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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS
In the Spring 2012 issue’s summary of TORT’s 10th anniversary (p. 41), Professor Judith T. Younger was inadvertently omitted from the faculty who participated in the first production in 2003. Younger has appeared in every production since TORT’s inception and is its faculty advisor.

In the alumni profiles (p. 45), Michelle Horovitz ('05) was erroneously described as a swimming instructor. She is a certified spinning instructor.
Over the past four years, law schools have had something of an Alice in Wonderland experience with student applications. In the first two years following the 2008 recession, law school applications shot up, about 14% nationally and 39% at the Law School. Many students saw continued education as a way to ride out the recession while preparing for a rewarding career. But rising costs, continued difficulties with placement of recent graduates, and a torrent of negative publicity have reversed the trend. Over the past two years, applications have fallen 22% nationally and nearly 17% at the Law School. First-time LSAT-takers are down this year, so applications are likely to fall again in the next cycle.

Like most law schools, we have responded by significantly shrinking the size of this year’s entering class, in our case to 205 students (down from 246 last year). With a median LSAT score of 167 and a median GPA of 3.8, the entering class is as strong academically as any we’ve ever admitted. And it is the most diverse class in the Law School’s history.

As vexing as these enrollment fluctuations may seem, the Law School has weathered much worse. Former Dean Everett Fraser, whose long tenure included the World War II years, saw the 1939 fall enrollment of almost 350 students drop to around 60 in 1943, and the numbers fell no further only because there were no more students eligible for the military. The end of the war and return of American soldiers brought even bigger changes. In 1946 fall enrollment shot up to 600, and by 1948 it had peaked at 800.

In comparison, today’s enrollment vacillations are mild, but they cannot be ignored. Reducing class size means reducing revenue. Accordingly we, and other law schools, will likely feel compelled to increase class size again next year.

We’re meeting the still shifting and uncertain legal economy with redoubled efforts to prepare our students to compete effectively. In this issue, you’ll find descriptions of a new concentration, a new mentorship and other programs, symposiums, lectures, and other activities to ensure that our students get the best education for today’s marketplace. You’ll also find stories of the exceptional work and accomplishments around the world by our faculty, students, and alumni (see page 16 about a recent grad’s work in Timor–Leste).

Our base of alumni and friends, like our curriculum, is broader and stronger than ever. Recent generous donations by the Robina Foundation, Fred ’76 and Renee Pritzker, Lynn ’61 and Carol Truesdell and others (pages 14-15) support not only our current students and faculty but the future of the Law School.

Unlike Alice, law schools cannot just swallow a potion to grow larger, a cake to grow smaller, or a mushroom to become just the right size. Until we reach a new national equilibrium between the number of law graduates and the number of good law jobs, applications and class size will continue to fluctuate. But with your support, we can carry on our tradition of admitting and educating great lawyers and building on our strengths.

As always, I welcome your feedback and wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

David Wippman
Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law
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NEW CONCENTRATION IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY LAW

THIS FALL THE LAW SCHOOL added the Intellectual Property (IP) and Technology Law Concentration, the eighth in its program of concentrations building on and complementing the standard curriculum through interdisciplinary partnerships with other University programs.

Faculty Chair Professor William McGeveran and Professors Tom Cotter, Daniel Gifford, and Ruth Ogediji teach the core IP and technology concentration courses, and Professors Stephen Cribari, Ralph Hall, Jane Kirtley, Amy Sanders, and Michael Hannon teach required and recommended courses. Joining them as adjunct professors are top lawyers who bring their specialized expertise to the classroom and provide mentoring and networking opportunities.

From the core IP doctrines—patent, copyright, trademark, and unfair competition—to complementary legal topics including international IP, privacy law, food and drug law, biotechnology, and neuroscience, students receive the preparation they need to practice in a wide range of areas in these fields. In addition to an extensive list of approved elective courses, they can choose among specialized courses throughout the university in areas such as science, public policy, business, and computer science.

In addition, students can arrange one-to-one independent research and writing projects with faculty members specializing in IP and technology law, join the Intellectual Property Moot Court team to experience simulated exercises and courtroom competition, work on the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science, & Technology, or write IP and technology law-related articles for other journals.

Internships related to IP and technology policy and law are available with businesses and advocacy, governmental, and international groups, and the Student Intellectual Property Law Association invites speakers to discuss cutting-edge legal and technological issues. Students can further immerse themselves in the fields through seminars, lectures, and other opportunities throughout the University.

Alumni practicing or interested in IP and technology law who would like more information or an opportunity to engage with students pursuing the new concentration are invited to contact Prof. McGeveran at billmcg@umn.edu.
CORPORATE INSTITUTE LAUNCHES TWO NEW PROGRAMS: Mentoring and BizVet

Mentoring Program

The Corporate Institute is recruiting alumni who are experienced business law practitioners or businesspersons to mentor law students interested in business and business law.

The Corporate Institute Mentoring Program is an online application that will help students contact alumni who are willing to help, for example, through informational interviews, answering questions, shadowing, reviewing resumes, leading career discussions, or inviting a student to a bar association event. Most mentoring opportunities are short-term.

All alumni will receive an invitation by email to participate in this exciting new program.

Send any questions to Mary Alton at cimentor@umn.edu.

BizVet Pilot Program

In September 2012 the Law School’s Business Law Clinic, a program component of its Corporate Institute, began BizVet, a pilot program for veterans. The program is geared to returning veterans who are starting businesses or resuming work at existing businesses.

The Minnesota Small Business Development Center refers eligible veterans to the Business Law Clinic, where student and supervising attorneys offer them, pro bono, legal services in setting up or managing their businesses. Typical services include guidance in selecting a new business venture and legal assistance in creating start-up documents, employment agreements, service contracts, and more. The Clinic will work with up to ten clients in the 2012-13 academic year. Administrators will then evaluate the BizVet program to determine guidelines for subsequent years.

The Business Law Clinic was founded in 2001 under the directorship of Professor Mary Alton, who also serves as program director and clinical faculty at the Corporate Institute. She has overseen legal representation of more than 200 clients by Clinic students, who are matched with supervising attorneys from firms, solo practices, and companies across the Twin Cities.
THE LAW SCHOOL HELD its 124th commencement ceremonies on May 12 at Mariucci Arena. Dean David Wippman welcomed special guests University Regent David McMillan ('87), Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Arlene Carney, keynote speaker Senator Al Franken, and friends and family of the Class of 2012. To the graduates, Dean Wippman said that opportunities await, “and we wish you every success on your continuing journey.”

The 2012 Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for Excellence in Education, established by family and friends to honor the commercial-law scholar and 40-year faculty member, were presented to Daniel Schwarcz, Overall Teacher of the Year; George Jackson, Special/Library Teacher of the Year; Stephen Simon ('71), Clinical Teacher of the Year; and Jon Hopeman ('76), Adjunct Teacher of the Year. Student award winners selected by their classmates for outstanding contributions inside and outside the classroom were Sanjiv Laud, who received the Outstanding Contribution Award, and Anne Fuchs, who received the Excellence in Public Service Award. The William B. Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service winner, selected by a faculty committee, was J. Bradley Emmons. Many student honors and awards for participation in journals, moot courts, and other activities were presented at a special ceremony and reception on May 11.

Fuchs and Jenna Cieslak, co-chairs of the Graduation Committee, announced the Class of 2012 class gift: a pledge to contribute financially to the Law School for the next five years. In honor of the class members’ generosity, the Office of Advancement contributed funds to a public interest postgraduate fellowship for a Class of 2012 graduate and to an update of the Law School’s Lucille Dondore Lounge.

Amr Jaghoub of Qatar was chosen by his LL.M. classmates to deliver the class graduation address and described how “we all found that we shared a level of mutual respect that soon developed into friendship.” Matthew J.M. Pelikan delivered the J.D. class graduation address and summarized his understanding of what it means to be a lawyer after “three years of instruction from some truly great faculty on the topic.”

Commencement speaker Senator Al Franken began by comparing graduates’ entrance into the legal workplace with his first days in the Senate, assigned to the Judiciary Committee just as confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor were about to begin.
To prepare, he said, he spent hours talking with Law School faculty, and among the lessons he learned about law was that it isn’t finished. “Americans have been trying to ‘establish justice’ ever since those words were written in the Preamble to the Constitution,” Franken said. “Each generation does its part to move that project forward. Now it’s your turn.”

Law has to change as the world changes, Franken said, citing privacy law as an example: “Technology has changed the playing field when it comes to privacy.” Many issues need to be addressed to establish justice, and they await people like the Class of 2012, “people who see law’s imperfections as challenges to be overcome.” The law will never be finished but, Franken told graduates, “Your job is to build upon the foundation laid centuries ago and leave it a little better for the next generation.”

Regent McMillan conferred their degrees on the J.D. and LL.M. graduates, who had selected Professors Ann Burkhart and Dale Carpenter and Director of International and Graduate Programs Khary Hornsby to present their diplomas. The commencement ceremonies concluded with singing of “Hail, Minnesota!” led by Kayleigh Brown (’13), Eleanor Frisch (’14), Meredith Leake (’14), David Pascoe (’14), and Kirsten Selvig (’14), with accompaniment by the St. Anthony Brass Quintet. A reception in honor of the Class of 2012 followed the ceremonies.
THE FOUR-DAY orientation program for the University of Minnesota Law School Class of 2015 got under way August 28, 2012, with welcoming remarks from Assistant Dean of Students Erin Keyes ('00), Law Council President Alexis Reller ('13), Director of Admissions Nick Wallace ('05), and Dean David Wippman.

Dean Wippman undertook addressing the unspoken questions on many students’ minds: What am I doing here and what does it take to succeed? “You are here because you are a gifted student and in various ways have demonstrated the potential to become an outstanding lawyer,” he said. “The same qualities that brought you here, intelligence, hard work, an openness to new ways of thinking, a willingness to undergo the mysterious transformation from student to lawyer,” will lead to your success.

“When it seems like all those around you are speaking a foreign language,” don’t assume others are less confused, he continued. “Be careful of assumptions. Read critically. Think critically. Have confidence in yourself and your own interpretations.” The answers are often not a question of right versus wrong but rather of presenting your thoughts more or less persuasively, he said. “You will learn what you need to know.”

Class fast facts
This year’s student body is made up of 205 J.D. candidates, 13 international exchange students from five countries, 47 LL.M. students from 18 countries, and 14 Humphrey Fellows from around the world.

The J.D. candidates come from 36 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and from 7 foreign countries, and 7% of them already have advanced degrees. Among the aspiring lawyers are actors, authors, entrepreneurs, musicians, veterans, an All-American swimmer, a national fencing champion, a screenwriter, and an Olympic weightlifter. The LL.M. class is made up of 25 men and 22 women, with China (11 students) and South Korea (8 students) represented most frequently. All LL.M. students have completed a law degree in their home country: Two are judges, another is a chief judge, and one is a Fulbright scholar. Also included in their diverse backgrounds are graphic design, journalism, real estate development, and sports café ownership.

Bearmon lecture
The Lee and Barbara Bearmon Lecture on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility is presented during orientation to introduce awareness and interest in these issues at the earliest point in students’ legal careers. It is sponsored by Barbara and Lee (’56) Bearmon, a Carlson Company executive for 40 years, through an endowed fund.

The 2012 Bearmon lecturer was Roshan N. Rajkumar (’00), a partner at Bowman and Brooke and a Law School adjunct professor teaching Law in Practice. He recounted asking his mother how she would define ethics. “If you do something that makes me frown or shake my finger at you, you’ve made a bad ethical choice,” she told Rajkumar, who commented that asking yourself “What would mom and dad say?” is a good guideline.

In the legal and larger community, ethical and professional behavior can be seen in the respect you receive and show others, Rajkumar said. You’ve decided to be a leader by seeking a law degree, he told the 1Ls. Let the experts at the Law School teach you how to do it respectfully, ethically, and professionally. He offered five general strategies for success at the Law School and beyond:

• Grades aren’t everything but they matter, so work hard. If you “give it your all” in classwork, “that’s all anyone can ask. You’re successful.”

• Remember who you are. “What you bring to the table at the Law School is how you got here,” so find opportunities to build on your strengths and evolve.

• Become part of the Law School community. You can “lose yourself in gunning to be best” and miss out on valuable connections and learning opportunities.

• Practice humility. Be a team player, accept responsibility for mistakes as well as accomplishments. Clients and students coming up behind you face the same challenges you did and deserve your respect.

• Learn self-awareness. Know what you do well and “surround yourself with resources” to help in areas of weakness.

Rajkumar closed with the reminder: “You’re starting a journey at one of the best law schools in the country to become some of the best attorneys in the country.” Ethical decision-making and professional responsibility will accompany you at every step.

Prepared to launch
During orientation, students learned about the Law Library, the Career Center, degree programs, student activities, and many more features and resources. Social events provided opportunities to become acquainted with faculty, staff, and each other.
ON OCTOBER 4, 2012, the Law School’s Journal of Law and Inequality held its annual symposium, entitled “‘Children are Different’: Culpability and Mandatory Sentencing of Juveniles Under Miller v. Alabama and Jackson v. Hobbs.” The symposium provided an extensive, fruitful, and necessary discussion on the unknown future of juvenile sentencing.

In the past six years, the U.S. Supreme Court has begun explicitly acknowledging juveniles’ reduced culpability. The Court’s treatment of juvenile sentencing began with Roper v. Simmons in 2005, which abolished the death penalty for juveniles. Next, in 2010, in Graham v. Florida, it held that life sentences without the possibility of parole for juveniles convicted of crimes other than murder constituted cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment. And late in the summer of 2012, the Court decided Miller v. Alabama and Jackson v. Hobbs, which held that mandatory sentences of life without parole for juveniles convicted of murder were unconstitutional under the Eighth Amendment.

Abolishing a scheme of sentencing has left the country in a state of uncertainty. It is through this lens that Law and Inequality fostered discussions by four panels, each with a main presenter and two responders, on the Court’s reasoning, practical implications of the decisions, and solutions for state legislatures.

Professor Elizabeth Scott of Columbia Law School gave the keynote address and offered her insight into the seemingly narrow holding of Miller/Jackson. As an oft-cited scholar of the Supreme Court, Professor Scott outlined areas in which the holding may have broader effects.

Law School Professor Barry Feld (’69) led a panel on the reasoning in Roper, Graham, and Miller/Jackson as a background to a proposed solution known as “youth discount,” reduced sentences based on an offender’s age in recognition of reduced capability, which he frequently advocates to state legislatures.

Professor Stephen Morse of the Center for Neuroscience and Society at the University of Pennsylvania Law School led a panel on neuroscience and its premature application in legal analysis.

Criminology Professor Michael Leiber and doctoral candidate Jennifer Peck of the University of South Florida presented a panel on the racial implications of Miller/Jackson and, more broadly, the racial implications of deep-end juvenile sentencing.

Marsha Levick and Robert Schwartz, co-founders the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia, provided insight into the practical implications of the Miller/Jackson decision, as well as some guidance for prosecutors and defense attorneys.

The Graduate and Professional Schools Assembly and the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, along with Law and Inequality, co-sponsored the symposium.

Each panel is publishing an article in the Law and Inequality symposium edition of Volume 31, which will be available in spring 2013. Please visit www.law.umn.edu/lawineq/symposiummain/october-2012.html for a video of the symposium.

By Jamie Buskirk (’13), lead associate editor
AWARDS AND OFFICES

Dana Bartocci, the Career Center’s employer relations and alumni advisor, was elected the 2012-13 president of Minnesota Women Lawyers (MWL) in May. She has served the association as treasurer (2009–12), board of directors member (2007–08), and co-chair of the Community Action Committee (2003–07).

She says the theme of her presidency, “creating connections,” is an MWL founding principle and an important goal for all attorneys. “By creating connections we can work together to promote Minnesota Women Lawyers’ mission: To advance the success of women in the legal profession and strive for a just society.”

Bartocci joined the Career Center in 2009. She also has served the Law School as special assistant to the dean and a career counselor (2004–06).

Assistant Dean of Students Erin Keyes (’00) received the 20 Under 40 Award from Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBFW), a new award in 2012 that recognizes young lawyers for encouragement and support of students in pursuing their dreams. Keyes helped organize the Summer Legal Institute at the Law School, which introduces high school students to the legal profession and its opportunities and is part of JTBFW’s Pipeline Programming to support diverse young students in pursuing higher education. She works one-on-one with students to meet their learning challenges, offer academic and personal counseling, and facilitate their access to a range of support resources; directs the Law School’s Student Services division; and has been an active member and chair of the Law School’s Diversity Committee.

Keyes and other recipients of the 20 Under 40 Award were honored Sept. 20 at JTBFW’s 20th anniversary celebration and conference, “Reaching Back, Lifting Up 2012,” at Northwestern University School of Law.

In April Career Counselor Vic Massaglia was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), a nonprofit group working to improve career planning, recruitment, retention, and professional development. The 13-member board is the organization’s governing body. “I am very honored and privileged to represent the Law School,” Massaglia says. “I’m pleased to have the opportunity to interact with and assist my colleagues nationwide in helping their students and attorneys reach their career and professional-development goals.”

Massaglia has served on NALP’s Technology Advisory Group (2010–11), as a Regional Coordinator (2009–10), as a member of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee (2008–09), and as vice-chair of the Newer Professionals Section (2008–09).

Before joining the Career Center in 2005, he worked in career development at the University of St. Thomas.

Sarah Yates, the Law Library’s Foreign Law and Rare Books Cataloger, won the 2012 Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) for her 2011 (Vol. 103) article, “Black’s Law Dictionary: The Making of an American Standard.” The award honors outstanding achievement in research and writing in an original article published in the Law Library Journal, as judged by the journal’s editor and a journal/AALL awards subcommittee. In her article, Yates examines the history and creation of Henry Campbell Black’s dictionary, first published in 1891, and its evolution into the most widely used law dictionary in the United States today.

NEW STAFF

Tom Boyle joined the Dean’s Office as a principal office & administrative assistant in October. Most recently he has been working on his M.A. in semiotics at the University of Tartu, Estonia, and doing freelance writing and editing. Previously he was an executive office and administrative assistant in the University’s Department of Horticultural Science and a copy editor for the Minnesota Daily.

Katie Deno joined the Law School in July as a principal office & administrative assistant. She has been a member of the University’s Human Resources Department for the past 10 years, most recently as a disability programs specialist.

Stephanie Enerson joined the Law School clinics in September as a clinics administrative coordinator. Her work focuses on supporting the consumer protection, human rights, misdemeanor, and tax clinics
and the Judicial Trial Skills Training program. Previously, she worked with University Student Legal Services.

**David F. Fisher** joined the Law School as executive director of the Corporate Institute in June 2012. He is of counsel with Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren and has held general counsel, international business counsel, and business executive positions with several Fortune 500 corporations. In addition, he has served in senior government positions with the State of Minnesota and is a former vice chair of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities. In addition to earning a J.D. at Washburn University School of Law, he has completed executive training at Harvard University School of Law and John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Amanda Furst** joined the Career Center this fall as its inaugural public interest coordinator. The position is dedicated to administering the new Public Interest Scholars Program—funded by a generous gift from the Robina Foundation and created to help students who wish to pursue a career in public interest work. Furst, a 2008 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, started her career as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow, where she developed a Medical-Legal Partnership Project. She served as staff attorney in the Employment and Public Benefits Unit, then in the Housing Law Unit, of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services in New Orleans. Most recently, she was a career advisor at Hamline University School of Law. She has also volunteered at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, HOME Line, and Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance.

**Jenna Hubbard** joined the Law School in September as a faculty administrative assistant. Previously she was an event coordinator for the University of Minnesota China Center and a legal assistant and office manager at a law firm in Wisconsin.

