and around the world.

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Neil Fulton was appointed dean of the University of South Dakota Law School. Daniel Schally was appointed a judge on the Juneau Superior Court in Alaska. Tina Smith was named senior vice president and chief human resources officer at Thrivent in Minneapolis. She has been with the company since 2007.

Elizabeth J. Fowler joined the Commonwealth Fund as executive vice president for programs. Before joining the fund, Fowler served as vice president for global health policy at Johnson & Johnson. In addition to her law degree, she has a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Christopher W. Fowles, a partner at Barnes & Thornburg in Minneapolis, was recognized by Minnesota Lawyer as a 2019 Diversity and Inclusion Award honoree.

Susan Franck published a new book entitled Arbitration Costs, which integrates psychology insights into debates about international investment law and dispute settlement through arbitration. Franck is a professor of law at American University Washington College of Law.

Robert Joseph Heinrich, a shareholder in the banking and finance practice at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren’s Milwaukee office, was named to the 2020 Best Lawyers in America list.

Linda D. Kennedy joined Panagos Kennedy in Troy, Michigan, as a named partner.

Liwanag Ojala was recognized as one of 2019’s Most Admired CEOs by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal for her work at CaringBridge.

Amy Seidel, a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis, received a 2019 Women in Business Award from Chambers USA.

Joey Chbeir joined Baker Donelson as of counsel at the firm’s Birmingham, Alabama, office.

J.B. Simko was promoted to vice president of external affairs at Philip Morris International’s Washington, D.C., office.

Jenny Starr was appointed chief administrative law judge at Minnesota’s Office of Administrative Hearings.

Heather Esau Zerger joined Stinson as a partner in its Wichita, Kansas, office.

Beth A. Gliedman was elected a shareholder at Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis.

James Park joined Greenberg Traurig’s Minneapolis office as a shareholder in its restructuring and bankruptcy practice.

Roshan N. Rajkumar was recognized by Minnesota Lawyer as a 2019 Diversity and Inclusion Award honoree. He is co-managing partner of Bowman & Brooke in Minneapolis.

Ryan Vandewiele was promoted to vice president, general counsel at Hubbard Broadcasting in St. Paul.

Amy Jerdee was named president of St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee, Minnesota.

Christopher Polking was appointed a district court judge for Iowa’s Judicial District 2B.

Jérémy Duret, LL.M., was promoted to partner at CMS Francis Lefebvre Avocats in Lyon, France.


Ramón E. Martínez, LL.M., was appointed minister of commerce and industries for Panama.

Jessica Servais joined Lockridge Grindal Nauen in Minneapolis as an associate in its complex litigation practice.

Court Anderson, a litigation associate at Henson Efron in Minneapolis, was named a 2020 Minnesota Rising Star.

Samuel Glover co-authored The Small Firm Roadmap with Marshall Lichty ’02, Aaron Street ’04, and Stephen A. Everett.

Stacy Lashinski was promoted to chief operating officer at RE/MAX Results in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Kathryn R. Weber was promoted to senior attorney at Scott D. Pollock & Associates in Chicago.

Anne Behrendt was named chief executive officer for Doran Companies in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Jaime Driggs, a shareholder at Henson Efron in Minneapolis, was named a 2020 Minnesota Super Lawyer.

Aaron C. Street co-authored The Small Firm Roadmap with Marshall Lichty ’02, Sam Glover ’03, and Stephen A. Everett.

Nicole Blissenbach was appointed assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for enforcement and compliance strategies and partnerships.

Kristy Peters was named one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona by AzBusiness magazine.

Jessica Hutson Polakowski, a shareholder of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Madison, Wisconsin, was named one of Madison’s “40 Under 40” by In Business magazine.

Oscar Suarez was promoted to partner at Halloran Sage in Hartford, Connecticut.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Flanagan, a principal in the Twin Cities office of Fish & Richardson, was named to the 2019 Top 250 Women in Litigation list by Benchmark Litigation.

Lisa von Biela published her 10th title, Scorched Earth, a climate change thriller. The book takes place in the year 2032, after a record-breaking drought grips the nation.

