On Tuesday, Sept. 27, hundreds of students, faculty, and staff celebrated the first Gopher Gratitude Day at the University of Minnesota Law School. This event gave the entire Law School community the opportunity to come together to say thank you to the many alumni, donors, and friends who generously provide their support.
Thank you to all volunteers, organizations, and firms that participated in the ninth annual Partners at Work challenge, which ended on June 30, 2016. Overall, 67% of alumni at 35 organizations made a gift to the Law School. This year, 10 participants achieved 100% alumni giving.

The Partners at Work challenge is a friendly competition to increase alumni giving participation at organizations that employ University of Minnesota Law School alumni.

A special thank you to those organizations that finished at the top of each respective group!

GROUP 1 (UP TO 9 ALUMNI)

- Gaskins Bennett Birrell Schupp 100%
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher 100%
- Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan 100%
- Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson 100%
- O’Melveny & Myers 100%
- Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben 100%
- Zimmerman Reed 100%

GROUP 2 (10-24 ALUMNI)

- Anthony Ostlund Baer & Louwagie 100%
- Nilan Johnson Lewis 100%
- Bassford Remele 89%
- Fish & Richardson 88%
- Stoel Rives 88%

GROUP 3 (25+ ALUMNI)

- Winthrop & Weinstine 100%
- Gray Plant Mooty 92%
- Fredrickson & Byron 90%
- Mason 83%
- Fox Rothschild 71%

For the full results of the Partners at Work challenge, go to www.law.umn.edu/generations/partners-at-work.html.
FROM THE DEAN

ON TO A NEW ERA

I was thrilled to join the University of Minnesota Law School in July, and I am excited about the future of one of the world’s leading institutions for the study of law. I have long admired the Law School for its outstanding faculty and terrific students, and my profound respect for this preeminent public law school only continues to grow.

Specifically, I am encouraged by the Law School’s deep commitment to excellence and engagement, access and opportunity, community and service, and relevance and rigor. Despite changes to the legal profession, our school offers a uniquely powerful legal education that continues to evolve and change to meet new challenges.

My first few months provide several examples. For instance, we launched the Minnesota Law Public Interest Residency Program, generously supported by Allen (’56) and Linda Sacks. Seven 3L students began hands-on work at government agencies and nonprofit organizations, where they will extern for 32 hours a week throughout the academic year; they will then be guaranteed employment with those organizations following graduation. This program is just one example of an innovative initiative that will help our students launch their careers as it strengthens our reputation as one of the nation’s go-to schools for public interest law.

This fall we added two new concentrations—family law and immigration law—drawing on our existing strengths in those areas. Concentrations provide useful study paths, mentoring, and guidance to help students navigate the curriculum and prepare to enter the profession.

In October, a visit from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor energized our community. After meeting with students, Justice Sotomayor appeared before a packed house at Northrop Auditorium, walking the aisles and shaking hands with audience members without missing a beat in answering any of the questions posed by Professor Bob Stein (’61). (If you were unable to attend, I urge you to watch it on the Law School’s YouTube channel: http://z.umn.edu/sotomayor.)

I have been impressed with how talented, collegial, and engaged our students are, not only in their studies, but in their extracurricular activities. I’ve enjoyed meeting many of them one-on-one in our “donuts with the dean” sessions.

Our world-class faculty is among the most active and influential group of teacher-scholars in the nation. Their research is making a difference in traditional areas of legal study—criminal law, insurance law, discrimination in education—as well as in specific emerging issues, such as precision medicine, youth sports concussions, and energy renewal.

There is so much to celebrate and admire at the Law School, yet there is also so much more work we can do together. As dean, my goals are to keep education affordable, recruit a talented and diverse student body reflective of our commitment to inclusion, support students in their pursuit of rewarding career opportunities, and provide both practical and theoretical programming that will prepare our students to succeed throughout their lifetimes.

We have a tradition of graduating formidable lawyer-leaders, and I plan to continue that tradition.

Your loyalty to and pride in the Law School will empower us to reach new heights. I welcome your advice as we continue the momentum from Dean David Wippman’s successful tenure and build on the Law School’s past successes.
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On to a New Era

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AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2016-17 academic year, the Law School added two new concentrations—family law and immigration law—to the nine existing concentrations. Concentration areas enhance students’ career opportunities through interdisciplinary and specialized courses, research and writing projects with faculty, mentorship opportunities with professors and other experts, and networking with engaged alumni. Students may identify a concentration in their 2L or 3L year. Upon graduation, they receive a certificate verifying their completion of the concentration, and a notation is made on their Law School transcript.

Requirements for the family law concentration include the Family Law course plus at least one immersion course (clinic or capstone), an independent field placement, and a writing project approved by the concentration chair. Other opportunities include family law subspecialties such as litigation for a traditional family law practice; tax and drafting, wills and trusts, and elder law related to estate planning; and health law, reproductive rights, assisted reproduction, and genetics courses related to family law and bioethics policy. Students can participate in four clinics: Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice, Community Mediation, Family Law, and Indian Child Welfare. The faculty chair is Professor June Carbone.