**Michael Tompos**, the new director of advancement, assumed his responsibilities on November 5, 2012. He will oversee efforts to raise money to support the Law School and special activities to engage its 12,000 alumni and will work with the cabinet of the GENERATIONS campaign to meet its $70 million goal. Most recently the director of major and planned giving at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., Tompos also served as director and development officer of Carlton’s 50th reunion programs. Previously, he was director of development at the College of Wooster in Ohio, director of planned giving and special gifts at Lawrence University in Wisconsin, associate director of major gifts at Union College in New York state, and director of alumni relations and annual giving at New York University. He received his B.A. in English from Carleton College.

**Jean Wells** joined the Law School clinics this past summer and was hired full time in September as a clinics administrative coordinator.
Her work focuses on the civil practice, child advocacy, Indian child welfare, and immigration clinics and the McGee Civil Rights Moot Court.

**PROMOTIONS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS**

**Evan Johnson**

was promoted to assistant director of alumni relations and annual giving. He joined the Advancement Office in 2007 as a program officer and has served as Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Manager since 2010.

**Meghan Schwartz Laffen**

began her new position as appointments committee administrator in the Dean’s Office in June 2012. In her new role, she posts and advertises faculty positions, maintains candidate files, and coordinates on-campus interviews and the fall faculty recruitment conference. She joined the Law School in fall 2009 as a student worker in the Dean’s Office and was hired as a full-time faculty administrative assistant in October 2010 after graduating from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in English.

**Dinah Zebot**

was promoted to the Office of Advancement’s director of alumni relations and annual giving. She joined the Law School as the assistant director in March 2010. Previously she was assistant director of alumni relations at Roosevelt University, Chicago, where she developed programs, annual fund solicitation vehicles, and strategies to engage alumni.

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**LAW SCHOOL HOSTS CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM**

On behalf of the entire University of Minnesota system, the Law School presented its annual “We the People: Constitution Day” program on Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, in the Law School’s Lockhart Hall. This year’s CLE-accredited program, “The U.S. Supreme Court Decision on the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA): Explanations and Consequences,” featured a panel discussion on implications of the ACA for the legal profession. **Professor Stephen F. Befort (’74)**, Associate Dean for Research & Planning, introduced the speakers and moderate the panel discussion.

**Professor Fred L. Morrison** reviewed the U.S. Supreme Court decision and its constitutional consequences.

**Professor Ralph F. Hall** discussed the political landscape, the nature and extent of possible legislative and regulatory changes depending on who wins the upcoming presidential election, and the potential impact on access to devices, drugs, and other medical technologies.

**Professor Mitchell E. Zamoff**, former chief legal officer, UnitedHealthcare and general counsel, UnitedHealth Group, and **Vanessa Laird**, Executive Leadership Fellow, University of Minnesota Center for Integrative Leadership, and former general counsel, Optum, summarized key ACA provisions affecting how health care is provided and paid for, focusing on parts that may be subject to dispute and litigation as full implementation proceeds. They also discussed the shifting roles of lawyers working in health care that may result from the Act and other developments.
EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN LAW LIBRARIES

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES is a broad term used to describe a wide variety of digital technologies that are constantly being created and upgraded. Software programs, digital devices, mobile applications, Web-based tools and services, and social media are among the emerging technologies used to communicate, deliver resources, and enhance services to library patrons. All law libraries, including the University of Minnesota Law Library, are aggressively embracing emerging technologies to remain responsive to evolving research and curricular needs.

Many emerging technologies are first introduced in the private sector to fulfill a need or improve or support services or functions. Libraries, like other organizations, become aware of these tools and explore adapting them to benefit their organization. Researching, evaluating, and implementing the most relevant of these multiple technologies takes time and an ongoing commitment.

In recent years, some law libraries have created an emerging technologies position and hired a tech-savvy, service-oriented individual to focus on this important area. This librarian serves as the point person for implementing technologies to support the research and instructional needs of faculty and students and improve library operations.

The Law Library recently created such a position and recruited Ellen Qualey (see below) from the University of Pennsylvania Law Library to focus on harnessing the potential of new technologies. Soon after arriving, she helped the Law Library adapt an instant messaging program to provide virtual reference service to patrons. Currently she is evaluating various digital instruction technologies, mobile computing, and administrative Web tools to better meet the needs of students and faculty.

The Library also is transitioning more than 60 legal research guides to a cloud-based platform that allows for more functionality and the incorporation of multi-media and other technologies. This new platform provides mobile-friendly access and also makes the research guides ADA compliant for users with limited vision who use computer screen readers.

The Law School’s Educational Technology Department works closely with faculty to adapt digital technologies to enhance teaching. For example, technology staff worked with Professor Steve Simon to research and implement an evidence annotation system in the trial courtrooms. This system allows courtroom participants, using an iPad and interactive whiteboard software, to annotate any document, picture, or map displayed on the courtroom projection screen. Annotations can be displayed on the screen in real time and saved on the courtroom computer as evidence.

Law libraries must have a virtual presence, but that presence must be useful to law students and faculty. The Law Library is committed to using emerging technologies in ways that facilitate and enhance the legal education experience.

By Michael J. Hannon ('98), Associate Director for Library and Educational Technology

ELLEN QUALEY joined the Law School in August 2012 as the Law Library’s new Emerging Technologies Librarian. For the past two years, she served as a reference librarian at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she specialized in legal research instruction and faculty research support.

Qualey completed both her J.D. and her M.A. in library and information studies in 2010 at the University of Wisconsin. During graduate school, she received the 2009 LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship from the American Association of Law Libraries and held positions at the University of Wisconsin Law Library and the University of Wisconsin’s School of Journalism Reading Room. She also worked as a member of the library services/knowledge management team at the Madison office of Quarles & Brady. She completed her B.A. in theater arts and Asian studies at Beloit College. Before entering law school she taught English as a second language in Japan.
Robina Foundation: Public Interest Scholars Program

Thanks to a $3.5 million gift from the Robina Foundation to the Law School’s GENERATIONS campaign, students interested in public service careers will now have a seamless path from admission to full-time employment through the innovative new Public Interest Scholars Program.

Building on the Law School’s long history of public service, the program provides an integrated combination of elements that few, if any, other law schools offer. It will fund scholarships to attract top students committed to public interest work, summer internships to engage those students in public interest projects during law school, year-long post-graduate fellowships to help them launch their careers, and loan repayment assistance to make those careers affordable.

In addition to providing transformative opportunities for interested students, the program will help badly stretched legal services providers better serve their clients and communities.

The generous gift augments the Robina Foundation’s prior support for faculty positions and research, student scholarships, and the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at the Law School.

The Robina Foundation was created by James H. Binger (’41) shortly before his death in 2004 to fund forward-thinking projects and encourage exploration of new ideas and transformative approaches to critical social issues at major institutions.

Doing More With What You Have

When our alumni and friends discuss charitable gifts to the Law School, they often say they wish their gifts could be larger. In truth, there are numerous ways to do more if giving is carefully planned. Some of the most straightforward gift-planning methods are including the Law School in life insurance or retirement plan beneficiary designations or bequests through estate plans. The Law School, together with your own professional advisors, can help you assess your philanthropic goals and determine what, how, and when to give to maximize your philanthropic intent.

We have two recent examples to celebrate. Bill McGinnis (’69) informed the Law School that he substantially increased his existing future commitment to the University of Minnesota and formalized his intent that this very significant gift benefit the Law School specifically. Terry Wade (’76) designated the Law School as a beneficiary of a retirement plan to support scholarships. We are deeply grateful to these and other new members of the 1888 Society, the Law School’s recognition society for planned gift donors.

The Law School’s GENERATIONS campaign reflects the strong connections between generations of alumni, each building on the work of past generations and paving the way for future generations. A top-20 leader among the nation’s law schools, the Law School has long had a reputation of outstanding strengths and opportunities. Now, working together, we can both maintain and improve its reputation, educational opportunities, and impact as a jewel in Minnesota’s crown. Just as we stand on the shoulders of the generations before us, together we can provide the solid foundation to support those who follow.

By Sara Jones (’88), senior major gifts officer, Office of Advancement

Jacob E. Pritzker Disability Law Fund

Fred Pritzker (’76) and Renee Pritzker are surrounded by Golden Gophers, and that’s just the way they like it. More than half of the lawyers they have hired at Pritzker Olsen in Minneapolis are Law School graduates, described by Renee as “bright, capable, enthusiastic lawyers who have served our clients and our firm well.”

Pritzker Olsen represents clients in personal injury and wrongful death claims. Listed in the current edition of The Best Lawyers in America, Fred has won numerous multi-million-dollar settlements and verdicts. Renee, a William Mitchell College of Law alumna, practiced environmental law at Dorsey & Whitney before becoming firm administrator. Both are volunteers with national and local organizations that serve people with disabilities.

In honor of their 27-year-old son, Jacob, who has physical and developmental disabilities, the Pritzkers have created The Jacob E. Pritzker Disability Law Fund. The quasi-endowment fund provides...
stipends for summer internships with the Minnesota Disability Law Center or other hands-on work on disputes regarding the rights of people with disabilities.

The first students to receive stipends are Alex Dyste (’14) and Sandra Pierzchala (’14). Dyste became interested in disability law while researching Americans with Disabilities Act cases. Pierzchala’s focus is on disability policy issues and advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

Fred says, “This is an opportunity that marries our support for the Law School with our desire to serve people with disabilities and to expose law students to this area of the law with the hope that they will be moved to if not practice in that area, at least be much more receptive to the needs of people with disabilities.”

It’s also a perfect marriage for the Law School. “We have made it a priority to help place all of our students and also to get them as much experiential learning as we can,” notes Dean David Wippman. “This kind of gift supports both of those objectives.”

Unrestricted and Scholarship Giving

Lynn Truesdell (’61) and Carol Truesdell’s generosity is rooted in shared values, gratitude, and understanding of nonprofits’ needs. They are dividing their GENERATIONS gift between three-year Law School scholarships, matched by the Robina Foundation’s Scholarship Match Program, and unrestricted funds.

Having supported three daughters through college and graduate school, including two at the University, they understand the power of scholarships. “Commitment to diversity and opportunities for people of all ethnicities and backgrounds has been a consistent underlying value for our charitable contributions and our volunteer work,” Carol explains. “The contribution for the scholarship fund is right on track for our value system.” It is also right on track for the Law School, which Dean David Wippman says has an increasingly diverse student body, in part because of scholarship support.

Longtime nonprofit leaders, the Truesdells also understand the importance of unrestricted gifts, especially as state funding for the Law School declines. Lynn served on the boards of the Milkweed Editions and United Theological Seminary and was a reading and math tutor at Whittier International Elementary School over a period of ten years. He is past president of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Carol was vice president of community relations with The Pillsbury Company Foundation from 1985–90 and a University of Minnesota Foundation trustee from 1994–2000. A co-founder of several nonprofits, she currently serves on the boards of Search Institute and One Village Partners (focused on work in Sierra Leone), and works with Portico Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

Lynn put his J.D. straight to work in 1961 at Bassford Remele, where he practiced civil and appellate litigation and served as a partner and officer until retiring in 1998. He calls his Law School preparation absolutely invaluable and says, “I love the law and have been very grateful to it for not only my day-to-day livelihood but also for my intellectual growth.”

Thanks to the Truesdells’ generous support, a new generation of students gets a chance to study, practice, and love the law.

By Karen K. Hansen, a Twin-Cities based freelance writer and clarinetist

If you already have made a planned gift to the Law School, please let us know so we can thank you, plan for the future, and count your generous gift toward the success of the GENERATIONS campaign.

For assistance in exploring gift-planning options, please contact Director of Trusts & Estates Jane Godfrey (’97) at the University of Minnesota Foundation (godfr044@umn.edu or 612-624–9454) or Sara Jones (’88) at the Law School (shj@umn.edu or 612-626-1888).
WHEN LINDSEY GREISING ('12) arrived at Ba Futuru in Timor-Leste in October 2012, she was, in a way, coming home. She had done research at the human rights and peace-building organization a few years earlier. Now she is back as a full-time, paid staff member, one of 40 employed through grants and donations to help stop human rights violations and abuse by building protection networks for women and children at the community level. Ba Futuru (which means “for the future”) has trained and educated more than 25,000 teachers, community leaders, and children since it was founded in 2004.

Greising’s work is also being supported by the Law School’s new Robina Public Interest Scholars Program. One facet of the program is year-long graduate fellowships to help launch graduates into their public interest careers. Greising was able to personally design her fellowship in partnership with Ba Futuru.

Work to be done
Timor-Leste has a long history of repression and violence: Portuguese colonization for 400 years, Japanese occupation during World War II, and Indonesian occupation from 1975–99. “Unfortunately, the country is still patriarchal and plagued by its violent history, which we’ve seen translated into domestic violence that hinders women’s (and thereby the country’s) advancement,” Greising says.

Her work at Ba Futuru focuses on the Empowering Women and Establishing Grassroots Protection Networks Project (EWP), organized in 2011 to involve local women in developing protection systems, particularly for vulnerable populations in remote and high-conflict locations. Among the EWP’s goals is decreasing impunity for violent crimes against women and children by educating local Timorese on the applicable laws and penalties for their violation specified in the recently approved Penal Code. The project also aims to empower local women by training them in leadership, public speaking, legal frameworks, and access to justice, and to advance local and national policy change by making annual recommendations developed with input from local women.

“Timorese women have borne much of the weight of the country’s trials and yet many of them are eager to take part in moving the country forward,” says Greising, noting that she has worked with “inspiring, bright, hard-working, dedicated and kind girls eager to learn and ready to make an impact if given the opportunity.”

Development of an advocate
Greising grew up in a small town in Colorado, where helping neighbors was the norm. That foundation paired with a desire to see the world sparked an interest that she nurtured as an international studies major at the University of Denver. A visit by Timor-Leste’s then-foreign minister José Ramos-Horta inspired Greising and two friends to seek support from the university, and in a three-week research and volunteer trip, they were introduced to Timor-Leste.

When she completed her B.A. in 2008, she returned to Ba Futuru as a volunteer. Before long she was an employee and, later, a member of its board of directors. But she wanted to do more, to offer meaningful help, a desire that led her to law school.

The summer after her 1L year at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, she interned for the judges at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. She transferred to the Law School in 2010, finding its human rights concentration a perfect fit, and the summer after her 2L year, on an Upper Midwest Human Rights Fellowship, she was a legal research intern for Amnesty International-USA in New York City.

An experience Greising says she’ll never forget was her work at the Law School’s Immigration and Human Rights Law Clinic, as a student attorney as a 2L and a student director as a 3L. In August 2012 she supervised a clinic team that helped an Ethiopian man gain U.S. asylum after suffering years of beatings and torture for his political and ethnic affiliations.

“My experience in the clinic helped combine my passion for working with human rights victims with practical and lasting legal skills,” she says. “I saw how legal skills and knowledge can sincerely assist people in need.” At graduation, she received the Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Director Award for excellence in course and field work and contributions to the clinical community.

Making a lasting difference
By training networks of local women, Ba Futuru hopes to make systems of protection available both locally and across the country, and to provide the education and training the Timorese need to build peaceful communities. “Because I know women truly are the best agents of change, I look forward to helping give Timorese women their voice,” Greising says. She understands that policy change will be challenging but says, “I am not only eager to ensure women’s rights are protected, I am eager to foster a culture that values these amazing women.”

Greising is trained to work in human rights anywhere in the world, but for now she’s right where she wants to be. “It feels incredible to be returning to a place which has had such an impact on shaping my career with skills I know will make a more widespread and lasting impact.”

By Corrine Charais, senior editor and writer
McGee Moot Court Call for Volunteer Judges

Last year more than 140 judges and attorneys volunteered to judge the briefs and oral arguments at the William E. McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Competition. Again, the legal community’s participation is needed to make the 28th annual competition, taking place at the Law School Feb. 21–23, 2013, a success.

The Law School sponsors the national competition to promote interest in civil rights law and develop the oral advocacy and writing skills essential for successful appellate practitioners. Each year between 36 and 40 teams from U.S. law schools enter the competition, named for William E. McGee (’80), a dedicated advocate for the poor and underprivileged and the first African American appointed chief public defender in Minnesota.

To learn more about volunteering as a judge, contact event organizers at mc-mcgee@umn.edu or 612-625-8581.

For more information about the McGee competition, visit www.law.umn.edu/mootcourt/index.html.

In appreciation for their service, participating judges are offered a free continuing legal and judicial education program, which deals with the moot court problem, in advance of the competition.
THE LAW SCHOOL’S Minnesota Law Review hosted its annual symposium, entitled “A More Perfect Union? Democracy in the Age of Ballot Initiatives,” on October 26, 2012. Leading law and political science academics and esteemed federal judges came from around the country to discuss the role of direct democracy in America.

In November Minnesotans voted on two ballot measures aimed at amending the state constitution. To shed more light on those issues, which were the focus of many heated debates in the press and around the state, the symposium explored the implications of making law through the ballot box (but not the policy merits of either amendment). In addressing the complex legal, political, and practical issues associated with ballot initiatives, referenda, and recall elections, panelists raised troubling questions but also many redeeming qualities of direct democracy.

The first panel, “Citizens as Legislators” moderated by Law School Professor Bert Kritzer, featured legal scholars Ethan Leib of Fordham Law and Michael Gilbert of the University of Virginia School of Law as well as noted political scientist Mathew McCubbins from USC. McCubbins delivered results from a study he conducted on whether and to what extent voters are capable of learning about the issues presented by ballot initiatives. Gilbert discussed the methods that judges should use to interpret the results of ballot measures, and Leib laid out the moral duties that citizens should observe in casting votes on ballot measures.

The second panel, “Ballot Campaigns: Politics as Usual?” moderated by Law School Professor William McGeveran, explored ballot campaigns versus candidate campaigns. Provost Elizabeth Garrett of USC and Professor Michael Kang of Emory Law analyzed the unique challenges that direct democracy campaigns pose to campaign finance laws, particularly campaign finance disclosure rules, and Professor Todd Donovan of Western Washington University presented empirical findings on the impacts of ballot initiative campaigns on perceptions of minority groups.

The final panel, “Direct Democracy’s Challenge: Majoritarianism and the Republic” moderated by University of Minnesota Political Science Professor Elizabeth Beaumont, sought to draw larger conclusions about the role of ballot measures in a constitutional democracy. Professor Shaun Bowler of UC Riverside argued that with a goal of expanding popular sovereignty, America should embrace a limited form of direct democracy. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Timothy Tymkovich explained how the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees a “Republican Form of Government,” may be used to limit the results of state ballot measures. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Alex Kozinski argued that more faith should be placed in the political process than in judges when assessing direct democracy as an institution.

A recording of the event is available on the Minnesota Law Review website. Scholarly articles by the panelists will be published in the Minnesota Law Review, Volume 97, Issue 5, scheduled for release in May 2013.

By Tom Pryor (’13), symposium articles editor
ON APRIL 19, 2012, former South African Constitutional Court Justice Richard J. Goldstone presented the John Dewey Lecture, entitled “The Current State of International Criminal Justice.” Goldstone was the first chief prosecutor of the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda (1994–96); on the committee investigating the Iraqi Oil for Food program (2004); and leader of a U.N. fact-finding mission on war crimes in Gaza (2009). The recipient of numerous human rights awards has been a visiting professor at U.S. law schools since retiring from the bench.

When he was appointed to South Africa’s Constitutional Court in 1994, no such area as international criminal justice existed, Goldstone explained. The success of the Nuremberg trials (1945–46) created the expectation of a permanent international criminal court, but “the antagonism of the Soviet Union and China in the intervening years put the whole endeavor to slumber.” It was awakened by upheavals in the former Yugoslavia, and the success of the ad hoc criminal tribunals set up there and in Rwanda by the U.N. Security Council drove the international justice movement forward, he said. When the Statute for the International Criminal Court (ICC) was adopted in 1998, ratification expected to take ten years took four.