Michael Howard opened his own practice, Pruvent, in Minneapolis.
Jenny Starr ’99 appointed chief administrative law judge at Minnesota’s Office of Administrative Hearings

Starr previously served as assistant commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Revenue. At the DOR, she was responsible for its Corporate Franchise Tax, Sales and Use, Special Taxes, Criminal Investigations, and Collection Divisions. She joined the DOR in 2007, serving as an attorney in its legal services division prior to her appointment as assistant commissioner.

Prior to joining the DOR, Starr provided free legal services to low-income families at Legal Assistance of Dakota County and clerked at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She has also taught as an adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and clerked at Bet Tzedek Legal Services and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

Shannon Jankowski ’17 named first E.W. Scripps fellow for press freedom

The two-year fellowship, awarded by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, was established through the support of the E.W. Scripps Company. The fellowship focuses on supporting local enterprise and investigative journalism, including bolstering access to public records and encouraging greater government transparency.

Before joining the Reporters Committee, Jankowski was an associate attorney at Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis, where her practice included representing clients in defamation, right of publicity, copyright, and trademark litigation, as well as assisting journalists and news organizations in obtaining access to government and judicial records.
Recent Gifts

GIFTS OF $100,000+

John F. ’87 and Mary Beth Hartmann have made an additional gift to the John F. Hartmann Scholarship. John is a senior partner in the litigation practice group at Kirkland & Ellis, where he focuses on shareholder, professional liability, and business litigation matters, as well as regulatory enforcement proceedings and corporate internal investigations. John and Mary Beth’s gift will support Minnesota Law students with financial need and academic promise.

Gary J. ’74 and Barbara R. Haugen made an additional gift to the Law School Class of 1974 Scholarship in honor of Gary’s 45th class reunion. Gary is of counsel and a former partner at Maslon, practicing litigation of insurance-related disputes, product liability, mass tort, and professional liability claims. Gary and Barbara’s gift will benefit and enhance resources for new Law School students with academic promise.

Vance K. Opperman ’69 made an additional gift to the Law School Class of 1969 Scholarship Funds. Vance challenged his peers in the class of 1969 by promising to match gifts made in honor of their 50th reunion. Vance currently serves on TCF Bank’s board of directors and as the chief executive officer at Key Investments. Vance’s gift will support Minnesota Law students with academic promise.

Joseph P. ’67 and Carol Z. Sullivan made a gift to support the Law School’s greatest needs. Throughout his career, Joe has worked in various roles, including time as chairman of the RAND Health Board of Advisors, as an investment banker with Goldman Sachs & Co., and as chairman and CEO of Protocare. Joe and Carol’s gift will help secure and advance the Law School’s standing as a leader in legal education.

GIFTS OF $25,000–$99,999

Katherine J. Conover

Robert ’91 and Carolyn Goedken

Ann R. McClurg

Vice President Walter F. Mondale ’56

TESTAMENTARY BEQUESTS

Michael T. ’79 and Jane Nilan

Wanda Y. Wilson ’79
Tributes

RET. GEN. CHESTER TAYLOR JR. ’52 DIES AT 90

Retired Brigadier General (USAF) Chester David Taylor Jr. ’52 passed away March 20. General Taylor was born on May 21, 1928 in South St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated from that high school. He attended the University of Minnesota for both undergraduate and law school. After graduating law school in 1952, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps. He was on active duty from 1952 to 1981. He spent tours of duty in both Germany and the Philippine Islands. In the Philippines his office was responsible for the legal affairs of all American citizens living in the Islands. Upon returning to the United States, he obtained an MBA from Indiana University.

He served at a military legal post in Ohio and Illinois, and later moved with his family to California, where he designed and developed the POW/MIA Relief Act of 1972, signed into law by Ronald Reagan. As a brigadier general he was staff judge advocate for the Air Force Systems Command, responsible for the legal support of AF research, development, and other legal activities worldwide. Upon retiring from the USAF in 1981 he joined the law firm of Hogan and Hartson in Washington, D.C., where he practiced law in government contracts. He retired in Virginia, where he was active in numerous civic groups, volunteer activities, and engaged in farming.