Rapid progress has continued, Goldstone said, but the international criminal courts still face problems: They lack power to enforce their orders and cannot succeed without the support of the governments under which they operate. But he is optimistic, noting that these courts have shown that fair trials and removal of impunity for war crimes are possible. “I think the interna-

tional criminal courts have advanced the law in the area of humanitarian law tremendously.”

The John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law honors the American educator, scholar, and philosopher whose concepts relate to a variety of contemporary social, economic, and political issues. Dewey (1859–1952) was a professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota for one year. Funded by a grant from the John Dewey Foundation, the lecture is sponsored by the Law School to provide a forum for significant scholarly contributions to the development of jurisprudence.

Prof. Nancy Cott Delivers Erickson Legal History Lecture

ON OCT. 25, 2012, Nancy F. Cott, Jonathan Trumbull Professor, director of the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, and Pforzheimer Foundation Director of the Schlesinger Library at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, presented the Erickson Legal History Lecture, “Marriage in the Courts.” Cott is the author of path-breaking work in U.S. history on women, gender, the family, feminism, marriage, and citizenship, including Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation (Harvard, 2000).

Cott began her lecture with two points: At the nation’s founding, marriage was seen as fundamental to the political and social order and regulated by the state; and marriage has evolved dramatically over this period. She focused on four transformations in state regulation: interracial marriage, economic support, divorce, and birth control. Legal prohibition of marriage between whites and blacks proliferated after the Civil War, she explained, with 40 states having bans at some period. World War II marked a transformative phase in the intense battle to end discriminatory barriers to marriage, culminating in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Loving v. Virginia, holding that such laws violated the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Equally intense battles marked transformation of marriage regulation in each state, Cott noted. Today’s availability of birth control methods, laws prohibiting sex discrimination in the workplace, and legal changes obligating mutual support from marriage partners have redefined these unions. The modern concept of marriage as a union of equals readily encompasses same-sex marriage, she concluded.

She was not thinking about gay marriage when she began her history of marriage book, Cott said, but her research has led to an important expert role in some prominent cases, including the Proposition 8 case in California and several cases challenging the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

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

- George Washington University of Law Professor Naomi Cahn moderated a discussion on the 2012 decision by the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to adopt a general recommendation on women’s rights in conflict and post-conflict settings led by CEDAW member Zohra Rasek. TJI’s Catherine O’Rourke described women’s participation in decision-making, and Emory University Professor Pamela Scully spoke on Liberia’s plan to address gender-based violence.

- Measuring sexual violence in armed conflict, led by Humphrey School of Public Affairs Professor Dara Cohen. Dr. Amelia Hoover Green of Drexel University discussed collecting and interpreting data, TJI’s Dr. Aisling Swaine explained variations in sexual violence across different conflicts, and Professor Andrew Mack of the University of British Columbia assessed five myths about wartime sexual violence.

- Victim reparations, led by Barbara Frey of the University’s Institute for Global Studies. Kristin Kalla of the International Criminal Court’s (ICC) Trust Fund for Victims described its reparation activities, Professor Ruth Rubio Marin of the European University Institute discussed reparations from a transitional justice viewpoint, Peter Van der Auweraert of the International Organization for Migration in Geneva described implementing reparations for displacement in Timor-Leste, and Harvard anthropologist professor Kimberly Theidon described gendered violence’s aftermath in Peru.

- The complexities and limitations of gendering in conflict, moderated by Law School Professor Jessica Clarke. Professors Helen Kinsella of the University of Wisconsin, Susanne Buckley-Zistel of the University of Marburg, Mark Drumble of Washington and Lee University School of Law, and Neha Jain of the Law School discussed the ICC’s characterization of gender crimes, the Rwandan genocide conviction of Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, imprisonment of Afghan women, and labeling of women as victims.


- Sanction, criminal law, gendered accountability, and recovery strategies, led by Law School Professor Chris Roberts and featuring law professors Valerie Oosterfeld of Western Law, Doris Buss of Carlton University, Johanna Bond of Washington and Lee, and senior fellow Veronica Isala Eragu of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

- Women representatives at the negotiating table, moderated by Professor Haynes and featuring TJI Professor Monica McWilliams, Robin Phillips of the Advocates for Human Rights, and Nahla Valji of U.N. Women.

- The intersection of culture, religion, and context in gendering conflict, moderated by TJI’s Catherine O’Rourke. Professor Siobhan Mullally of University College Cork discussed negotiations in Pakistan, TJI researcher Eilish Rooney described disappearance of agreements in the “long grass,” and Professor Ní Aoláin summarized gendered harm and accountability under the law of occupation.

**Additional events**

Publication of The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women: A Commentary was celebrated. Marsha A. Freeman, a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center and director of the International Women’s Rights Action Watch, is co-editor. Arvonne Fraser, a senior fellow emerita of the Humphrey School, co-founder of its Center on Women and Public Policy, and the first non-lawyer to receive the American Society of International Law’s Prominent Woman in International Law Award, was honored. She helped start the International Women’s Rights Action Watch and served as ambassador to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women.
THREE STUDENTS IN THE 2012 spring semester Estate Planning course wrote such exceptional examinations that “for the first time in all my years of teaching, I gave three A+ grades,” says Professor Robert A. Stein (’61). And that was only part of the distinction Betsy Fruechte (’13), Neal Schanz (’13), and Jason Wagner (’13) earned with their work. They also received letters of congratulations and guidance from former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

Stein, an active member of the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) since 1973 and its president from 2009–11, spent a day in Washington, D.C., during spring semester, helping prepare a video about the ULC. One of the video participants was Justice O’Connor. Noting that to attend the filming he had to cancel a session of his Estate Planning course, which students would have to make up, Stein asked Justice O’Connor if she would send a note to the student with the highest grade at the course’s completion. She said she would.

Back in the classroom, his announcement of a possible letter from Justice O’Connor “was an enormous incentive,” Stein says. “The exam performance in the course was spectacular,” so much so that he had to contact Justice O’Connor and request two additional letters, which she graciously granted. Fruechte, Schanz, and Wagner each received an extraordinary keepsake from Justice O’Connor, described by Stein as “the most powerful Justice on the Court during most of the 25 years she served on the Court.”

Justice O’Connor served as Arizona’s Assistant Attorney General, an Arizona State Senator, and a judge in Arizona’s Maricopa County Superior Court before being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. Since retiring from the bench in 2006, she has traveled the nation, speaking in support of a merit-based, rather than an elective, system of choosing judges to preserve impartiality. In February 2010, as the guest of honor at a Law School luncheon, she encouraged the Minnesota audience to back efforts to accelerate judicial selection reform. She also spoke at the annual bipartisan Legislative Policy Conference at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Stein has headed and served on numerous ULC committees and is currently a member of its Executive Committee, which is chaired by former Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Harriet M. Lansing (’70). The ULC was founded in 1892 to draft and promote enactment of uniform laws to solve shared problems among all U.S. states and territories.

The Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice awarded Visiting Fellowships to Minnesota Public Defender John Stuart for fall 2012 and Isanti County (Minn.) Attorney Jeff Edblad for spring 2013. Stuart will explore how sentencing guidelines systems change and how public defenders can be more involved with criminal justice policy development. Edblad will focus on sentencing issues and potentially work directly with students interested in trial advocacy and criminal prosecution. Both will assist the Institute in connecting with practitioners around the state.

Visiting Fellowships Awarded to John Stuart and Jeff Edblad

Stuart has served as State Public Defender for the past 22 years, supervising services to all 87 counties, and has trained public defenders in 15 states and in Eastern Europe. Edblad is in his fifth term as Isanti County Attorney, chairs the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, and is an adjunct professor at Anoka Ramsey Community College.

The Institute, supported by a major long-term grant from the Robina Foundation, conducts interdisciplinary, policy-oriented study with leading scholars, policy-makers, and practitioners to improve criminal justice systems.
Health Law

CHALLENGES

By Cathy Madison
WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) into law in March 2010, and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld most of that law in June 2012, even casual observers could predict that health care organizations of all kinds would need expanded legal counsel to interpret, implement, enforce, and protect its provisions. More lawyers, perhaps. New skill sets. Shifting focus and priorities. Certainly some major upheaval was on the way.

For those already immersed in health law, however, it was business as usual, the ACA being merely the latest salvo in a barrage of dynamic change. With recent trends such as consolidation, electronic record-keeping, cost consciousness, and aging populations, the field is not only evolving in significant ways but also delighting those who practice in it.

None of those interviewed anticipated, as new Law School grads, pursuing a health law career, but decades later, every one of them considers it—to repeat their oft-used word—fascinating.

“I feel blessed to have fallen into this, I really do. In 1981, I wasn’t sure what I was getting myself into, but I never looked back,” says Mark Mishek (’77), president and CEO of Hazelden, a Minnesota-based addiction treatment center, since 2008. Mishek also served as president of United Hospital and held numerous positions, including senior vice president, at Allina Hospitals and Clinics. His first love had been labor and employment law, but among his first private practice clients were hospitals on the periphery of the Dakotas and northern Minnesota. He was hooked.

“I was the first lawyer they’d talked to in some time, so I gave advice in a lot of different areas,” Mishek says. His growing health law expertise and intrigue led him to a position as in-house counsel at what was then Metropolitan Medical Center. “It was odd to have imbedded lawyers in a health care organization then,” he points out. “Provider organizations didn’t have them, and the medical device industry was really small. It’s pretty remarkable how the field has exploded in scope and complexity.”

The allure of challenge

Clearly, in-house health care lawyers have seen their roles change over the years, especially recently. In the early days, they focused on medical malpractice, tax-exempt nonprofit work, and some corporate law. Now they face not only much broader challenges in those areas but also such disparate issues as liability for physicians not on staff; Medicare fraud, abuse, and compliance; and transactional work related to mergers and acquisitions. Legal expertise is a basic requisite, of course, but today’s health care lawyers must constantly stretch to meet new challenges.

“Medical law was divided into two parts: medical practice and medical research. Now it’s inextricably connected to all kinds of other areas,” says Oviatt. “The health care industry is so large and diverse that the practitioners, the lawyers, have to be larger and more diverse. It’s fascinating. I expect that’s true of most health care organizations like ours, which is very value-focused.”

MARK MISHEK (’77)

JONATHAN OVIATT (’82)

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Besides being fascinating, health law “is very intellectually challenging, at least for my pea brain,” laughs Mary Foarde (’80). “You have to know rudimentary business law—corporate organization, contracts—and be able to negotiate financial and business transactions. But then you layer on top of that other things, like unique regulatory issues and, increasingly, filters such as quality of patient care, cost of patient care, coordinated or fragmented patient care. It’s incredibly complicated work that’s really fulfilling.”

Foarde’s small private practice firm, FriedemannFoarde, brings her full circle. She says she had always wanted to be connected to health care in some way but thought becoming a doctor or nurse might be too intense. “Science wasn’t entirely my thing,” she recalls. Starting out as an
attorney at a medium-sized firm, she gravitated toward hospital clients, then acquired two decades of in-house experience, including six years as executive vice president and general counsel at Allina Health System. She believes that 100% on-the-job learning is appropriate in this field, a view that others share. “If a health law course was offered in law school, I don’t remember taking it,” she says. Although health law courses might be more readily available today, she explains, the topics that most capture the imagination of professors and students may have little to do with the day-to-day basics that crowd a health lawyer’s schedule.

“Bioethics issues are fascinating and thorny, and everyone loves to talk about them, but in practice, you may run into half a dozen in a year. Yet you work on complicated regulatory matters every single day,” she says. “It’s hard to believe that the regulatory environment could get more difficult, but with the ACA, it could be even tougher.” She cites expanding definitions of medical fraud, increased use of the False Claims Act, and a higher liability profile for health care providers as some of the issues that will keep today’s and tomorrow’s lawyers on their toes.

“I see nothing but work for health care lawyers—plenty of work,” agrees Teresa O’Toole (89), chief administrative officer and CLO at Essentia Health, based in Duluth, Minn. She didn’t foresee a health law career when she first began practicing labor and employment law at a Duluth firm, but health care and hospital clients paved the way. Now she wears two hats at Essentia, taking responsibility for some support services (human resources, information technology, marketing, communications) as well as legal functions. All this work tests her stamina but fails to dampen her enthusiasm.

“There’s something different every day,” O’Toole says. “Every type of law you could ever think of practicing touches health care. Not only is it detail-oriented, very interesting, and intellectually challenging, but wherever you practice, you have the same complex issues and regulatory environment. You can live in a smaller community and still be doing cutting-edge work.”

The drive to consolidate
Essentia Health, which has major hubs in Duluth and Brainerd, Minn., and Fargo, N.D., and also serves patients in Wisconsin and Idaho, is one example of an industry trend inducing change. Formed in 2004 through a partnership of the Benedictine and SMDC Health Systems, Essentia underwent more affiliations in 2008 and again in 2010. As such systems integrate and grow, they face new challenges particular to their patient populations. Essentia’s population in some of its regions, for instance, is aging faster than elsewhere and is also more dependent on government health insurance programs such as Medicare. Traditionally, health care providers that lost money on Medicare patients could make up for it through fees for services to patients with commercial insurance. No longer.

“That party is over,” O’Toole says. Some of the changes she predicts include declining rates of reimbursement and leaner cost structures. “Cost consciousness is really taking on new urgency. In addition, we’re restructuring the way we deliver services, and we’re being held accountable for the health of our patient population. In an accountable care environment, it will be to our advantage to prevent the need for more expensive interventions that were historically lucrative procedures.” And altering the way in which care is delivered often requires joining forces in new ways with new players.

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Mayo Clinic has long been preparing for the inevitable changes coming to health care by focusing on two key areas, says Oviatt. The first is ensuring a culture of patient safety. The second area involves increasing the number of strategic alliances and relationships, both direct (with ownership) and indirect.

“Mayo has been involved with affiliations since the 1990s,” he says. “Increasingly we see joint ventures without ownership, including hospitals and clinics, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, retail, such as retail pharmacies, and employer alliances. Those are directly related to health care, but other very interesting ones are often IT-related. Health care organizations need to have strategic alliances with niche service and product providers.”

Citing the recent merger between Park Nicollet Health Services and HealthPartners in the Twin Cities as an example, Mishek indicates that the “incredible fervor of consolidation” is still going on. Such mergers used to occur every seven or eight months, he says, although many markets have reached a concentration where antitrust laws prevent acute care providers—Allina and Fairview in Minnesota, for example—from merging. Hazelden, however, is in the behavioral health field, where more consolidation may yet occur.

Because it means robust in-house departments and fewer independent physicians who need outside counsel, consolidation might seem to limit the work for health lawyers in private practice. Foarde is not worried, though. “There’s such an explosion of creative stuff going on that can potentially radically alter how people get paid—outcomes, quality of care, patient satisfaction—that I expect to see a lot of entrepreneurs trying to figure out how to meet newly emerging needs. They will need legal help,” she says. “We’ll also see small providers coming together to market themselves to the big health care organizations in order to have bargaining power. I don’t think consolidation will narrow the scope of what we do.”

The digital transition
The HITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health) Act, which was part of the 2009 stimulus package, has accelerated the adoption of electronic medical record (EMR) systems across the country, thus creating new challenges for those keeping pace with health care reform. Unresolved issues abound
as lawyers watch, wait, and scramble to deal with whatever might turn up on a given day.

An EMR system “has the potential to be a game-changer if we can get it to do all the ACA needs it to do,” Foarde says, pointing out that future tinkering will help track outcomes, allowing consumers and others to rank service providers, and other such nuances. “But now it’s more a billing system than anything else.” Electronic access to patient records, however, also makes mischief more possible. Health care organizations must work ever more diligently to make sure their records aren’t lost, misplaced, or rifled through.

“It used to be that in order to lose 10,000 records, you’d need a truck,” Foarde explains. “Now you’d just need a flash drive. But most people believe that the benefits will outweigh the detriments.”

O’Toole agrees: “It’s been an interesting evolution, and we’re still evolving.” Essentia’s electronic record-keeping has existed for a decade for some patients, but only recently has the same electronic record been implemented in most of its hospitals. Much has yet to be determined, like what, exactly, constitutes a legal medical record.

“In our EMRs, we’re creating a giant database with all kinds of imbedded information that may or may not be of use to the patient, an attorney, or the courts,” she points out. “Patient privacy laws are extremely important. And because we can track every access to patient records by user, our enforcement obligation is heightened.”

The electronic shift has turned out to be more complex and difficult than originally envisioned, adds Mishek, sometimes leading to unintended consequences. Better coding among service providers, for example, leads to higher reimbursement rates, which prompts government scrutiny. “We’re not quite there yet,” he says. “Confidentiality and the security of information are huge issues, especially as that information gets moved around. Health care organizations will require excellent lawyers to help them make the most of the statute.”

At Mayo Clinic, which has had completely integrated medical records since the ’20s, the goal of keeping information focused on the patient rather than on the service provider is nothing new. Now, however, it’s complicated by privacy, security, state laws, federal regulations, and best practice issues. That means the legal department will continue to have plenty to do. Says Oviatt, “We’ll be working on it for many, many years.”

What’s next

Health law is indeed a hot field, wide open and awaiting new generations of lawyers. Whether they stumble upon, fall into, or plan to enter the field, they will need far-ranging skills and a sense of what kind of legal work they might enjoy most.

“Providers are really grappling with what the ACA actually means, and how to put together an accountable health care organization. A whole new world is unfolding, especially for providers, and we’re going to need smart, well-educated, experienced lawyers who can help clients navigate and make the most of it,” says Mishek. He has taught health law courses but agrees that they are only a beginning for today’s prospective health care lawyers, who should seek a much wider base. A working knowledge of antitrust law is important, as is a strong foundation in business. While it may seem that health law is becoming more niche-oriented, specific expertise must be balanced by broad experience and knowledge of the field.

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“In-house is where you’re really going to learn,” he adds. “You’ve got to understand how the game is played. You can’t just be a litigator who litigates the False Claims Act.”

Typically, general counsels have fostered an integrated view of such discrete areas as business transactions, medical malpractice and risk management, bioethics, intellectual property, and insurance regulation, but “there are so many different subfields now that they’ve gotten pretty specialized. It’s impossible to know everything across all of them,” Foarde says. “Compliance, for example, is a completely separate subfield that has been growing for the past 14 years and is showing no signs of stopping.”

As he considers what’s essential for up-and-coming health care lawyers, Oviatt champions basic human interaction skills—intuition, listening ability, and common sense—which he deems equally or even more important than legal analytical ability or subject area expertise. He advises new lawyers to focus carefully on law-related volunteerism and community service activities to help develop the leadership and operational skills necessary for success.

“We are not an island,” he says. “Teamwork and collegiality in a very large legal department is what distinguishes a highly effective lawyer from one who is just really smart.”

O’Toole sees a growing need for lawyers with good technical skills and scientific backgrounds, to keep up with changing technology. These days, health care organizations may do far more than simply provide health care. “Frequently our providers are physicians who are engaged in education and research and may have patentable ideas for tools and devices. Physicians are often scientists first, then doctors,” she says.

But any health care law experience at all is good, because opportunities for experienced lawyers will present themselves. Those lawyers “will need some specialized knowledge, but it’s easier to learn by actually doing than by reading the regs with no end in mind,” O’Toole concludes. “Patient care is something that can’t be completely off-shored. There will always be some need for health care lawyers nearby.”

By Cathy Madison, a freelance writer/editor based in the Twin Cities
Juxtaposing contemporary and continuing issues is typical for Professor Susan Wolf, whose work combines law and bioethics in equal measure. “The menu of bioethics issues has only expanded over the years,” she comments. “Some of the issues never go away, such as contagious diseases, but 30 years ago we were not focused on man-made diseases and bioterrorism.”

On the contemporary score, her work this summer included orientation for her service on the National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity and collaboration with fellow National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine committee members on the future of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology’s tissue repository. In the realm of continuing issues, she completed a book with colleagues on end-of-life issues and was a guest on Minnesota Public Radio discussing the first “test tube baby” in 1978 and ongoing bioethical concerns about in vitro fertilization.

For years Wolf has been leading from the epicenter of bioethics as a scholar, researcher, and teacher. Many of the disciplines to which she applies her expertise, such as genomics, nanobiotechnology, and neuroscience, did not yet exist or were rarely discussed outside of scientific circles when she was a Yale Law School student in the late 1970s seeking a way to combine her passions for law and medicine.

Finding bioethics
By the fourth grade Wolf had fallen in love with the issues involved in providing medical care to those who had the least access to and greatest need for it. Studying law and medicine in law school, she learned about the Nazis’ medical experiments on concentration camp inmates and the experimentation on African-American men in the Tuskegee Syphilis Trials. Public awareness of these atrocities helped give birth to bioethics in the late 1960s, and in this new field Wolf found the issues that have driven her professional work ever since.

Working at the epicenter
As the roster of medical technologies has developed at a blistering pace, so has the need for interpretation of the legal and ethical ramifications for patients, practitioners, research participants, and scientific investigators. Twice in her career, leading bioethics centers have brought Wolf on board as their legal expert.

The first was The Hastings Center in New York, a bioethics center established in 1969 and one of just two in the country at the time. After working there in 1984–85 on a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, Wolf was hired as associate for law. She was thrilled to be collaborating with national and international scholars from diverse disciplines.

At Hastings until 1992, Wolf was lead writer of the first detailed ethics guidelines on end-of-life decisions, published in 1987 as Guidelines on the Termination of Life-Sustaining Treatment and the Care of the Dying. She also got grants, ran projects, conducted research, and published articles. Putting theory to work in local communities, Wolf served on ethics committees at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan and taught law at New York University.

Bridging the divide
Arthur Caplan, director of the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics from 1987-94, had worked with Wolf at The Hastings Center. When the Center for Bioethics and the Law School set out to find a lawyer/bioethicist, Caplan recruited Wolf, and she made the move to Minnesota in 1993.

In theory her dual appointment made sense, but Wolf jokes now about the physical and symbolic separation at the time: “My charge was to bridge the Law School and the Center for Bioethics in the Academic Health Center, which were separated by the Mississippi River, the biggest divide in the United States. In a host of ways, they were worlds apart.”

Preparing the next generation
Two University programs are evidence of how well the “bridge work” succeeded. When Wolf went into bioethics, it was rare to find people who had been fully trained in two disciplines. As the field evolved, more and more students wanted dual training and two degrees.

In 1998-99, Wolf collaborated with colleagues to create the Joint Degree Program in Law, Health & Life Sciences, which allows students to combine a J.D. with an advanced degree in medicine, public health, life sciences, or policy studies. Wolf believes the program has helped the Law
School become ranked among the nation’s top 10 health law programs by U.S. News and World Report.

About a year later the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences was established, with Wolf as chair. The Consortium links 19 University centers and programs to address the legal, ethical, and policy ramifications of scientific and biomedical advances. Consortium members range from the Stem Cell Institute and Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy to the Center for Animal Health & Food Safety and the Center on Microbial and Plant Genomics.

Housed in the Law School, the Consortium has become a national model emulated by other American universities. In addition to publishing the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology, the Consortium secures and awards grants, disseminates recommendations, brings scholars and policy-makers to campus, and brokers debates on issues ranging from health care reform to reproductive technologies.

**Incidentally, what about the people?**

A new bioethics issue emerged from within the Consortium’s collaborative crucible about 10 years ago when neuroscientist Charles Nelson alerted Wolf to a quandary he faced while studying how the brain works in children and adolescents. What should his team do when an MRI brain scan reveals unexpected findings suggesting a potentially serious medical condition in a research participant?

Such findings are called “incidental,” a curiously innocuous term for information that is potentially life-changing and sometimes life-saving. It may seem a simple matter to just tell the subject what the researcher discovered, but there are legal, ethical, and logistical stumbling blocks. They begin with the fact that research subjects often sign consent forms stipulating that they will not be re-contacted by researchers.

Further complicating matters is the fact that the researchers may not be clinicians qualified to make diagnoses, and many tests used for research are not the same type used for diagnoses. And even if legal ways can be found to work around the consent forms, questions remain about how much time and effort researchers should devote to tracking down and notifying individuals who may or may not want to know their individual findings.

In the past decade, the questions surrounding sharing results and incidental findings in biobank research. Wolf is driven by a key question: “What do researchers owe the individuals who are generous enough to supply their DNA and data?”

Earlier this year, the Consortium project published the first major recommendations on how to handle return of results and incidental findings in biobank research. Wolf is now collaborating with colleagues at the Mayo Clinic on a project funded by the NIH, focusing on whether an individual’s genetic results should be made available to family and kin when that information may be of crucial health importance.

Wolf has been leading research and teaching health law, law and science, and bioethics for a long time, while collaborating intensively with colleagues around the world. Having recently received a prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award, she is on sabbatical this year to write a book and articles on how the debate over the return of research results should reshape research practice and the relationship between research and clinical care.

“This is the cutting edge of research ethics that will reconfigure bioethics itself,” Wolf concludes. “It’s a huge challenge.”

By Karen K. Hansen, a Twin Cities-based freelance writer and clarinetist
THE LAW SCHOOL’S INSTITUTE on Race and Poverty became the Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity this past summer, reflecting a broadening of its research. “We’re building upon a strong national reputation in race and poverty but increasingly focusing on regional social, fiscal, and growth dynamics,” says Professor Myron Orfield, who has served as Institute director since 2003 and is considered one of the country’s foremost authorities on metropolitan governance. “This new name more accurately reflects that broader focus.”

Under its new moniker, the Institute is investigating the ways that laws, policies, and practices affect development patterns in U.S. metropolitan regions, with a particular focus on the growing social and economic disparities and environmental challenges within these areas. Through top-level scholarship, mapping, and advocacy, the Institute is providing resources that policymakers, planning officials, and community organizations need to address reform in taxation, land use, housing, metropolitan governance, and education. Orfield is assisted by Research Director Thomas Luce, Ph.D., and Research Fellow Eric Myott.

“Our goal,” says Orfield, “is to provide a strong and clear picture of what metropolitan America truly looks like so in our regional planning we can appropriately address issues such as segregation and inequalities in education and the tax system.” The importance and impact of the Institute’s work has been recognized with major grants from the Ford and McKnight Foundations.

Practical experience for students

The Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity will better equip Law School students for practice, says Orfield. “Anything that happens to a metropolitan area is ultimately a question of law. Cities and regions are structures of law, and lawyers are at the center of many decisions related to land use, zoning codes, and taxation in these areas.”

Since many students will be working directly on these issues, “The research and teaching from the Institute will provide them with a much better sense of not just the facts but the context for metropolitan planning and governance,” Orfield says.

Charles Sutton (‘12) is able to combine his interest in metropolitan governance with his plan to pursue a career in public service thanks to a scholarship from the Law School’s Public Interest Scholars Program, which is supporting his work as a research assistant at the Institute.

Impact on the wider community

The Institute’s work is having an impact throughout Minnesota and across the country. “Myron is an important figure in this field, and the Institute’s work is central and well respected,” says Harvard Law School Professor Gerald Frug. “I use the Institute’s maps frequently—in the classroom, in panel discussions, with city and regional officials. They provide an amazingly succinct way of addressing perceptions that are no longer accurate.” Plus, the Institute’s practical work “helps planners and politicians believe change can happen,” he says.

Colleague Douglas Massey of Princeton University echoes Frug’s comments. “The work of the Institute is critical for the future of the United States as a society and a democracy. Inequality has reached dangerous levels, and its geographic expression is dividing America into very different and unequal social worlds that threaten our economic and political stability.”

For Lars Negstad, strategic campaign coordinator for ISAIAH, a faith-based coalition of 100 congregations in the Twin Cities, St. Cloud, and Rochester working on racial and economic justice, the Institute has provided important research and guidance. “Myron and the Institute have been very generous with their time, helping citizen leaders understand complex policy issues and move forward an agenda for creating positive change in our region,” he says.

The Institute also is proving to be an important resource for the region’s city and school officials. “The data and information that are produced and disseminated aid our understanding of how our metropolitan area is changing and the impacts of these many changes,” says Metro Cities Executive Director Patricia Nauman. “The Institute’s presentation of data always tells a story in a way that can be digested and remembered.”

Scott Croonquist, executive director for the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, has turned to the Institute in the past few years to help school officials as they examine demographic trends, consider boundary changes, and work toward providing equitable and integrated learning opportunities for their students. Similarly, John Schultz, superintendent of Hopkins Public Schools, says, “The Institute is helping us understand what we can do to understand population changes and how to plan for a great community that supports a diverse population. Having this academic perspective is vital.”

Nationwide attention for reports

The Institute’s most recent report, “America’s Racially
Diverse Suburbs: Opportunities and Challenges,” co-authored by Orfield and Luce, has drawn dozens of calls from suburban and city leaders from across the country and attracted media attention from Bloomberg, the New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Minnesota Public Radio, and numerous other media channels. The report addresses the widespread misperceptions that all suburbs are prosperous white enclaves. Rather, racially diverse suburbs are growing faster than white suburbs and are now at the cutting edge of racial, ethnic, and political change in America. However, according to the Institute’s research, resegregation threatens their prosperity and stability.

“Diverse suburbs represent some of the nation’s greatest hopes and its gravest challenges,” says Orfield. “The rapidly growing diversity of suburban communities suggests a degree of declining racial bias and at least the partial success of fair housing laws. But the fragile demographic stability in these newly diverse suburbs presents serious challenges for local, state, and federal governments.”

The study proposes several public policy changes to help stabilize diverse communities and recommends greater enforcement of existing civil rights laws, especially those related to affordable housing and school desegregation.

**Collaboration throughout the University**
The Institute is working with leading environmental and criminal justice law faculty and other University of Minnesota faculty on cross-disciplinary research and policy. For example, Law School Associate Professor Hari M. Osofsky, Associate Director of Law, Geography & Environment with the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences, is drawing from the Institute’s demographic work to investigate suburbs and climate change. “In contrast to the conventional critique of suburbs as an undifferentiated group of sprawling emitters, I am exploring how different types of suburbs with the support of multi-level networks can find cost-effective approaches to reducing emissions,” says Osofsky.

The Institute is also collaborating with the University’s School of Public Health, including Associate Professor Michael Oakes. The social epidemiologist’s work focuses on how education, segregation, and social laws and policies can be changed to optimize life-chances and health opportunities. “Because it is inherently interdisciplinary, the work of the Institute benefits scholars of all stripes, including scholars in law, the social sciences, and the health sciences,” says Oakes. “And because the challenges metropolitan regions now face are so great, the new interdisciplinary syntheses the Institute offers help not only conventional disciplinary scholars but so-called ‘regular’ persons living regular lives.”

**Looking toward the future**
In the immediate future, Orfield says, the Institute plans to continue its research on housing and school racial segregation while undertaking new research in metropolitan land use and sustainable development. “We’ll have a special focus on the growing number of communities that have developed all their land and are now planning how to stay viable,” says Orfield. “And beyond that, there’s property tax-based local financing and regional transportation and transit planning. We’ve got a lot to do.”

By Kathy Graves, a Minneapolis-based writer
Mary Alton, director of the Business Law Clinic, was named the Minnesota Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration for outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of minority-owned small businesses. She has worked with the Twin Cities’ Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) to draw clients needing free legal representation since the Clinic was founded in 2001. More than 200 clients have benefited from her professional and personal commitment. MEDA President and CEO Yvonne Cheung Ho nominated Alton for the award.

Stephen Befort (‘74) was appointed associate dean for research and planning. This fall he was elected chair of the U.S. National Branch of the International Society for Labor Law and Social Security Law (ISLSSL), which fosters the comparative study of labor law and social legislation internationally and nationally.

Dale Carpenter spearheaded submission of a law professors’ amicus brief to the Minnesota Supreme Court in July supporting Secretary of State Mark Ritchie’s authority to select a title for the marriage amendment voted on in November. Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi attorneys, including Jamie Kurtz (‘10) and Laura Nelson (‘03), acted as representatives for the 19 professors from all four local law schools who signed the brief. The brief maintained that the Legislature’s title had no legal standing because it was vetoed by the Governor, and that Ritchie’s alternative represented an “approp"rate title” as required by Minnesota statutory and constitutional law.

Carol Chomsky was appointed associate dean for academic affairs.
Laura J. Cooper received the 2012–13 Mullen-Spector-Truax Women’s Leadership Award for her outstanding contributions to University women in leadership roles at the Celebrating University Women Awards and Recognition Program in October. Hosting the event were the Women’s Center, the Office for Equity and Diversity, and the Office of the Vice Provost. The award is sponsored by an endowment in honor of its namesakes and their contributions to University women.

Thomas Cotter took office as vice chair of the Antitrust Interface with IP Rights Committee of the ABA’s Section of Intellectual Property Law in August. The committee focuses on the impact of U.S. antitrust laws on trademarks, copyrights, and other IP rights.

Prentiss Cox (’90) was appointed to the first Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, recently created as part of the financial regulatory reforms in the Dodd-Frank Act of 2009.

Antony Duff was appointed to the Russell M. and Elizabeth M. Bennett Chair in Excellence, effective July 1, 2012.

Allan Erbsen was appointed the Vance Opperman Research Scholar, effective July 1, 2012. This fall the Indiana Supreme Court quoted from his 2010 article in the Emory Law Journal, “Impersonal Jurisdiction,” in the case of An-Hung Yao v. State regarding a state’s jurisdiction in criminal cases. Also, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court quoted from his 2005 article in the Vanderbilt Law Review, “From ‘Predominance’ to ‘Resolvability,’” in the case of Basile v. H&R Block on certifying class actions.

Barry Feld (’69) was reappointed the Centennial Professor of Law, effective July 1, 2012.

Richard S. Frase was reappointed the Benjamin N. Berger Professor of Clinical Law, effective July 1, 2012.
Michele Goodwin participated on an expert panel at the U.S. Senate field hearing at the Minnesota Capitol in May on ensuring patient privacy. It was chaired by Sen. Al Franken and arranged after a Minnesota Attorney General’s report questioned tactics used by debt-collection agency Accretive Health, a former contractor with Fairview Health Services in Minnesota.

Oren Gross was reappointed the Irving Younger Professor of Law, effective July 1, 2012.

Michael Hannon (’98) received the 2012 Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award from the American Association of Law Libraries for his work on the Law Library’s Clarence Darrow Digital Collection, the first nonprint work to receive the award recognizing a significant contribution to legal bibliographical literature.

Bradley C. Karkkainen was reappointed the Henry J. Fletcher Professor in Law, effective July 1, 2012.

Joan Howland was elected vice-chair of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Council for the 2012–13 term. The Section’s Council and Accreditation Committee are recognized as the national accrediting agency for American J.D. programs. She also is chair of the Association of American Law Schools Law Libraries and Technology Committee.

Jane Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and Law in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, delivered a series of lectures on libel and slander law and conducted a workshop on criminal libel for 30 police officers in Thailand in March 2012, sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

Alexandra Klass was appointed to the Julius E. Davis Chair in Law, effective July 1, 2012.

Brett McDonnell was appointed to a Solly Robins Distinguished Research Fellowship, effective July 1, 2012.

William McGeveran was appointed to the Lampert Fesler Fellowship, effective July 1, 2012.

Stephen Meili, who was appointed to the Vaughan Papke Clinical Professorship effective July 1, 2012, is on sabbatical at the University of Oxford for the 2012–13 academic year. This fall he received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support research in the United Kingdom on the impact of international human rights treaties on asylum jurisprudence in domestic courts, part of a larger empirical study that includes domestic court jurisprudence and practice in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States.

Amy B. Monahan was appointed to a Solly Robins Distinguished Research Fellowship, effective July 1, 2012.

Perry Moriearty was appointed to the Board of Directors of the McKnight Foundation, a Minnesota-based nonprofit family foundation that seeks to improve the quality of life worldwide, through coalition-building, policy reform, and grantmaking. The 12-member board establishes the Foundation’s grantmaking priorities.

Fred Morrison was part of an 18-member delegation of academics, government officials, health care providers, and other experts from Minnesota and Washington, D.C., who attended “American & German Healthcare” in Berlin June 17–23, 2012. The forum features comparative discussions of U.S. and German health care policies, best practices, delivery mechanisms, and more. The trip was organized by the University’s Center for German and European Studies and hosted in cooperation with Germany’s Federal Ministry of Health and its Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

Richard Painter testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services on May 17, 2012, in a hearing entitled “Examining the
Settlement Practices of U.S. Financial Regulators.” The Securities and Exchange Commission should be free to decide how to best use its resources, he said, without federal court or Congressional oversight.

Kevin Reitz was reappointed to the James Annenberg La Vea Land Grant Chair in Criminal Procedure, effective July 1, 2012.

Stephen Simon ('71) was featured in a May 23, 2012, Star Tribune article on his achievements since joining the Law School in 1980 and his plans to shift to professor emeritus status. Among his work: He founded the Minnesota Criminal Justice System DWI Task Force, developed a training program for new judges, and created an electronic bench book for judges to reference during trials.

In October at its statewide conference, the Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths Program honored Simon with its Star Award for public leadership in recognition of his exceptional efforts toward reducing traffic deaths in Minnesota. The Impaired Driving Educational Alliance Committee of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association honored him in 2010 with its newly created Traffic Safety Award for his work to improve safety and save lives and enhance justice in prosecuting impaired drivers.

Michael Tonry was elected president of the European Society of Criminology at its September meeting in Spain.

Susan M. Wolf received the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Investigator Award in Health Policy Research, given to support multidisciplinary studies of problems at their roots to help make a difference on the broadest scale. The two-year funding will support her work on a new book about translating findings of her research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) into health benefits. Also, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius appointed Wolf to the National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity, administered by the Office of Biotechnology Activities at the NIH to provide oversight of biological research.

Judith T. Younger was reappointed the Joseph E. Wargo and Anoka County Bar Association Professor of Family Law, effective July 1, 2012.

FALL 2012
PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held from 4:05–6:00 p.m. in Room 471 unless noted otherwise and are open to Minnesota faculty and students enrolled in the affiliated seminar.

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University of Minnesota Law School
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University of Minnesota Law School
Selective Disclosure by Federal Officials and the Case for an FGD (Fairer Government Disclosure) Regime

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Stanford Law School
Public Regulation of Private Enforcement

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NEW AND VISITING FACULTY

The following faculty members were introduced in the Spring 2012 issue, p. 31.

NEW FACULTY
Associate Professor Neha Jain, Professor Mark Kappelhoff, and Associate Professor Francis Shen

VISITING BUSINESS LAW FACULTY
Thom Lambert and D. Daniel Sokol

VISITING FACULTY

Andrew Ashworth, one of the world’s leading scholars on criminology, criminal justice, and philosophy of law, was in residence at the Law School Sept. 20–28, 2012, as a Robina Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice. Ashworth is Vinerian Professor of English Law at Oxford University.

In conjunction with his visit, the Institute put on the two-day workshop ”Preventive Justice,” which focused on recent research in a three-year preventive justice project directed by Ashworth and Oxford University Professor Lucia Zedner and sponsored by the U.K. Arts and Humanities Research Council. Legal scholars from around the world gathered to discuss when and why the state may be justified in imposing coercive measures, not as punishment for crimes but as prevention.

Through the Robina Distinguished Visiting Professorship program, widely recognized criminal justice experts from around the country and the world spend between one and four weeks at the Law School. During their visit they work with others at the Institute and offer lectures, workshops, or seminars in their area of research.