DONALD M. FRASER ’48, FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR, DIES AT 95

Donald M. Fraser ’48, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1963 to 1979 and as mayor of Minneapolis from 1980 to 1994, died at his Minneapolis home on June 2, aged 95. He was the son of Everett Fraser, the Law School’s third dean, and was a generous Law School benefactor throughout his life. Born in Minneapolis, Don Fraser attended the University of Minnesota as an undergraduate and served as a radar officer in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, he returned to the University to earn his law degree. As a young lawyer in practice, he became active in Minnesota’s Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, working on a number of campaigns until deciding, in 1954, to run for the Minnesota Senate. He served in that body for seven years before being elected to the first of his eight consecutive terms in the U.S. House. His tenure as a congressman was marked by his strong opposition to the Vietnam War, his support for human rights and the environment, and his leading role in exposing the so-called Koreagate bribery scandal.

Having left the House for an unsuccessful campaign for Hubert H. Humphrey’s former U.S. Senate seat, Fraser moved back to Minneapolis and ran successfully for mayor.

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(his four consecutive terms in that office still constitute the longest mayoral tenure in the city’s history). Former police chief Tony Bouza, whom Fraser brought in from New York City to help de-politicize Minneapolis law enforcement, told Fraser biographer Iric Nathanson he found Fraser “thoughtful, decent, intelligent, tough. He’s everything you would want in a mayor. He’s absolutely wonderful.”

In retirement, Fraser maintained his advocacy for such causes as universal preschool, environmental protection, and human rights. Well into their 80s, he and his wife of nearly seven decades, Arvonne Fraser, continued to explore the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness with their children and grandchildren. Arvonne, a women’s rights pioneer and a liberal political force in her own right, passed away in August 2018 at 92.

“Don Fraser’s more than 40 years of public service and dedication to advancing human rights serve as an inspiration to us all,” said Dean Garry W. Jenkins. “His integrity, commitment to justice, and leadership represent the hallmarks of a Minnesota Law education. We are saddened to hear of his death, but we are thankful for his legacy and many contributions to our city, state, and nation.”

PUBLIC SERVANT, BUSINESSMAN, UNIVERSITY REGENT: JOHN YNGVE ’49 DIES AT 94

John Yngve ’49, a lawyer, entrepreneur, lifelong public servant, and former member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, passed away May 21 at the age of 94.

Yngve grew up in the Minneapolis suburb of St. Louis Park, tending chickens on his parents’ property while they ran the family law firm, Yngve & Yngve. In 1943 he enlisted in the Army Air Force, and when the war was over he entered the Law School. During his early years of legal practice, he also followed his entrepreneurial bent, opening a drive-in restaurant which he helped operate for six years.

His lifelong interest in public service and politics also took hold in the 1950s. Over the years, he served on the planning commission and city council of Plymouth, Minnesota; was elected to a seat in the Minnesota House, where he was part of a group of reform-minded Republicans known as the “Young Turks” (among the reforms Yngve championed: the founding of the Metropolitan Council and the decriminalization of mental illness); chaired the first Metropolitan Transit Commission; and served as a member of Gov. Arne Carlson’s cabinet.

Yngve’s notable achievements in business included serving as president of Nortronics in Golden Valley, a manufacturer of tape heads whose clients included NASA; as chair of Minnesota Technology Inc. and Bondhus Corp.; and as a board member of the American Electronics Association.

While a member of the University Board of Regents during the Vietnam War era, Yngve worked to limit Minneapolis police and National Guard involvement with student antiwar protests. He also served with the University of Minnesota Foundation and was a generous donor to the Law School.