Neomi Rao, an associate professor at George Mason University School of Law, is a visiting professor in the area of constitutional law for the 2012 fall semester. Before joining George Mason in 2006, she served as associate counsel and special assistant to President George W. Bush. She also served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where she was responsible for judicial nominations and constitutional law issues. Between government service, she practiced in the London office of Clifford Chance LLP (2002–05), specializing in public international law and commercial arbitration. She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1999, Order of the Coif, then clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court, and completed a Temple Bar Fellowship at the American Inns of Court. She is a member of the Virginia State Bar and a Qualified Solicitor of England and Wales. In 2009 she testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee during the hearings on the nomination of Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Bertil Wiman, no stranger to the University and the Law School, will be a visiting professor for the spring semester. In 1982–83 he was a Fulbright scholar and in 1987 a visiting scholar at the University, and in 1999–2000 he was a visiting professor at the Law School, where he earned his LL.M. He was among the Uppsala delegation that traveled to the Law School in 2008 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Minnesota-Uppsala exchange program. Wiman completed his law degree and Ph.D. at the University of Uppsala. He has been a professor of financial law at Uppsala since 2008 and is the director of the Center for Tax Law. Previously he taught international tax law at the Stockholm School of Economics and the University of Umeå. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Munich, the Vienna University for Economics and Business, Georgetown University Law Center, and the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville. His primary interests are international, European Union, and corporate taxation.

Mitchell E. Zamoff, a professor of practice teaching civil procedure and the Mediation Practice Clinic, is the former executive vice president and general counsel of UnitedHealth Group and executive vice president and chief legal officer of its health benefits business, UnitedHealthcare. Previously, he was a partner and litigation practice group director at Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells) in Washington, D.C., where he focused on complex litigation, arbitration and mediation, and government investigations and was nominated for “Trial Lawyer of the Year” by Lawyers for Public Justice for his pro bono representation of victims of an investigation in Texas. Before joining Hogan & Hartson, he was an assistant U.S. attorney in Philadelphia, prosecuting criminal offenses on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, and served as deputy chief of the Firearms Unit during rollout of the gun violence prevention program, “Operation Cease Fire.” Zamoff completed his B.A. in American government in 1989 and his J.D. in 1992 at the University of Virginia, Order of the Coif, where he participated in moot court competitions and the Virginia Law Review. He has served the Law School as co-head of the Community Mediation Clinic and as an adjunct professor of practice, arbitration, mediation, and expert witness skills since 2011.
Kevin Reitz, his wife Susan D. Jones, and their 9-year-old son moved to Minnesota in 2005 and found the University an ideal base for a two-academic-career couple. Jones is a professor in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine program, and Reitz considers the Law School the best in the country in the field of criminal justice policy.

When Professor Kevin Reitz was appointed reporter for the first-ever revision of the American Law Institute’s (ALI) Model Penal Code provisions on sentencing and corrections in 2001, he took the “stunning and unexpected recognition” as a once-in-a-career opportunity and platform from which to influence the criminal justice matters that concern him most. In 2011 he was joined by an associate reporter, University of Wisconsin Law School Assistant Professor Cecelia Klingele. The project is halfway completed, with about 600 pages now approved by the ALI and in use in the United States and other countries.

Dawn of a sentencing expert

Although he didn’t study criminal law while at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Reitz’s concerns about criminal justice run deep. At Saul, Ewing, Remick, and Saul in Philadelphia from 1983–88, he found himself transitioning from litigating civil cases that were mostly about money to working almost exclusively on criminal cases. “In criminal law, it’s much more about people’s lives,” Reitz reflects. “That was a difference I didn’t foresee, but it was a lifelong change when it sunk in.”

Reitz believed the American criminal justice system of the 1980s was moving away from the ideals of his youth, including rehabilitation and procedural fairness. Still, there were glimmers of hope for reform. In the late 1980s, Minnesota and a few other states were experimenting with sentencing commissions and guidelines. Initially skeptical, Reitz soon realized the Minnesota-pioneered models were having genuine success in limiting prison growth and reducing inequities in criminal punishment.

In 1993, while teaching at the University of Colorado School of Law (1988–2005), Reitz hosted a symposium on sentencing reform that led to creation of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions.

After the rulings in Blakely v. Washington in 2004 and United States v. Booker in 2005, Reitz helped numerous states adapt to the resulting constitutional law changes. Suddenly he was in demand as an expert on sentencing and was quoted on the front pages of the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Christian Science Monitor.

Small reforms, large impacts

In teaching criminal law and criminal procedure, Reitz calls on his experience as a trial lawyer and law reformer. He says his students inspire him with their “intellectual fire power, strong work ethic, and strong commitment to justice and social responsibility.” He hopes, in turn, to encourage them to undertake policy reform during their careers.

With Professor Richard Frase, Reitz coordinates the Sentencing Law and Policy program at the Law School’s Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, which advances research and criminal-justice reform with state governments. He credits the Institute with “super-charging” his work on the Model Penal Code by supporting research far beyond what could to do alone. “The problems we face, like failures in probation and parole and offender re-entry, are very difficult if not intractable,” he explains. “The Institute gives us a real chance to study those questions in depth and develop ideas that haven’t been seen before.”

Reitz consults pro bono with sentencing commissions across the country, and his work has included testifying before state legislatures and the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Even with his Model Penal Code obligations, he finds time to publish. During a year teaching at the University of Cambridge, he finished research for The Challenge of Crime: Rethinking Our Response (Harvard U. Press, 2003), co-authored with former Watergate Special Prosecutor Henry Ruth. Earlier this year the Oxford Handbook of Sentencing and Corrections, which he edited with Stanford Law Professor Joan Petersilia, was released.

“If you can change a state’s sentencing laws even slightly for the better, those changes start affecting thousands of people’s lives,” he says. He cites North Carolina’s incarceration rate, the country’s highest in the 1980s and now, after sentencing law reform, below the national median. “What keeps me going is not that the problems are so large but that the prospects for improvement are so very real.”

By Karen K. Hansen, a Minneapolis-based freelance writer and clarinetist
ROBINA INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TO EXPLORE AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM


The term “American exceptionalism” describes the tendency for U.S. criminal justice policies to diverge sharply from other Western countries. For example, the United States has the world’s highest incarceration rate, has more severe racial and ethnic disparities systemwide than other countries, and is the only Western country to impose capital punishment. The conference, organized by Professors Kevin Reitz and Susanna Blumenthal, will bring together scholars, legal practitioners, and policy-makers to examine this phenomenon.

Building on the research of speakers Nicola Lacey and David Soskice, both of Oxford University, the conference will examine the causes of American exceptionalism and compare U.S. criminal justice policies with those in other developed nations. An additional goal is to develop proposals for future reform of the U.S. system.

The conference will be open to the public. For more information, visit the Institute’s website at robinainstitute.org/events/American-exceptionalism-in-crime-and-punishment.

Prof. Barry Feld Delivers Centennial Professorship in Law Reappointment Lecture

PROF. BARRY C. FELD (’69) is a leading authority on juvenile justice and the 2008 recipient of the ABA’s Livingston Hall Award for juvenile justice advocacy. On Oct. 16, 2012, he presented his Centennial Professorship in Law reappointment lecture, entitled “Real Interrogation: What Actually Happens When Cops Question Kids?”

Feld described findings of six years of research to write his new book, Kids, Cops, and Confessions: Inside the Interrogation Room (NYU Press, November 2012). Using juvenile court files, police reports, and interrogation recordings of 307 juveniles, he studied administration of Miranda rights, police interrogation methods, juvenile competency, and other issues. The juveniles were age 16 or 17 whom prosecutors had charged with felonies; 92.8% of them waived their Miranda rights, and 88% confessed or admitted to some association with the crime.

“The Supreme Court has decided more cases involving the interrogation of juveniles than any other issue in juvenile justice,” Feld said, yet juveniles are treated like adults, with no additional procedural protections to ensure that they understand their rights or even the terminology being used. “Miranda was supposed to empower suspects and provide equality between the individual and the state,” he said, but in reality, “it only comes into play once the subject is isolated and subject to the coercive powers of interrogation.”

Younger juveniles are especially vulnerable, he noted. “If these kids 15 and under don’t understand the words, to treat them as adults is to deny them the fundamental fairness that the justice system is supposed to provide.”

Among his proposals: mandatory recording of all communications between police and subjects. Only a few states, including Minnesota, require recording, even though “it resolves credibility disputes, it improves the quality of investigations, it enables police to capture details that they may not get in the course of taking notes, it avoids the need to take notes or to have a second officer present as a witness, which may also chill people’s willingness to talk, and it provides us with a vehicle to detect whether or not there’s been evidentiary contamination,” Feld said.

“I’m going to go on the road with this book to every state legislature in the country to say, recording is a no-brainer.”

The Centennial Professorship in Law was established through the generous gifts of many Law School alumni and others during the 1986–89 Endowment for Excellence campaign. It was created for the purpose of attracting and retaining a scholar of national rank.
FALL WORKS IN PROGRESS

Lectures on works in progress at the Law School and other institutions are held on Thursdays from 12:15–1:15 p.m. in Room 385. They are open to the public but require an RSVP to Stephanie McCauley at 612-625-9073 or mccau061@umn.edu.

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Recognition Reception

Last spring the Law School held a reception at the Mill City Museum to celebrate the release of new faculty books, recognize faculty and staff milestones, and welcome new faculty and staff. The event was also an opportunity to say farewell to Thomas and Leslie Sullivan before their departure for the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Recognized for their recent publications were Prof. Dale Carpenter for Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas and Prof. Fionnuala Ni Aolain for On the Frontlines: Gender, War, and the Post-Conflict Process.

Thirteen faculty members celebrated years-of-service milestones:

- **40 YEARS** Barry Feld ('69)
- **35 YEARS** Richard Frase, Daniel Gifford
- **30 YEARS** Stephen Befort ('74), Ann Burkhart, John Matheson
- **25 YEARS** Suzanne Thorpe ('89)
- **20 YEARS** Edward Adams, Joan Howland
- **15 YEARS** Vicente Garces
- **10 YEARS** Mary Alton, Stephen Cribari, Oren Gross

See employee milestones on page 11.
FIRMINE BOUYIT
2012–13 HUMPHREY FELLOW
As long as she can remember, Firmine Bouity has railed against the rampant discrimination and inequality in the Republic of Congo, a neighbor of the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire). For the 3 million people in this “small Congo,” human rights, particularly for women and children, have historically been considered a family issue, not a societal one. Bouity and others have worked hard to pass protective treaties and conventions, but the road to change is long.

“Some things I saw growing up affected me so much. We have no domestic violence courts, no domestic provisions in our law. You can kill your wife or beat your wife as you like. Women were created to give birth, cook, and take care of their husbands. They’re afraid to complain,” she explains. “We have the weight of culture on our heads, and in our minds.”

An assistant in charge of International Conventions at the Republic of Congo’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bouity has a master’s degree in private law from Marien Ngouabi University and served as public relations chief of the Women’s Legal Association for more than a decade, assisting widows, orphans, and domestic violence victims. Of 25 Republic of Congo workers who applied for Humphrey Fellowships, she was one of two recipients—the first from their country. She aims not only to polish her English while in America but also to enhance her legal skills and explore new strategies to aid and advise the Republic of Congo’s Ministry and Women’s Legal Association.

“I want to share the American experience with women’s and children’s rights. Women are more powerful here. They have a voice. If something is bad, they can raise their voice clearly without being scared,”
she says. “It’s very, very important to me to have this tool. We need to stand up and say no, to start training our voice. We cannot continue to see our sisters suffering.”

She is excited by simple things we take for granted, such as seeing a woman driving a public bus. “In our country this would not be possible. It would be like a dream,” she says. “Now I know why the U.S. is the first country—the women are so free! We need to develop our country, and our minds.”

CLAIRE ZHAO
LL.M. CLASS OF 2013
As a young girl in China, Claire Zhao derived career inspiration from a source shared by many American counterparts: Hollywood. “I saw the lawyers in movies and said to myself, ‘I want to be a lawyer.’ From the time I was 11 or 12, my goal was very clear. I didn’t ever think about changing that goal,” Zhao says.

She tackled her objective logically, majoring in law and pursuing her LL.B. at Beijing Jiaotong University, then her LL.M. in international commercial law and European law at the U.K.’s University of Sheffield, and now an LL.M. at the Law School.

“According to Chinese law, a local lawyer working for an international law firm is subject to many restrictions unless they get foreign qualifications. I was helping clients who were mostly U.S. firms, so it is very helpful if I have the knowledge of American law. For both reasons, I came here,” she says. Her work as a legal consultant for Minneapolis-based Faegre Baker Daniels’ Shanghai office made Minnesota a natural choice.

Her area of expertise—advising multinational companies on labor and employment matters—makes sense, too. She points to China’s need for employment lawyers, especially those who can deal with downsizing and redundancy during economic downturns. “Chinese employment law is very pro-employee,” she explains. “However, if a company cannot profit, there is no reason for them to keep many employees that they cannot afford. That is a conflict. I see employment lawyers as very useful.”

Because English is her second language, following lectures, completing reading assignments, and preparing homework are challenging. But Zhao’s Sheffield LL.M. and practical experience will help support her chief goal this year: to pass the New York bar, one of only two U.S. exams offered to foreign students.

She is also comforted by the presence of other first-year students new to American law and to Minnesota’s quirks—like the weather. Zhao says it’s been beautiful, at least since she
arrived in August. “Although I was warned that the winter is awful, I grew up in China at the same latitude as Minneapolis, so I’m not so scared,” she laughs. “So far, so good.”

SAM MANNING
CLASS of 2013
One unforgettable night convinced Sam Manning that law was his future. He was in Thailand, midway through a five-month, eight-country global semester as a St. Olaf College junior, traveling overnight from one city to another. Without warning, Thai soldiers stopped his bus, boarded it, and asked for passports. He was able to comply. But when a Burmese woman couldn’t produce a passport, she was taken off the bus and away into the darkness.

“That she was so powerless really struck me,” he says. “In our society, laws are an important safeguard for human rights. But I saw no protection from the law for any of those refugees moving from country to country.”

Raised by a mother passionate about social justice issues, Manning had long been interested in political science. His undergraduate experience proved formative, especially the month or more that he spent in each of four locations: Egypt, India, Hong Kong, and South Korea. Once he became a law student, he joined forces with the Immigration and Human Rights Law Clinic, becoming its student director last summer. He was able to participate in a successful case granting asylum to a university professor who had fled imprisonment and torture in his native Ethiopia.

As he wends his way through his final year, Manning says that law school has met his expectations in some ways, such as providing the opportunity to work on the immigration and human rights cases that fuel his passion, but he’s had to adjust his expectations in other ways. Learning the “little rules,” as he calls them, and practical ways of applying the law has made him less idealistic, perhaps, and more realistic as he faces a tough job market. He plans to stay in Minnesota, where the Somali, Hmong, and Sudanese populations ought to provide ample legal aid opportunities.

He is, after all, certain that he has chosen the right path. “Having a law degree helps me speak for people who have no way to speak for themselves,” he says. “That is what our justice system should be about.”

BEN KLASSEN
CLASS of 2014
When asked whether he is a 2L or a 3L, Ben Klassen hesitates. “It’s year three,” he explains, “of a four-year program.” He is one of four students in his class currently juggling the academic load that a joint degree program entails. Enrolled in both the Law School, where he is now technically a 2L, and the Carlson School of Management, he acknowledges that a double bill is a tough nut.

“Typically, you can’t choose from the beginning to do both degrees,” he says, although there are exceptions. He entered the Law School first, applied to the Carlson School between semesters one and two, then spent last year in business school. This year is a lively dance between the two; if he gets all the credit steps right, he’ll earn his M.B.A. in May and finish his J.D. next year. Whew.

Influenced by his father, who runs a small business as a contractor in Milwaukee, and his undergraduate experience, Klassen made his choice carefully. A University of St. Thomas business ethics class taught by professors enthusiastic about legal issues had a big impact. Legal studies in business became his major, and the half dozen legal classes he took in contracts, real estate, and other practical subjects gave him a head start among 1Ls.

How businesses work and grow has long intrigued him. “I’d like to work with small and mid-sized companies, helping them expand and spot opportunities, overcome threats and stumbling blocks, adapt better than their competitors. I want to work with them over time, to be able to offer both business and legal advice,” he says. In business school, he has focused on innovation, identifying good ideas and what makes them work.

Klassen lauds the University for making a joint degree possible. His two schools are only 50 meters apart, which helps. But it’s not all about books. Connections are important, he says, and it takes extra effort to keep up with temporarily abandoned Law School classmates while also bonding with Carlson comrades. “I have to pencil in happy hours.”

He must also negotiate an uncharted maze of schedule, credit, and financial aid requirements, which takes an uncommon degree of ownership and responsibility—the kind that marks successful business owners and lawyers alike.

MARIAM MAHMOOD
CLASS of 2015
“When I got that phone call on December 1, I was ecstatic. It was the happiest moment of my life,” says 1L Mariam Mahmood. “My parents came to the United States with this kind of dream, to see their children succeed.”

Born in Saudi Arabia to parents from India, Mahmood lived in both
countries before settling in Woodbury, a St. Paul suburb, at age 13. “I’d never heard of the state in my life until I moved here,” she laughs, describing how both the Midwest and the University of Minnesota burrowed their way into her heart despite exploratory visits to both coasts.

Prizing the University for its size and diversity, she enrolled as a high school senior, eyeing a health care major. But after volunteering in a hospital, struggling with chemistry, and working in the career office to help others define their paths, she found her own: political science. Internships with U.S. Senator Al Franken and Congressman Keith Ellison (’90), whose support and encouragement made him seem more uncle than mentor, affirmed her choice.

There was a point in her junior year when she thought she might need a year off to prepare for law school, she says. But the new Minnesota Law Early Admissions Program, an experimental process that bypasses the LSAT, guaranteed acceptance via that winter phone call.

Pursuing her passion for government, politics, and immigration issues, Mahmood spent the summer working for Susan Kent, DFL-endorsed candidate for Minnesota Senate District 53. “Being a representative,” Mahmood explains, “is the coolest job in the world.”

A Muslim who speaks Hindi, Urdu, and some Arabic, Mahmood sees little conflict between her ambition and her culture. “Islam teaches balance, and you can be both a leader in your community and a leader in your household,” she says. “I’m not a person who likes to argue all the time, but if I think something is wrong or unjust, I give my opinion. I do have that lawyer personality.”

Although her family applauded her acceptance with dinner and a cake, “the expression I saw on my dad’s face was my celebration,” she says. “I made them proud.”

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

The 11th annual Theatre of the Relatively Talentless (TORT) musical, “Back to the Future Interest,” will be presented on February 22-23, 2013, at the Pantages Theatre in downtown Minneapolis. As always, you can expect singing, dancing, humor, and cameo appearances by faculty, alumni, and members of the legal community. TORT productions are written, directed, produced, and performed entirely by law students. The emphasis is on creativity and fun; talent is recklessly disregarded.

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Human Rights Clinic Makes Recommendations to U.N. Human Rights Committee

The 104th session of the U.N. Human Rights Committee met at U.N. headquarters in New York in March 2012 to review compliance of member states with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In attendance were Michele Lobo ('13), Faiza Majeed ('13), Laura Matson ('13), and Professor Jennifer Green from the Human Rights Litigation and International Legal Advocacy Clinic; Barbara Frey, director of the Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota and Law School adjunct professor; and Claire Leslie, associate coordinator for the Midwest Coalition of Human Rights.

Member states are required to provide their human rights records for periodic review, and the Committee invites non-governmental organizations to submit reports with additional information. Clinic students had prepared reports on the human rights consequences of misuse, improper regulation, and illicit transfer of small arms and light weapons in three countries under Committee review: the Dominican Republic, Philippines, and Yemen.

Among their research findings: more than 2,000 deaths in Yemen in 2011 from security forces using powerful weapons, chiefly during peaceful protests, and numerous deaths at the hands of law enforcement in the Dominican Republic. Majeed testified about the misuse of arms in Yemen, illicit transfers, and the use of child soldiers. The Committee’s concluding observations on the two countries included recommendations on the use of child soldiers and misuse of arms.

Annie Balghiti ('13), Michael Kruckow ('13) Winners at New Moot Court

Law School teams made an excellent showing at a new one-weekend, intercollegiate appellate moot court tournament for local law schools conceived by and held at the University of St. Thomas Law School on March 30-31, 2012. The team of Annie Balghiti ('13) and Michael Kruckow ('13) won the competition, and Kruckow also took the Best Oralist award. The team of Aalok Sharma ('13) and Ashley Schmit ('13) captured Top Brief honors.

The hypothetical moot court problem, based on a case currently pending before the Minnesota Supreme Court, concerned a mortuary-science student who sued her mythical university for its disciplinary measures after she posted her lab work, alleging her right to free speech was violated.

Jonathan Reiner ('13) Spends Summer in D.C. as Peggy Browning Fellow

Reiner ('13) was among those selected for the prestigious Peggy Browning public interest labor law fellowship in Washington, D.C., this past summer. Criteria included scholarship excellence and a commitment to workers’ rights demonstrated through experience. Reiner spent the ten-week fellowship at the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, which helps workers nationwide form unions to bargain collectively with employers for better working conditions.

“I take a great deal of pride in coming from a union family,” Reiner said. “After bearing witness to a legal system that does not work for working people, I made the decision to focus on legal advocacy as my contribution to the movement. Thus, it gives me great joy to have been chosen as a Peggy Browning Fellow.” He also thanked his parents and said he welcomes the challenges ahead.

The fellowship was established in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a prominent union-side attorney and member of the National Labor Relations Board from 1994-97, to encourage and inspire careers in public interest labor law.

Ben Krause ('13) Speaks to Democratic Platform Drafting Committee

Benjamin Krause ('13) was among those who testified before the Platform Drafting Committee of the Democratic National Committee on July 28, 2012, at a national hearing.
Ben Krause ('13)
held in Minneapolis. He testified on behalf of Veterans for Common Sense, an advocacy organization at which he is assistant director for policy advocacy.

Krause identified major problems that persist among veterans: suicide, homelessness, unemployment, an 88% college dropout rate, demoralizing delays in benefits due to a 900,000-claim backlog, and under-utilization of veterans’ training and expertise. Taxpayers invest thousands in training its veterans, “yet we relinquish that investment by letting them join the ranks of the jobless, the homeless, and the underserved,” Krause said.

The Department of Veteran Affairs needs new thinking, new solutions, and policy changes to address the complex situation, and the nation needs to shift its view of veterans to “a resource rather than a problem,” Krause continued. “Leverage the skills veterans have learned in the military to help solve what ails all Americans.”

Colleges and universities could develop methods to acquire and retain veterans as students, and Veteran Owned Business status could more readily be granted to support commercial endeavors, Krause said, noting, “Veterans win when politicians understand the real needs of all veterans, both those needing help and those delivering it as leaders of society.”

Krause is a former U.S. Air Force senior airman, a disabled veteran, and founder of DisabledVeterans.org. His full testimony is available at www.disabledveterans.org/2012/07/28/dnc-veteran-statement-at-veterans-for-common-sense.

Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Helps Ethiopian Professor Secure Asylum
A university professor who fled imprisonment and torture in his native Ethiopia was recently granted his February 2012 request for U.S. asylum. Immigration and Human Rights Law Clinic student attorneys Edmond Ahadome ('13), Gordon Knoblauch ('13), Kevin Lampone ('12), Sam Manning ('13), and Jenna Nand ('12) represented him in the asylum process, with assistance from Emily Good ('03), a staff attorney at Advocates for Human Rights.

The client had been threatened on multiple occasions for his research critiquing the Ethiopian government’s land use and development policies and for his criticism of various practices at the state-run university. This campaign of intimidation and harassment, by both government officials and university administrators, culminated in his detention by the Ethiopian government. After being released, he fled to the United States.

The case demonstrated the importance of asylum law in protecting those who speak out against their government and offered students the opportunity to save the life of someone who was tortured for doing so, said Clinic Director and Supervising Attorney Stephen Meili.

Tenzin Pelkyi ('15) Receives Sullivan Ballou Award
In April 2012 first-generation college graduate Tenzin Pelkyi ('15) received the Sullivan Ballou Award for her work campaigning against and raising awareness of oppression in Tibet. The award, with a $1,000 scholarship, is given by the University’s Human Rights Program, the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and the Sullivan Ballou Fund to honor individuals for a commitment to human rights.

Pelkyi’s parents escaped Tibet in 1959 and lived in exile in India until her father obtained a visa to come to the United States in 1992. Pelkyi, her mother, and her sister joined him four years later. She has been a dedicated activist both off and on campus while completing her undergraduate degree in political science and global studies.

Tenzin Pelkyi ('15)
In March 2012, through a grant from the Political Science Department, she was part of a delegation that lobbied in Washington, D.C., for diplomatic action and policy changes in Tibet. Minnesota Senator Al Franken and California Senator Dianne Feinstein were among those who met with the delegation. Ten days later the resolution they had supported and Feinstein introduced (S. Res. 356), calling for an end to oppressive policies by the Chinese government, passed in the Senate. Minnesota Representative Keith Ellison ('90) co-sponsored an identical resolution in the House.

The Sullivan Ballou Fund was founded in 2003 by Elissa Peterson and Hennepin County District Court Judge Bruce Peterson. It is named for a Union Army major killed at the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861. His eloquent letter to his wife before the battle expresses the heartfelt commitment to others that is honored in the Sullivan Ballou Award.
Lee Sheehy’s 15 years of practicing public and administrative law with Popham Haik were flanked by stints for the State of Minnesota as special assistant attorney general in the late 1970s and chief deputy attorney general in the late 1990s. In 1999, Sheehy moved on to nonprofit work, serving until 2001 as senior vice president and general counsel for Public Radio International.

After working as Metropolitan Council regional administrator, he was director of what is now the City of Minneapolis’ Department of Community Planning & Economic Development until 2007. His portfolio, which included the Midtown Exchange, the Hiawatha Line, the Central Corridor, and Target Field, “was a small way to play a role in the kinds of community and economic building initiatives that make the Twin Cities a great place to live.”

Having joined McKnight in 2009, Sheehy no longer dashes between Washington, D.C., and Minnesota as he did while chief of staff for U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar for two years. The gratification in his current role comes from supporting grantees and government and civic leaders whose work, from community gardens and small-business development to public transit and affordable housing, makes their communities even greater places to live. “Grantees are our feet on the ground, but people are who we serve,” Sheehy says.

In 2011 Gov. Mark Dayton appointed Sheehy chair of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection. Helping recruit and recommend prospective judges lets...
Sheehy put to use a cherished lesson from law school, namely that “the rule of law is only as good as the people who create it and administer it.”

Besides speaking to joint Humphrey School/Law School classes, Sheehy volunteers with a few nonprofits he admires, including the Ann Bancroft Foundation and the Page Education Foundation.

At home in Minneapolis, Sheehy and wife Cathy Lawrence, vice president for development for Planned Parenthood, revel in early-morning runs around Lake Harriet and in nurturing Lawrence’s teenage daughter and son as the next generation of citizens inspired to do good.

**CYNTHIA DIANE DENNIS**
CLASS OF 1988

Serving as the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) assistant director of enforcement keeps Diane Dennis close to her love of sports and commitment to fair play.

From grade 7 on, Dennis was clear about career priorities. First was sports; second was law. As an undergraduate, she won two national championships with the tennis team at the University of Southern California, and from 1981-85 she was a professional tennis player on the satellite tour throughout the United States and abroad.

Dennis entered law school in 1985, applying skills learned as a tennis player—hard work, discipline, organization, time management, and perseverance—to succeed in that and every endeavor since.

Dennis knew she was in the wrong place when her first law-firm job in California required helping insurance companies find loopholes to avoid paying claims. She moved home to Miami in 1989. During the following 10 years, she worked for legal services agencies, was corporate counsel and president for a lawn care and home improvement company she and a brother established, and represented clients in real estate matters.

In 1999, she decided to return to the sports realm. At the NCAA ever since, Dennis investigates, develops, and processes cases involving potential violations of NCAA legislation by institutions, coaches, student-athletes, and other individuals. “Everyone is now represented by attorneys,” Dennis says, and working in enforcement often involves difficult conversations and controversy. She handles the pressure by continually trying to steer the parties back to the main purpose: discovering the truth.

Helping student-athletes favorably resolve issues in their best interests is Dennis’ favorite part of NCAA work. “I get the greatest joy when I can help a kid, because sometimes things happen because they were given bad advice or they got hooked up with the wrong people,” she explains.

Outside work, Dennis’s first priority is her religious faith. The second is finances, a new-found passion. People in her community, church, and workplace rely on the twice-yearly emailed epistles she compiles from her study of finances. She voluntarily provides one-on-one financial counseling to anyone who needs it. “I love helping people realize they can establish a game plan to achieve their financial goals.”
of wind, biogas, solar, and other carbon-reduction projects.

Sometimes BearCub offers communities ideas for “green” projects free of charge but doesn’t land the business. “We try to offer the best possible deal, but if there is something better, we’ll tell them,” she explains. “I have found a company I can work proudly for and feel we’re not ripping off our own people.”

After working in Denver for her first couple years with NativeEnergy, BearCub moved to the Fort Peck reservation in May 2009 and established a home office. She was recently elected to the Assiniboine Council’s Executive Committee, and she continues mentoring young American Indians who aspire to professional careers.

BearCub’s non-work pursuits include gardening and reading science fiction. Since December 2011, she has custody of three school-age grandchildren following her daughter-in-law’s death from cancer. Along with providing a stable home, BearCub models a life lesson: “to have a job like Grandma’s you have to get an education and pay your dues.”

Networking with people in rural communities, governmental entities, and North American Indian nations is the primary way BearCub develops business for NativeEnergy, a private company partially owned by American Indian tribes. NativeEnergy provides carbon offsets, renewable energy credits, and carbon accounting software to help businesses and individuals finance construction law school, thanks in part to the Business Law Clinic and the Corporate Externship Program. During a 2011-12 fellowship with the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Norton helped update the Committee’s pro bono manuals on federal statutes, represented clients in settlement hearings before the Illinois Northern District Court, and worked with small businesses and nonprofits.

At Jackson Lewis, Norton has been working on position statements in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission matters and helping the firm prepare for National Labor Relations Act and Illinois Department of Human Rights cases. And he has been working with some small businesses, putting into practice Law School lessons about focusing on each particular client’s needs.

As a Teach for America Corps member from 2006-08, Norton taught at an inner-city Miami school and coached football, wrestling, and baseball. “Once you’re in Teach for America it becomes part of your personal mission,” he says. While in law school, Norton coached at Totino Grace High School in Fridley, Minn., and since July 2011 he has been volunteer assistant football coach at Gary Comer College Prep in Chicago.

Norton has “a big soft spot for education reform.” This fall, he will begin service on a new board for a Gary Comer program that supports high school seniors going to college. Norton already serves on the auxiliary board for the Big Shoulders Fund, which supports Catholic schools, mostly in inner-city Chicago. He also participates in back-to-school nights at a charter school.

For now, Norton is building his skills and knowledge as an attorney. Once he has established himself within Chicago’s legal community, he’ll decide how he can “take this and run with it.” No one should be surprised if that involves a blend of labor law and advocacy for education.

By Karen K. Hansen, a Minneapolis-based writer and clarinetist
Myron Bright ('47) Receives Professionalism Award

In August 2012, Myron H. Bright ('47) received the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award from Chief Judge William Jay Riley at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Kansas City, Mo. The award honors individuals whose life and practice exemplify the highest character, integrity, and dedication to the principles of the legal profession and the rule of law.

Bright had been a trial lawyer at Wattam, Vogel, Vogel, Bright & Peterson in Fargo, N.D., for 21 years in 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him to the Eighth Circuit. Over the years Bright has also heard cases as a visiting judge in the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits and presided over federal district court trials in Arkansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, and North Dakota. An early developer of the jurist-in-residence program, Bright has shared his judicial expertise at Minnesota and other law schools.

Since taking senior status in 1985, Bright has taught trial and appellate advocacy at Saint Louis University School of Law (1985–95) and has served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules, the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on International Judicial Relations, and other boards. In 2007 the U.S. State Department sponsored his travel to the Middle East to discuss judicial education with representatives of international courts.

In April 2009 Bright made Eighth Circuit Court history when, at 40 years and 8 months, he had been hearing cases longer than any other judge appointed to the court. His record grows as he continues to hear cases.

He has received the Frances Rawle Award for continuing professional education from the ABA and American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society’s Herbert Harley Award for Promoting Effective Administration of Justice, the State Bar Association of North Dakota’s Liberty Bell Award, the University of North Dakota School of Law’s Lifetime Achievement Award, the Minnesota Law Review’s Distinguished Alumni Award, an honorary doctorate from North Dakota State University, and other honors.

Former law clerks and friends recognized Bright’s tireless work and influence on their lives by creating scholarships in his name at the Law School and the University of North Dakota Law School.

HCBA Honors Joe T. Dixon Jr. ('69), Toddrick Barnette ('92)

At the annual meeting of the Hennepin County Bar Association on May 24, 2012, Joseph T. Dixon Jr. ('69) (left) and Judge Toddrick Barnette ('92) (right) received the Professionalism Award, which goes to one lawyer and one judge who best exemplify a commitment to the highest professional standards in the legal community.

Dixon was honored for his board, task force, and committee involvement and his dedicated support of legal services for the disadvantaged. He has worked with the Volunteer Lawyers Network for 40 years, participated on the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Legal Assistance to the Disadvantaged Committee for the past 25 years, and served as president of Central Minnesota Legal Services. An attorney with Henson & Efron since 1971 and a past president, he practices commercial and individual dispute resolution law.

Barnette, a Hennepin County District Court judge since 2006, was recognized for his dedication to the profession, the rule of law, and the independence of the judiciary. He was an attorney in the Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office from 1993–2004, spending much of his time on juvenile court cases, before joining the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office as a senior assistant county attorney in the Juvenile Division, with responsibility for the Criminal Sexual Conduct Team. His first assignment at the district court was to the Criminal and Civil Division. He has since worked in the Drug Court and the Felony Block and Domestic Violence Court of the Criminal Court.

Michael Kirk ('75) Appointed to Court of Appeals

Judge Michael L. Kirk ('75) was appointed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Roger M. Klapkhe ('66). Previously he served on Minnesota’s Seventh District Court for 23 years, was the Otter Tail County Attorney, and worked in private practice at Williams, Nelson & Nitz in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Kirk serves on a domestic violence specialty court in Moorhead, Minn., and is a member of the Clay County Bar Association, the Minnesota Judicial Council, and the Minnesota Supreme Court Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Over his career, he has been director of the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association, president of the Otter Tail County Bar...
Catharine Haukedahl (‘79) Honored for Public Service

Catharine F. Haukedahl (‘79), a member of the Law School’s Board of Advisors, received the 2012 David Graven Public Service Award from the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) at its meeting in April. The award goes to the lawyer who best exemplifies high professional standards and a commitment to public or community service.

Haukedahl became executive director of Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA) in February 2011. The legal aid program provides professional civil legal assistance to the elderly, low-income, and other Minnesota populations in Hennepin and 19 additional counties. She also manages the Minnesota Disability Law Center, the Legal Services Advocacy Project, and the Minnesota State Support Center.

Previously, Haukedahl was MMLA Deputy Director for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Assistant Attorney General, and Solicitor General in the Minnesota Attorney General’s office in charge of six litigation divisions and involved in policy issues with the Minnesota legislature. She also was a partner at Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt in Minneapolis, practicing employment and commercial law.

The Graven Award was established in 1994 to encourage and recognize public service among lawyers. Previous Law School recipients include Richard Beens (‘68), Judge Kevin Burke (‘75), Judge Edward Cleary (‘77), Leonard Lindquist (‘39), Henry Savelkoul (‘65), and Judge John Tunheim (‘80).

Ambassador Scott DeLisi (‘80) Begins Uganda Posting

Career Senior Foreign Service officer Scott H. DeLisi (‘80), the ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal since March 2010, began his new assignment as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda this past summer. He intends to work with Uganda “to address a number of ongoing challenges in terms of broad economic development and the nurturing of a democratic political culture,” DeLisi told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in a pre-confirmation statement in March. Additional goals include improved quality and accessibility of health care and protection of citizens’ political and personal freedoms.

Previously, DeLisi served as Deputy Chief of Mission of the American Embassy in Botswana; Vice Counsel and Chief of Political Section in Sri Lanka; and Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs among other assignments in Washington, D.C. He has held postings in India, Madagascar, and Pakistan.

On July 1, 2012, Michael W. Unger (‘81), a personal injury lawyer with Unger Law Office, Minneapolis, took office as secretary of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) for its 2012-13 bar year. His election to the position puts him on track to become president for the 2015-16 bar year.

Unger is an MSBA-certified civil trial specialist through the organization’s Certified Legal Specialist program, created to assist the public by identifying attorneys who meet objective specialty area standards. In 2009, the MSBA recognized his representation of a victim of the I-35W bridge collapse with its Professional Excellence Award.

A past president of the Minnesota Justice Foundation, Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota, and Hennepin County Bar Association and Bar Foundation, Unger has also served on the board of directors for the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association and Minnesota Association for Justice. He recently received the President’s Award from the Hennepin County Bar Foundation for his dedicated volunteer service, and in 2011
Minnesota Lawyer selected him for its Outstanding Service to the Profession Award for his help in creating the nonprofit legal referral service, Call For Justice.

Kathleen Sanberg (‘82) Appointed to U.S. Bankruptcy Court

On August 24, 2012, Kathleen Sanberg (‘82) was sworn in as a member of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota, replacing retiring Judge Robert J. Kressel. She had been a judge in the Minnesota Tax Court since she was appointed by Gov. Jesse Ventura in 2001. Previously she practiced in the areas of financial institutions, loan workout, and bankruptcy as an associate (1990–95) and then a partner (1995–2001) with Faegre Baker Daniels. From 1986–89 she practiced insurance defense and coverage at the Law Offices of Patrick Whalen/ Wood, Ward and Garnett in Santa Ana, Calif. She began her legal career in business and tort litigation with Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly (1982–85).

Earlier in the year, Sanberg was selected by Minnesota Women Lawyers (MWL) to receive its 2012 Myra Bradwell Award, which goes to a member who exemplifies the highest ideals of the legal profession and the courage, perseverance, and leadership on women’s issues of the award’s namesake. In 2004 she received the MWL’s Service Award, and she currently serves on its advisory board.

An active volunteer, mentor, and advocate, Sanberg is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) Council and Assembly, representing the Hennepin County Bar Association (HCBA), and a founding member of the AMICUS Society, the MSBA’s new organization committed to supporting the justice system. She has served on the HCBA Board of Directors and has been an officer in the MSBA Bankruptcy Section and co-edited its Bankruptcy Bulletin.

Kathleen Sheehy (‘84) Appointed to District Court

On May 30, 2012, Gov. Mark Dayton appointed Kathleen D. Sheehy (‘84) to the bench of Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District Court, one of three new appointees replacing the retiring Judges Cara Lee Neville, Beryl A. Nord (‘73), and George F. McGunnigle.

Sheehy was an administrative law judge with the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings since 1995, specializing in telecommunications and utility issues but conducting hearings and mediations, drafting reports, and reviewing state-agency proposals in all major areas.

After graduation, she clerked on the Minnesota Court of Appeals and practiced commercial, antitrust, and employment law for nine years with Dorsey & Whitney.