Throughout his life and career, Yngve was known for being frank yet courteous, pragmatic yet optimistic. “He was always looking toward the future,” his son Rolf told the Minneapolis Star Tribune. “He was a proponent of new ideas, invention, taking risks, and trying out new things to see if they could make the future better.”
In Memoriam

CLASS OF 1941
Robert G. King
May 16, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1948
Richard W. Anderson
June 1, 2019
Hopkins, Minnesota

Donald M. Fraser
June 2, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1949
John A. Yngve
May 21, 2019
Golden Valley, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1950
John R. Carroll
February 23, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1951
Page F. Moulton
July 7, 2019
Montrose, California

CLASS OF 1952
Alfred R. Appelgren
August 18, 2019
Chandler, Arizona

Robert P. Larkin
July 14, 2019
Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico

Leroy A. Loder
April 21, 2019
Oro Valley, Arizona

Richard H. Magnuson
March 16, 2019
St. Paul, Minnesota

Chester D. Taylor Jr.
March 20, 2019
Purcellville, Virginia

CLASS OF 1954
Daniel H. Mundt
September 2, 2019
Duluth, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1957
Richard J. Oldfield
May 31, 2019
Menomonie, Wisconsin

Milton Sidley
June 21, 2019
Los Angeles, California

CLASS OF 1958
Alden H. Gjervre
April 11, 2019
Blaine, Minnesota

Thomas G. Lockhart
April 26, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1959
Arland D. Brusven
March 24, 2019
Andover, Minnesota

William J. Yaeger
August 2, 2019
Naples, Florida

CLASS OF 1960
Melvin L. Burstein
August 13, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1961
Byron D. Olsen
July 9, 2019
St. Paul, Minnesota

Stewart R. Perry
April 4, 2019
Hopkins, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1962
Augustus W. Clapp III
August 18, 2019
Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1964
Alan G. Greenberg
August 5, 2019
Minnetonka, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1965
John M. Gerenz
March 9, 2019
St. Paul, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1966
Charles B. Faegre
May 26, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

John R. Lemke
July 13, 2019
Salt Lake City, Utah

CLASS OF 1967
Donald P. Norwich
May 29, 2019
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1970
Richard J. Sands
July 29, 2019
Glassboro, New Jersey

CLASS OF 1971
David J. Davenport
July 26, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Joseph W. Ettel
March 18, 2019
Carmel-by-the-Sea, California

CLASS OF 1973
Charles K. Kulas
May 10, 2019
Rochester, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1979
Maureen W. Bellis
June 2, 2019
St. Paul, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1992
Drew D. Hagquist
June 25, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota
REUNION CLASS GIVING

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 REUNION CUP CHALLENGE WINNERS

GENEROSITY CUP
Awarded to the class that raises the most funds for the Law School in celebration of their reunion

1969
$1,246M

PARTICIPATION CUP
Awarded to the class that has the highest percentage of classmates contributing to their Class Gift

1969
53.2%

ATTENDANCE CUP
Awarded to the class that has the highest percentage of classmates attending their reunion

1969
41.8%

Ahmed Abdulla Al Saey
Marwa Awara*
Yilhwa Baek*
Zahra Bahmani*
Jordan Barnett*
Anna Barton*
Austin Benner
Jiang Bian
Kathryn Bjorklund
Tash Bottum
Evan Brown
Rushna Burney
Amy Byrne*
Clayton Carlson*
Allison Chadwick*
Ruoyin Chen
Szu-Miao Chen
Christopher Conway*
Kevin Cunningham
Ahmed Dabash
Kathy Dawe*
Davaanyam Demberel
Enes Demirel*
Sarah DeWitt**
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Maya Digre*
Jordan Dritz*
Robert Dube Jr*
Peter Economou
Alexa Ely
Thomas Eschenroeder*
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Mariah Gatzow
Christie Geter
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Robert Hahn*
Isak Hawkinson
Kayla Hoel*
Zachary Hofeld*
Brandy Hough*
Ellen Hunt*
Inseok Jeong
Lindsay Jones
Fatjon Kaja**
Zackary Kaylor
Nicolas Kaylor
Lana Khader
Jack Koepke*
Ludmila Larson
HoJoon Lee
Ellen Levish*
Hang Li
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Xinyi Liu
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Emily McAdam
Matthew McCord
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Khashaa Nadeem
Charles Niemann*
Kelly Nizzari*
Pimpichar Nuansai
William Paterson*
Alanna Pawlowski*
Amber Peterson
Susan Prattis
Melanie Pulles Benson*
Graiciela Quintana
Elise Ramirez
Nicholas Redmond*
Lesley Roe
Silvie Rohr*
Rebecca Rosefelt
Caroline Schmitz*
Maxwell Shek
Hadley Simonett*
David Smith
Katie Sreenan*
Nora Steinhagen
Chin-Yuan Sun
Abby Swanson
Jiunho Tang
Deanna Thompson*
Robert Tunheim*
Anayo John Umeh**
Emma Vosburgh
Jessica Wheeler
Robert Wild*
Julia Wolfe**
Mengtian Wu
Li Xu
Shiyi Xue
Abhishek Kumar Yadav*
Malvika Yadav
Junya Zeng
Xiaoke Zeng
Yu Zhang