Bridget Ahmann (‘85), Joseph Price (‘72) Win Burton Award

Bridget Ahmann (‘85) (left) and Joseph Price (‘72) (right), along with their Faegre Baker Daniels colleagues Jennifer Dukart and Denise Kettelberger, received a 2012 Burton Award for Legal Achievement in the law firm legal writing category for their article “We’re Not in Kansas Anymore, Toto: Product Liability Biologics and Biosimilars.”

The article, published in the August 2011 issue of For the Defense, examines the product liability implications of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act passed by Congress in 2010. The act established an abbreviated pathway for FDA approval of “biosimilars,” products often regarded as generic forms of biologic therapeutic products.

The 2012 law firm Burton award is the second for both Ahmann and Price. Ahmann and associate Erin Verneris won the award in 2010, and Price and colleague Peter Goss won in 2002. Philip S. Garon (‘72) is also a two-time winner: in 2001 and, along with Michael A. Stanchfield and Law School Professor John Matheson, in 2007. Law firm entries must be nominated by a managing partner where the authors are employed, and all of the Burton award winners were nominated by Faegre partners.

When the first Burton awards were presented in 2000, nominations were accepted from managing partners at the 250 largest U.S. law firms, and 12 law firms received awards. With the program’s growth, nominations now are accepted from the top 1,000 law firms, and 35 law firms received awards in 2012.

The recent wins bring the Law School’s total of prestigious Burton Awards for Legal Achievement to 15 since the program’s inception.

Phillip Walters (‘12) became the seventh Law School student to receive the Burton award for legal writing in the law school category with his 2012 win. Two alumni have received the Legends in the Law Award for outstanding corporate general counsel: James J. Bender (‘81) in 2009 and James T. Hale (‘65) in 2007. And in 2007 the Law School received the Record of Distinction Award for its multiple wins in the Burton program.
Patrick Diamond ('86)
Appointed to District Court

Patrick Diamond ('86) of the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office has been appointed to the bench of Minnesota’s Second Judicial District Court (Ramsey County), Gov. Mark Dayton’s office announced June 1, 2012. Diamond and an additional appointee, Public Defender Leonardo Castro, fill vacancies created by the appointment of Judge Edward J. Cleary ('77) to the Minnesota Court of Appeals and the retirement of Judge Steven D. Wheeler.

Since January 2007, Diamond has been Deputy Hennepin County Attorney for the Criminal Divisions (i.e., Victim Services, Special Litigation, and Community, Juvenile, and Adult Prosecution). Previously, also in the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, he managed the Special Litigation Division, supervising appellate, white collar, and vulnerable-adult cases, and was Deputy Hennepin County Attorney in the Civil Division. He also was an associate working on civil appellate and litigation matters with Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly.

Diamond co-chairs the Minnesota County Attorneys Association’s Task Force on Election Law Reform. He is a member of the Hennepin County Justice Integration Project and the Eliminating Racial Disparities Committee for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative of the Fourth Judicial District.

Michael Ponto ('89) Awarded for Diversity Efforts

Faegre Baker Daniels partner Michael A. Ponto ('89) was among the honorees when the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal presented its Diversity in Business Award to top corporate leaders on July 12, 2012. The award celebrates the breadth of the Twin Cities business community and promotes diversity of race, sexual orientation, disability, and military service. Recipients are selected for contributions to their company, industry, and community.

Ponto’s history of diversity leadership at Faegre has ranged “from voicing support for a more inclusive working environment to serving on firm committees to offering lawyer training and mentoring on the issue,” says the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s profile of Ponto.

In July 2011 Ponto led a team, in collaboration with the Southern Poverty Law Center and the National Center for Lesbian Rights, in filing action in federal court on behalf of five students in the Anoka-Hennepin School District. The March 6, 2012, settlement included a consent decree requiring implementation of new protections from harassment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming students—a groundbreaking settlement that will provide a national model for advocacy on behalf of LGBT students.

Ponto serves on Faegre’s new Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group, which oversees diversity policies and strategies, and helped write Faegre’s Strategic Diversity Plan. During his tenure as chair of Faegre’s Diversity Committee, the firm received the Thomas L. Sager Award from the Minority Corporate Counsel Association for sustained commitment to improving hiring, retention, and promotion of minority attorneys. In 2009, as an officer of the Faegre Baker Daniels Foundation, Ponto supervised endowment of a scholarship fund in the firm’s name to enhance the Law School’s ability to recruit a student population that reflects the diversity of the greater population.

Phil Duran ('00) Voted MSBA President-Elect

On July 1, 2012, Phil Duran ('00) began his new position as president-elect of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA). He is a former member of the Executive Council, was treasurer in 2011-12, and will be president 2013-14.

Duran is legal director at OutFront Minnesota, the state’s largest LGBT advocacy organization, where he began as a volunteer in 1997. He represents the organization on Gov. Dayton’s Task Force on the Prevention of School Bullying and chairs the Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity subcommittee of the Minnesota Judicial Council’s Committee for Equality and Justice.

He is also a staff attorney for the Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits, where he helps start-up organizations with incorporation, tax, and other issues. Previously he worked with Patient Resource Consultants in Michigan as a client advocate.
Additional activities among Duran’s extensive advocacy experience are his work for the MSBA’s 2010 endorsement of a marriage-equality resolution, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Chicago office of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Robert Pittelkow (‘12) and Wesley Schwie (‘12) Compete in Moot Court Nationals

On April 18–20, 2012, Wesley Schwie (‘12) (left) and Robert Pittelkow (‘12) (right) represented the Law School’s Intellectual Property Moot Court at the national finals of the annual Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. They bested teams from Columbia University, Concord Online Law School, and Georgetown University in the Boston regional competition in March to become at least the fifth Law School team to advance to the IP finals. Adjunct instructors Eric Chad (‘08) and Christopher C. Davis, intellectual property and patent attorneys with Merchant & Gould, coached the Law School’s IP Moot Court teams.

Negotiation Team Places Second Internationally

The ABA Regional and National Champion Negotiation Team of Bobby Mir (‘12) (left) and Ben Tozer (‘12) (right) took second place, scoring better than teams from 14 other countries, in the 2012 International Negotiation Competition at Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, in July. Visiting teams attended a reception hosted by the Lord Mayor at Belfast City Hall, a banquet at the Inns of Court, and a visit to the Titanic Belfast Museum sponsored by the economic development group Invest Northern Ireland. The competition centered on observance of the 100th anniversary of the maiden voyage of the Titanic, built by Northern Ireland shipbuilders, and negotiation rounds featured simulated problems involving the museum. Coach Mary Alton accompanied the team, which is sponsored by the Corporate Institute.

Phillip Walters (‘12) Wins Burton Award for Legal Writing

A prestigious 2012 Burton Award for Legal Achievement in the law school legal writing category went to Phillip Walters (‘12) for his article, "‘Would a Cop Do This?’: Ending the Practice of Sexual Sampling in Prostitution Stings," published in the Summer 2011 issue of Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice. “Phillip’s article is a great example of the Law School’s writing program. It is well-researched and well-analyzed, and it is also interesting, clear, and in plain language,” says Professor Brad Clary (‘75), who selected the article for submission.

The article examines the controversial issue of police officers engaging in sexual conduct during prostitution stings. “While society’s view of women who engage in prostitution has shifted significantly from demonizing them to seeing them as the true victims of prostitution,” Walters says, “the practices of law enforcement have not kept up with this change and courts are largely unwilling to step in.”

Walters received his award at the Burton Awards Gala in June at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., co-hosted by the Library of Congress and the Burton Foundation and featuring guest speaker retired Justice John Paul Stevens. The national award program, launched in 2000 to honor clear, effective legal writing, has grown in prestige, prominence, and competitiveness over the years. The Law School is one of only five schools to receive the Burton Award seven or more times.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

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NEW YORK ALUMNI RECEPTION
November 17, 2012, 7:00-9:30 p.m., NY Athletic Club

RECENT GRADS NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR
December 5, 2012, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Prime Bar, Minneapolis

WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNI RECEPTION
January 2013, TBD

SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND
April 19-20, 2013: See back cover of community.law.umn.edu/saw for details
James Hale (’65): Outstanding Achievement Award

James T. Hale (’65) received the University’s highest alumni honor, the Outstanding Achievement Award, at a June reception hosted by University President Eric Kaler. Regent David McMillan (’87) presented the award on behalf of the Board of Regents, which selected Hale for his dedicated volunteerism, legal-education advocacy, and “innovative and ethical legal thought.”

During his 23-year tenure with Target (1981–2004), Hale oversaw its development into one of the nation’s 25 largest corporations, directing legal matters as executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary.

Before joining Target, he practiced business law at Faegre and Benson and was vice president and director of corporate growth at General Mills Inc. Since retiring, he has served as a consultant for UnitedHealth Group and as a board member for Tennant Corp.

Throughout his career, Hale has been a recognized standard-bearer of professional responsibility and ethical corporate governance. He has served numerous organizations in volunteer and leadership roles, including the Law School’s Alumni Board and Board of Visitors (now the Board of Advisors).

Hale graduated summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, with one of the highest grade averages in the Law School’s history, then clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren (1965–66). He has been an adjunct professor at the Law School and continues to generously share his time and expertise, most recently by teaching ethics in the new Leadership Foundations Program. With his wife, he created a fund that supports the Jim and Sharon Hale Excellence in Legal Education Lecture.

Hale received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Minnesota Law Review in 2006 and the Legends in the Law Award from the Burton Awards for Legal Achievement in 2007.

In presenting Hale with his most recent award, Law School Dean David Wippman thanked him “for the honor reflected on the Law School and the University by your accomplishments as an exceptionally gifted and successful lawyer, and as a tireless and inspirational champion of equal justice and civic values.”

James Chosy (’89): Alumni Service Award

At the University Alumni Association awards ceremony in October, James L. Chosy (’89) received the 2012 Alumni Service Award, which recognizes individuals whose volunteer activities have imparted major benefits to a University or alumni group. Recipients are selected by the University’s Board of Regents, with recommendation of the University Alumni Association, the all-University Honors Committee, and University President Eric Kaler.

Law School Dean David Wippman and the Office of Advancement nominated Chosy for his years of exceptional service. “Few have displayed the highly valuable combination of genuine caring, strategic thinking, and dedicated work effort on behalf of the institution that Jim has contributed on a regular basis,” Wippman said. Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving Dinah Zebot added that Chosy is one of the Law School’s “strongest and most vocal ambassadors.”

Chosy has served on the Law School’s Board of Advisors since 2006, and is currently its chair. He served on a task force to develop strategies and guidelines to enhance the business law curriculum and, with wife Julie Chosy (’90), co-chaired the 2009-10 Partners in Excellence annual fund. He was chair of the Law School’s Development Committee in 2011-12 and is a member of the GENERATIONS campaign cabinet.

He joined Piper Jaffray Companies, where he is managing director, general counsel, and secretary, in 2001 and in 2006 initiated a corporate externship program that is still in place. Previously, he held several executive positions at First Bank System (now U.S. Bancorp), was a corporate attorney with Deluxe Corp., and practiced at Dorsey & Whitney.
The annual William B. Lockhart Club dinner, named for the Law School’s fifth dean, was held this year at Windows on Minnesota in the Marquette Hotel, downtown Minneapolis. The event honors Lockhart Club members for their generosity to the Law School and is also an occasion for alumni, faculty, family, and friends of the Law School to share an evening together. This year the dinner featured four guest speakers: new faculty members Neha Jain and Mark Kappelhoff, Law Council President Alexis Reller (’13), and Lockhart Club member and Board of Advisors chair James L. Chosy (’89).

1. Jeffrey Justman (’09) and Michael Howard (’10)
2. Alexis Reller (’13) and Professor Robert Stein (’61)
3. Janell Pepper (’92) and Dan Pepper
4. Professor Mark Kappelhoff
5. The Honorable Jonathan Lebedoff (’63), Charles Rubenstein (’55), and David Lebedoff
6. Duane Joseph (’53), Peggy Joseph, Greer Lockhart (’53), and Mary Lockhart
7. David Potter (’80) and John Gould (’53)
8. William Dolan (’63), Marilyn Sullivan, Michael Sullivan (’62), Elizabeth Bennett, and Jane Tilka
 Class Notes  NEWS ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES AND COLLEAGUES

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1954
Judge James D. Rogers was elected to a four-year term on the council of the ABA’s Senior Lawyers Division and re-elected to the assembly of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

1956
Allen I. Saeks, a senior counsel practicing commercial and business litigation at Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis, received the Eighth Circuit Richard S. Arnold Award for Distinguished Service and Lifet ime Achievement for the Federal Court for the District of Minnesota at the 2012 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in August. He has been a leader in Minnesota’s legal community for more than 50 years.

1963
Jonathan Rose, a faculty member at Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law for 44 years and associate dean from 1987–90, retired in May 2012. He was the Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar since 2001 and also a faculty affiliate in the Department of History and the Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies. In March 2012 he was honored at the Willard H. Pedrick Society dinner for his dedication to the profession, the college, and its students. He plans to travel, spend more time on his research and scholarship, and teach part-time.

1965
Thomas K. Berg authored Minnesota’s Miracle: Learning From the Government That Worked, a book about the political mysteries and realities that make real differences in people’s lives.

1966
Roger V. Stageberg was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in securities and corporate finance at Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg in Minneapolis.

1968
Harry Sieben was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in personal injury and medical malpractice at Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey in Minneapolis.

James R. Schwebel was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, and medical malpractice at Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben in Minneapolis.

Robert Tennesen was elected to chair the board of The Advocacy Group Inc., an international organization of government relations firms. He also was recently appointed by the president of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to chair the Study Committee to determine the feasibility of drafting a uniform statute on criminal records’ accuracy and access. He also serves on the committee drafting a uniform statute on prevention and remedies for human trafficking.

1969
Joseph T. Dixon Jr. received a Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association in May 2012 for his ongoing commitment to the profession through board, task force, and committee involvement and his dedicated support of legal services for the disadvantaged. He also was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in ADR at Henson & Efron.

Robert R. Weinstine was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in business litigation at Winthrop & Weinstine. He also was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in commercial litigation and recognized as a leader in his field by Chambers USA.

1970
Robert P. Abdo was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in business and corporate law at Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg in Minneapolis.


1971
William Forsyth was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in family law at Henson & Efron.

1972
Joseph M. Price, a senior partner in the product liability and environmental group at Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis, along with colleagues Bridget Ahman (’85), Jennifer Dukart, and Denise Kettelberger, received a 2012 Burton Award for Legal Achievement in the law firm legal writing category for “We’re Not in Kansas Anymore, Toto: Product Liability Biologics and Biosimilars,” published in the August 2011 issue of For the Defense. Price also won the award in 2002 with Faegre colleague Peter Goss.

1973
Alan Eidsness was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in family law at Henson & Efron.

Charles I. Wikelius, a member of the legal department of Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America since 2000, was promoted to assistant vice president, senior counsel in May 2012, in charge of all aspects of insurance regulation and the department’s response to state enforcement matters. Previously he was a deputy attorney general with the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office and a deputy commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

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Michael Kirk, a Minnesota Seventh District Court judge for 23 years, was appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton to the Minnesota Court of Appeals to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Roger M. Klapheke (’66). 

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John Goetz was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, and medical malpractice at Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben.
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1978

William L. Patberg was recognized as a leader in his field by Chambers USA for his extensive experience in natural resources and environment, including administrative and judicial aspects of environmental practice and litigation regarding the Clean Air and Clean Water Act.

1979

Catharine F. Haukedahl, executive director of Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, received the Minnesota State Bar Association’s 2012 David Graven Public Service Award for high professional standards and a commitment to public and community service.

David W. Huey received the 2012 Angelo Petrus Award for Lawyers in Public Service from the Washington State Bar Association in recognition of his significant, career-long contributions and commitment to protecting vulnerable consumers and promoting ethical business practices.

David W. Kelley, a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard, was elected a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, which recognizes outstanding legal ability, experience, high standards of professional and ethical conduct, and contributions to the real estate and legal professions.

Lynn M. Roberson, a partner with Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers in Atlanta, was elected as the first woman president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association.

1980

Keith Broady was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in business litigation at Lommen, LLP in the Minneapolis office.

Scott DeLisi began his new assignment as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda. Previously he had been U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

1981

Jon J. Hoganson, a shareholder at Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis, was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in banking, finance, and real estate law. He also was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in banking and a leader in his field of real estate by Chambers USA.

David E. Moran was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in banking at Winthrop & Weinstine.

Michael Unger, a personal injury lawyer with Unger Law Office, Minneapolis, was elected secretary of the Minnesota State Bar Association and took office in July 2012.

1982

Douglas Barnard is teaching a course in mergers and acquisitions as an adjunct professor at the University of Chicago Law School. He joked beforehand that he would probably be given President Obama’s old office, and that is what happened.

Kathleen Sanberg, formerly a judge on the Minnesota Tax Court, was sworn in as a member of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota on Aug. 24, 2012. Earlier in the year she received Minnesota Women Lawyers’ 2012 Myra Bradwell Award, which goes to a member who exemplifies the highest ideals of the legal profession and the courage, perseverance, and leadership on women’s issues of the award’s namesake.

Todd B. Unness was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in real estate at Winthrop & Weinstine and also was named in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in tax law.

1983

Leslie M. Altman received a Diversity Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association in May 2012 for her work to raise awareness of gender equity and diversity in the legal profession. She passed away in September (see Tributes, page 62).

Timothy M. Barnett, who works exclusively with closely held midmarket businesses, specializing in franchise transactional work, traditional mergers and acquisitions, and joint venture matters with Winthrop & Weinstine, was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer and a leader in his field by Chambers USA.

1984

Kathleen Blatz, retired Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice, was the featured guest and honored with a testimonial from Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Alan Page (’78) at the 31st annual Law Day Testimonial Dinner in May 2012, sponsored by the Fund for the Legal Aid Society and the Hennepin County Bar Association.

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Jeffrey R. Ansel, a shareholder with Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis, was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in business litigation and named in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in arbitration, mediation, real estate, commercial litigation, and banking litigation.

Patrick D. Seiter, a partner with Taylor Porter in Baton Rouge, La., was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in health care law.

1986

Derek L. Sorenson, a partner with Quarles & Brady in Phoenix, was named a 2012 Southwest Super Lawyer, a leader in his field by Chambers USA, and among The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in real estate law.

Patrick Diamond was appointed to the bench of Minnesota’s Second Judicial District Court (Ramsey County) by Gov. Mark Dayton. Previously,
he served as Deputy Hennepin County Attorney for Criminal Prosecution and as a special litigation division manager with the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office.

Linda M. Tedford became vice president of Lilja Inc., a communications company based in Eden Prairie, Minn.

1988

Jill A. Adkins accepted a position in the newly expanded elder law and estate planning practice of Henningson & Snoxell in Maple Grove, Minn. She works with clients of all ages but focuses on the rights of older persons.

Michelle C. Culligan assumed the role of general counsel with CSM Corporation in May 2012. She represents the company in general commercial, corporate, commercial real estate, and financing matters and issues affecting its diverse portfolio of commercial, residential, and hotel properties.

1989

James L. Chosy, chair of the Law School’s Board of Advisors and a member since 2006, was recognized for his extensive volunteer activities with the Board of Regents’ 2012 University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award at the recommendation of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, the all-University Honors Committee, and University President Eric Kaler (see page 52).

Marc Johannsen, who practices family law with Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg in Minneapolis, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors.

Tara Mattiesch joined Larkin Hoffman’s tax and trusts & estate practice area. She was recently named a “Five Star Wealth Manager” and featured in the January 2012 issue of Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal for her support of a more inclusive workplace, committee service, and training and mentoring on diversity issues.

Judge Natalie Tyrrell, chief judge of the North Las Vegas Justice Court, was elected to a third term, running from 2013–19. She was first elected in 2000, the first woman judge in North Las Vegas.

Thomas A. Walker was named in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in employee benefits law with Winthrop & Weinstine.

Patrick W. Weber was named in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in banking and finance law with Winthrop & Weinstine.

1990

Donald L. Enockson opened Enockson Law Office, primarily focused on family law, in Shoreview, Minn. He is a former chair of the Family Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Linda Mealey-Lohmann was re-elected to a second term as secretary of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

1992

Judge Toddrick Barnette of the Hennepin County District Court received a Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association in May 2012 for his dedication to the profession, the rule of law, and the independence of the judiciary.

Jacqueline Damm received the Best Lawyers in America 2013 Lawyer of the Year Award for the Portland Metropolitan region. She represents management in employment disputes.

Thomas R. Johnson, a trial attorney with emphasis on mechanical and pharmaceutical patent litigation, rejoined Merchant & Gould in Minneapolis.

Dan Simon was elected 2012–13 chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the first section chair to exclusively practice and teach transformative mediation.

1993

Aaron Latto was promoted to senior vice president of Cincinnati Great American Insurance Group. He will lead the property and casualty group’s corporate claims function, with responsibility for oversight of all U.S. and international claims operations, including execution of claims strategy, philosophy, and quality management.

Scott Neilon was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in general litigation with Herson & Efron.

Thomas L. Osteraas joined the energy and corporate practice groups of Leonard, Street and Deinard as a shareholder. His extensive experience advising companies as both in-house and outside counsel includes recent service as general counsel at Excelsior Energy Inc., an independent energy development company.

1994

Megan L. Anderson, a principal in Gray Plant Mooty’s Minneapolis office, was certified as a Labor and Employment Law Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association.

1995

Carl D. Crosby Lehmann, a principal in Gray Plant Mooty’s Minneapolis office, was certified as a Labor and Employment Law Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Betsy Hoium, who received a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in May 2012, accepted a position as associate pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D. She has served as an attorney and manager with the Metropolitan Airports Commission since 1996 and taught legal writing and international moot court at the Law School for nine years.

Matthew R. McBride was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for his work in business litigation at Winthrop & Weinstine.

Laura A. Pfeiffer, a shareholder at Winthrop & Weinstine, was certified as a Labor and Employment Law Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association and was named a 2012 Minnesota Super Lawyer for her work in employment law, labor law, and business litigation.

1997

John Bursch, a Michigan solicitor general, received a National Association of Attorneys General Best Brief Award for his U.S. Supreme Court merits brief
in Howes v. Fields. Winners are selected by a panel of eight Supreme Court experts, each a leading member of the Supreme Court bar. In the last 18 months, he has successfully argued three cases before the Supreme Court.

Roshini Rajkumar was named the host of News & Views on CBS Radio Minneapolis, which airs on Sundays from 2:00–3:00 p.m. To listen, tune to 830 AM or visit www.wcco.com/roshini.

Hoyt R. Stastney was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in banking and finance law with Quarles & Brady, Milwaukee.

Josh Wert was named chief executive officer of Sabes Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Linda D. Kennedy joined Butzel Long in Detroit, specializing in intellectual property.

Christine M. Middleton joined Messerli & Kramer, Minneapolis. Previously she was the founder of Family Solutions Law Group and practiced exclusively in the area of family law.

Aaron Scow joined the Dallas office of Baker & McKenzie as a partner working in the corporate and securities practice group in May 2012.

Vija L. Brookshire is a shareholder in the divorce and family law group of Messerli & Kramer in Minneapolis, practicing divorce and family law with a focus on contested custody, child support, spousal maintenance, and property issues.

Douglas L. Micko joined Crowder, Teske, Katz & Micko and is merging his current work on behalf of employees and victims of civil rights violations with the firm’s expertise on behalf of consumers in class action litigation.

Clayton Chan joined Moss & Barnett as a shareholder in its wealth preservation and estate planning group and will work with families to customize estate plans and with owners of closely held businesses on succession and family legacy planning.

Phil Duran took office July 1, 2012, as president-elect of the Minnesota State Bar Association and will be president for the 2013–14 bar year. He is a former member of its executive council and was treasurer in 2011–12.

Peter K. Wahl, a partner practicing environmental law at Jackson Walker in Dallas, was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 and among the 2012 “40 Under
Forty” recognized for their commitment to the North Texas community by Dallas Business Journal.

2001
Dan Friedman successfully represented Darrel F. Parker in his decades-long mission to clear his name and secure compensation for being wrongfully convicted of the rape and murder of his wife in 1956. Parker spent 14 years in prison until his confession was deemed coerced, by the manipulative techniques of the polygraph operator, and he was paroled in 1970. Even after a 1991 pardon, he continued to seek full exoneration. In August 2012, 80-year-old Parker received not only the maximum compensation allowed for wrongful conviction in Nebraska but also an apology from the attorney general. Barbarous Souls (Northwestern U. Press, 2010) tells Parker’s story.

2002
Chad Drown was named an “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for his work at Faegre Baker Daniels, Minneapolis.

Michael J. Mergens, a former small business owner, is a shareholder with Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren, focusing on assisting a broad range of industries, from mining to commercial real estate, before state agencies and local governments on issues including property tax, eminent domain, land use, and the environment.

William R. Woodford was named an “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for his work as a principal in the intellectual property litigation group at Fish & Richardson.

2003
Kathleen A. Austin has joined Educational Credit Management Corporation.

Nicole Druckrey, a partner in the commercial litigation group at Quarles & Brady in Milwaukee, was elected to the board of directors of Adoption Resources Wisconsin.

Amy Salmela was named an “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for her work at Patterson Thuente Christensen Pederson in Minneapolis.

2004
Jaime Driggs was named among Minnesota “Rising Stars” for his work in family law at Henson & Efron.

Kate E. Jaycox, an associate with Robins, Kaplan, Miller, & Cress in Minneapolis who represents individuals and families injured by the pharmaceutical and medical device industries, was named to the board of governors of the American Association of Justice (formerly known as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America). The association works to ensure justice for those injured by the negligence or misconduct of others.

Sara Van Norman was named a shareholder at Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen, which she joined in 2007. She focuses her practice on litigation, construction, environmental law, business, and Indian child welfare.

Eva Weiler was named a partner at Shoek, Hardy & Bacon in Orange County, Calif.

2005
Shay Agsten was promoted to shareholder in the banking, bankruptcy, business restructuring and real estate practice group at Von Briesen & Roeper in Milwaukee. Named a “Wisconsin Rising Star” in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights in 2011 and a frequent author and presenter on bankruptcy and business restructuring, she chairs the Bankruptcy Section of the Milwaukee Bar Association.

Peter Anthony Franke, who focuses on transactional business law, was named a partner at Shutts & Bowen in Tampa, Fla.

Wesley Graham was named a 2012 “Minnesota Rising Star” for his work in business litigation at Henson & Efron.

Margaux (Coady) Soeffker was named a 2012 “Minnesota Rising Star” for her work in family law at Tressler Law in Minneapolis.

2006
Bryan Freeman was named a 2012 “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for his work at Lindquist & Vennum, Minneapolis.

Douglas Ujdur was named a 2012 “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for his work at Briggs & Morgan, Minneapolis.

2007
Michelle E. Dawson has joined Winthrop & Weinstine, Minneapolis, as a member of the patent law and prosecution, intellectual property litigation, intellectual property, and patent litigation practice groups in the Intellectual Property Department. She previously practiced at Dorsey & Whitney.

Joseph M. Windler was named a 2012 “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for his work in business and commercial litigation, administrative and regulatory law, and employment law at Winthrop & Weinstine. He is also an adjunct professor at the Law School.

2008
Jeffrey Mulder was named a 2012 “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for his work at Bassford Remele in Minneapolis.

2009
Gretchen Gurstelle was named a 2012 “Up & Coming Attorney” by Minnesota Lawyer for her work at Gretchen Gurstelle Attorney at Law.

Emily Louise Mugaas joined Meagher & Geer in Minneapolis and works in the tort/toxic tort and products liability groups.

2010
Joshua D. Taggatz accepted a position as an associate with Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Madison, Wisc., focusing on litigation. Previously he was an associate with a law firm in central Wisconsin, representing a variety of clients, including business owners.

2011
Alexis K. Lundgren joined Michael Best & Friedrich, Milwaukee. Previously, she interned for Judge Rudolph T. Randa in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Michael E. Norton accepted a position at Jackson Lewis in Chicago, focusing on labor and employment law.

2012
Allan Williams joined the corporate group of Husch Blackwell in Omaha.
Over 150 alumni, students, and friends attended “A Night in Bilbao,” a fun-filled, memorable evening with great food, great music, and great company. For more pictures, please visit www.community.law.umn.edu.

1. Akira Cespedes Perez (’15), Zelda Elcin (’15), and Karianne Jones (’15)
2. Benjamin Gurstelle (’09), Gretchen Gurstelle (’09), Kevin Weber (’09), and Sharon Weber
3. Welcome to “A Night in Bilbao”
4. Professor Hari Ososky, Shelley Roe (’96), Rachna Sullivan (’96), and Sara Jones (’88)
5. Julie Chosy (’90), Jim Chosy (’89), and Bruce Mooty (’80)

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ALUMNI

ROBERT F. HENSON
CLASS OF 1950

Robert F. Henson, a founding partner of Henson & Efron and its president for nearly 40 years, passed away June 23, 2012, in Minneapolis at age 87.

Henson graduated third in his Law School class, Order of the Coif, and was an adjunct professor of legal ethics. Throughout his career of general corporate work, commercial litigation, and family law, he was known for his unwavering integrity. He retired from practice in 2007.


JAMES L. HETLAND JR.
CLASS OF 1950

James L. Hetland Jr., a long-time senior executive with First National Bank of Minneapolis, died May 23, 2012, in Minneapolis at age 86.

He graduated at the top of his Law School class, Order of the Coif, and in 1967 was appointed to head the new Metropolitan Council. In addition to holding many leadership positions in the community, he taught at the Law School, the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and William Mitchell School of Law.


MELVIN R. MOOTY
CLASS OF 1951

Melvin R. Mooty, a founding and named partner at Gray, Plant, Moody, Mooty & Bennett, passed away on May 30, 2012, at age 84 in Minnetonka, Minn. Among the high-profile real estate projects and developments he worked on across the Twin Cities was Southdale in Edina, Minn., the nation’s first enclosed suburban shopping mall. His generosity and dedication to community were well known and included a Law School scholarship fund for promising students with a passion for community service.


LESLIE M. ALTMAN
CLASS OF 1983

Leslie Miller Altman, a shareholder at Littler Mendelson, passed away Sept. 6, 2012, in Minneapolis at age 58. She joined the firm in 2005 and co-chaired its Workers’ Compensation practice group.

A dedicated supporter of the Law School, Altman served on its Board of Visitors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Admissions Committee, where she was a passionate advocate for women and diversity in law schools and the legal profession. Her efforts to raise awareness of gender equity and diversity resulted in measures to correct disparities at many law firms, and on May 24, 2012, the Hennepin County Bar Association honored her for her outstanding commitment with its Diversity Award.

Altman earned her B.S. at Brown University in 1975 and her M.A. at the University of Minnesota before graduating from the Law School in 1983. She began her legal career the same year as a special assistant attorney general in the office of Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III, assigned to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. In 1985 Gov. Rudy Perpich appointed her to a judgeship on the Minnesota Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals, the first woman to hold the position. She left the court in 1988 to enter private practice at Rider Bennett.

Her contributions to the profession encompassed the entire legal community. At the ABA she served on the Commission on Women in the Profession and on the Workers’ Compensation Committees of both the Labor and Employment Law Practice Section and the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. At the Minnesota State Bar Association she served on the Board of Governors and the Women in the Legal Profession Committee, and twice co-chaired the Diversity Survey Committee.

She was a former director of the National Conference of Women’s Bar Associations, a past president and member of the Advisory Council of Minnesota Women Lawyers, a former director of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Altman is survived by her husband Frank, daughters Lauren and Miriam, and sister Jacqueline M. Rosenthal.

JOHN P. SHEEHY
CLASS OF 1984

John Patrick Sheehy, a managing partner with Meshbesher and Spence who practiced civil and criminal law in Minneapolis for 30 years, died unexpectedly on April 14, 2012, at age 57. A prominent trial lawyer who obtained record-setting jury verdicts, he was also a dedicated legal advocate who volunteered countless unpaid hours helping people in need.

Sheehy was listed among Minnesota “Super Lawyers” every year from 2003-10, was listed in Best Lawyers in America since 2005, and was named “Attorney of the Year” in 2002 and 2003 by Minnesota...
Lawyer. The University of Minnesota’s College of Liberal Arts selected him for its Alumni of Notable Achievement program for his singular accomplishments and talents.

Sheehy earned a B.A. in history from the University in 1981 and a J.D., cum laude, in 1984. He began his career doing criminal defense work—trying assault, murder, drug distribution, police brutality, and many other types of cases—both to develop his trial and advocacy skills and because he liked the challenges.

The first case he handled after law school, at age 27, was a civil rights case against the FBI that went to the U.S. Supreme Court. Sheehy had not been in practice long enough for admission to the Supreme Court Bar, so the presence of a senior attorney, a role filled by Ron Meshbesher (’57), was required when he argued against it.

After graduating from the University of Texas Law School, Hvass moved to Minneapolis and founded Hvass Weisman & King. He served as president of Minnesota Trial Lawyers, the Hennepin County Bar Association, and the International Society of Barristers; was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and was invited into the Inner Circle of Advocates, the nation’s 100 best trial lawyers.

Hvass was a longtime Law School adjunct professor and trained numerous students in trial practice. He was also a faithful and generous Law School supporter and is recognized on the rolls of Leadership in Lifetime Giving. Two generations of Hvass alumni carry on his memory at the Law School: son Charles T. Hvass Jr. (’75); daughter Jeanne Hvass Unger (’81) and her husband Michael Unger (’81), daughter Kathleen Sanberg (’82), and granddaughters Emily Unger (’12) and Elizabeth Sanberg (’12).

Additional survivors are sons Gary Hvass, Jeff Hvass, David Bunde, and Dan Bunde; daughters Diane Strangis and Pat Cleveland; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine Sykora, in 1966; his second wife, Barbara Bunde, in 2002; and an infant son, John.

FACULTY

CHARLES THOMAS HVASS SR.

Charles Thomas Hvass Sr., a prominent plaintiff’s personal injury attorney, died May 20, 2012, in Delray Beach, Fla., at age 90. He specialized in aviation accident litigation, and a 2007 Minnesota Law & Politics article listing him among Minnesota’s 100 most influential lawyers noted that he “was involved in nearly every important commercial aviation case involving a Minnesota resident for more than two decades.”

After graduating from the University of Texas Law School, Hvass moved to Minneapolis and founded Hvass Weisman & King. He served as president of Minnesota Trial Lawyers, the Hennepin County Bar Association, and the International Society of Barristers; was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and was invited into the Inner Circle of Advocates, the nation’s 100 best trial lawyers.

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WILLIAM DOUGLAS KILBOURN JR.

William Douglas Kilbourn Jr., a Law School faculty member for more than 25 years, died at his home in Center Sandwich, N.H., on Sept. 9, 2012, at age 87.

Kilbourn served in the Ordnance Overseas Maintenance Modification Detachment in the U.S. Army during World War II, calibrating artillery that had gone through the sandstorms of the North African Campaign. After his discharge, he put a scholarship to Yale University to use and completed his undergraduate degree in 1949. In 1953 he completed his law degree at Columbia Law School.

He began his teaching career as an assistant professor of law at the University of Montana, then was an associate professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia. In the 1960s he taught at Boston University, where he established and directed the Graduate Tax Program. During the summers he practiced at Palmer, Dodge, Gardner and Bradford.

In 1971 Kilbourn was recruited to join the Law School and taught a variety of subjects over the next 27 years, including corporations and tax law, before taking emeritus status 1998. He also was a visiting professor at Duke University, the University of Texas, and Washington University in St. Louis. He practiced with Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly in St. Paul until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Neff Kilbourn, in 2000. He is survived by son Jonathan, daughter Katharine, and four grandchildren.
IN MEMORIAM

CLASS OF 1941
Herbert J. Cook
April 10, 2012
Faribault, Minn.

CLASS OF 1942
Bernard Mogol
May 14, 2012
Rancho Mirage, Calif.

CLASS OF 1945
Katherine B. Isbin
May 30, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1947
Russell L. Larson
April 29, 2012
Pharr, Texas

CLASS OF 1948
Robert I. Lang
June 18, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.
Romaine R. Powell
March 10, 2012
Bemidji, Minn.

CLASS OF 1949
Robert P. White
Feb. 17, 2012
Maple Plain, Minn.

CLASS OF 1950
James A. Edman
Aug. 7, 2012
Fairfield, Calif.
Robert F. Henson
June 23, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.
James L. Hetland Jr.
May 23, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.
Janice S. Mathis
June 29, 2012
Henrico, Va.
Dewayne P. Mattson
April 18, 2012
Rochester, Minn.

CLASS OF 1951
Duane W. Foss
May 2, 2012
Eau Claire, Wisc.
Melvin R. Mooty
May 30, 2012
Edina, Minn.

CLASS OF 1952
Daniel C. Schmitz
Jan. 9, 2012
Roseville, Minn.
Andrew G. Scott
May 24, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1953
Philip G. Lind
Nov. 1, 2011
Bloomington, Minn.
Oren N. Westling
Aug. 19, 2012
Edina, Minn.

CLASS OF 1955
Gordon E. Bourgin
March 31, 2012
Logan, Ohio
Jerry E. Jacob
Aug. 5, 2012
Anoka, Minn.
Donald A. McCartin
Sept. 15, 2012
Bass Lake, Calif.

CLASS OF 1957
John A. Murray
June 14, 2012
St. Paul, Minn.
Milton A. Rosenblad
May 29, 2012
Rochester, Minn.

CLASS OF 1961
Norman W. Larsen
June 23, 2012
Tucson, Ariz.

CLASS OF 1962
David W. Thurston
April 28, 2012
Naples, Fla.

CLASS OF 1963
Richard F. Bellman
April 18, 2012
New York, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1964
Paul A. Larsen
June 1, 2012
Kelliher, Minn.

CLASS OF 1970
Thomas H. Garrett III
Aug. 19, 2012
St. Paul, Minn.
P. Nadine James
Sept. 18, 2011
New Brighton, Minn.

CLASS OF 1971
David A. Pyles
July 3, 2011
Minneapolis, Minn.
Roger S. Van Heel
April 19, 2012
St. Cloud, Minn.

CLASS OF 1973
John M. Formo
Feb. 20, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.
Susan F. Marrinan
March 13, 2012
Naples, Fla.

CLASS OF 1975
Barrett Colombo
March 23, 2012
St. Cloud, Minn.

CLASS OF 1978
Martin W. Leren
Feb. 20, 2012
Loudonville, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1983
Leslie M. Altman
Sept. 6, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.
Brian M. Baumgartner
April 25, 2012
Shoreview, Minn.

CLASS OF 1984
John P. Sheehy
April 14, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1990
Jonathan D. Cran
July 6, 2012
Minneapolis, Minn.
Thank you, Partners at Work

Thank you to all volunteers, alumni, organizations, and firms that participated in the fifth annual Partners at Work challenge. Nearly 1,000 alumni participating at 35 organizations achieved a record-setting 62% participation rate.

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3. Merchant & Gould, 73%
4. Sidley Austin, 73%
5. Bassford Remele, 72%

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1. Leonard Street and Deinard, 86%
2. Faegre Baker Daniels, 82%
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4. Fredrikson & Byron, 72%
5. Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, 72%
Friday, April 19: All-Alumni Cocktail Reception

Saturday, April 20: Alumni Breakfast, CLE, Career Workshop, pre-1963 luncheon, and individual class reunions