* Lockhart GOLD member
+ Class Gift Committee member

55% class participation rate, the highest in Minnesota Law history

$4,036 given to Minnesota Law by the Class of 2019

$3,925 in matching funds from the Alumni & Student Engagement Committee, Dean Garry W. Jenkins, Law Council, and Jones Day

GIFTS SUPPORTED Law School Scholarships, increasing access to Minnesota Law

76% participation rate by LL.M.s, earning them bragging rights for the next year
THANK YOU, PARTNERS AT WORK

Thank you to the 34 firms who supported the University of Minnesota Law School by participating in the 2019 Partners at Work firm giving challenge. 55% of alumni at these firms together donated $363,000* to Minnesota Law. A special thank-you to those firms that finished at the top of each group!

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For a full list of participating firms, visit law.umn.edu/give/partners-work
WHY I GIVE  Toni Halleen ’88

Toni Halleen, co-owner and chief operating officer of Minneapolis law firm Schaefer Halleen, calls herself “a grateful, happy alum.” Last year, she served on the organizing committee for her class’s 30th reunion, and since then she’s taken on a new role: class agent. “We’re ambassadors—enthusiastic people who like to stay in touch with our classmates,” she says. “We’re a team the school can rely on to be cheerleaders and communicators for our class.”

When it comes to supporting the Law School financially, Halleen, a leading Twin Cities practitioner of employment law, has recently committed to give $2,000 annually for five consecutive years. “It’s a way to give what I think is a significant amount, but make it more manageable,” she says. “And it’s a way to stretch out the pleasure of giving.”

Hometown: “My dad’s a minister, so we moved around—Chicago, Detroit, Pasadena. But I was born in Minneapolis, my relatives were here, and I chose the Law School to make it my hometown.

Current Home: St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Giving: Lockhart Club member

What You Won’t Find on Her Resume: Performs standup comedy and teaches improv to lawyers. Loves ballroom dancing. Really loves knitting—“but I have to be careful, because I’ve injured myself from knitting so much.”

Advice to First-Year Students: “Be open to tweaks and changes in what you thought you were going to do with your law career. And no matter what brought you to law school, trust that what you bring to it will shape your path.”
WAYS TO GIVE
There are many ways to give back to the University of Minnesota Law School. For more information, visit www.law.umn.edu/giving. Or send your gift directly to the University of Minnesota Foundation, P.O. Box 860266, Minneapolis, MN 55486-0266, noting “Law School” in the memo line.

ANNUAL FUND
Student scholarships, clinics, and faculty support are just a few areas that benefit from annual gifts made to the Law School. By making your annual gift to Minnesota Law, you create opportunities for talented people and the communities they serve.

To make a gift, visit give.umn.edu/lawschool
On October 22, students celebrated the power of philanthropy and its impact on the Law School during Minnesota Law’s fourth annual Gopher Gratitude Day. Students wrote thank-you notes to donors, shared messages of gratitude in a photo booth, and participated in interactive activities that highlighted the many ways students benefit every day thanks to philanthropy. Whether through supporting scholarships, exceptional faculty, or experiential learning opportunities, donor support makes a real difference at the Law School.

“Your generous support means that Minnesota Law is able to continue its tradition as a leader in legal education. Thank you for your investment in a new generation of lawyer-leaders like me.”
—Marisa Tillman ’21