The immigration law concentration requirements include the Immigration Law course; one of the three relevant clinics (Detainee Rights, Federal Immigration Litigation, and Immigration and Human Rights Law); and an immigration outreach externship or field placement. Recommended electives include courses on refugee and asylum law, criminal law and immigration, human trafficking, and civil rights. Students have the opportunity to participate in high-profile immigration and detainee rights litigation with Law School partners at law firms (Faegre Baker Daniels, Robins Kaplan, and Dorsey and Whitney) and nonprofit organizations (ACLU, Advocates for Human Rights, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, and Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid). The faculty chair is Professor Steve Meili.

The Law School’s other concentrations are business law, civil litigation, criminal justice, environmental and energy law, health law and bioethics, human rights law, intellectual property and technology law, international law, and labor and employment law.
FIRST GROUP OF SAEKS FELLOWS GETS TO WORK

**THIS FALL, SEVEN STUDENTS**

became pioneers in a new, potentially transformative approach to the 3L year. Rather than spending their final year at the Law School in the classroom, the students—the first group of Saeks Fellows selected under the auspices of the Minnesota Law Public Interest Residency Program—began working full-time at six partnering government and nonprofit organizations. (They’ll also take part throughout the year in a complementary classroom component.) After graduating from the Law School and taking the bar exam, the Saeks Fellows will return to their partner organizations for a year of full-time, paid legal employment.

The program was established last year with the generous sponsorship of Allen (’56) and Linda Saeks as a means of giving students interested in public service valuable, hands-on legal training and a pipeline to employment, while providing affiliated organizations with much-needed legal assistance. “Fellows are thrilled to work directly with clients, gain courtroom experience, and immerse themselves in the work of their organizations,” reports Amanda Furst, the Law School’s director of public interest programs, who shares oversight of the new initiative with visiting assistant professor Derik Fettig.

Saeks Fellows are selected during their 2L year after a rigorous competitive process that includes a faculty approval board, agency interviews, a personal statement and essays, and relevant employment, internships, or volunteer work. “When I first heard about the Minnesota Law Public Interest Residency Program, I thought it was too good to be true,” said Saeks Fellow Alexandra Holznicht (’17), who is working at the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office this year. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students who are dedicated to serving the community, and it is a springboard for my long-term career in public interest work.”

Partner organizations for 2016-17 are the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, the Minneapolis City Attorney’s Office, the Ramsey County Public Defender’s Office, the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, and the Wisconsin State Public Defender’s Office. Additional partners may be added for next year’s class; interested organizations are encouraged to contact Amanda Furst (amfurst@umn.edu). More information can be found at law.umn.edu/academics/experiential-learning.
A WARM WELCOME FOR DEAN GARRY W. JENKINS

ON THE EVENING OF SEPT. 28, University officials, alumni, faculty, and friends gathered at the Commons Hotel in Minneapolis to welcome Garry W. Jenkins as the 11th dean of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Provost Karen Hanson introduced Jenkins as a man whose “breadth of experience, strategic acumen, and collaborative leadership style will position the Law School well for the future.” David Potter (‘80), immediate past chair of the Law School Board of Advisors and a member of the deanship search committee, told attendees that, in a group of candidates who were all gifted scholars, strong leaders, and “big personalities,” Jenkins stood out immediately for his authenticity, his love of a challenge, and his ability to focus on what was best for the institution. Donald B. Tobin, dean of the Francis King Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland and a longtime friend and former
colleague of Jenkins at Ohio State, spoke warmly of their shared experience as young academics and administrators. “One day,” he said, “I decided I was going to out-listen Garry. It can’t be done. After two minutes of silence, I finally cracked. But Garry’s ability to listen makes him a fantastic leader.”

At the Law School, Jenkins noted in his remarks, “We have a long tradition of producing great leaders who get things done, and I will do all I can to ensure that continues. ...As I start my deanship, I want you all to know how honored I am to be here and how moved I am to be welcomed into the University community. I recognize how important Minnesota Law is to you, the community, and the state... and I promise you I will work hard to make sure that the Law School moves forward as a national leader in legal education, preserving the legacy of our distinguished past and poised for continued greatness.”

1 Marles Frankman, Leland Frankman ('66) and Dean Jenkins
2 Hubert “Skip” Humphrey ('69)
3 Chief Justice Russell A. Anderson ('68), Justice Alan Page ('78), Diane Sims Page, Judge Michael J. Davis ('72)
4 Dean Jenkins, Donald M. Fraser ('48), Arvonne Fraser
5 University Executive Vice President and Provost Karen Hanson
6 Michael T. Nilan ('79), Jim Rustad ('67), Kay Thomas
7 Rachel Hughey ('03), Nicole Moen, Michael Skoglund ('01)
THE LAW SCHOOL HELD ITS 128TH commencement ceremony May 14 at Northrop Memorial Auditorium. Dean David Wippman—leading his last commencement before departing to become president of Hamilton College—welcomed the class of 2016, their families and friends, and several special guests: University Regent David McMillan (’87), executive vice president at Minnesota Power in Duluth, Minn.; Karen Hanson, the University’s executive vice president and provost; and the keynote speakers, Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar and United States Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta.

Dean Wippman presented the Stanley V. Kinyon Professor of the Year Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Counseling, established by family and friends in honor of the late Professor Kinyon (’33), a recognized commercial law scholar and member of the Law School faculty for 40 years. The honorees were Jessica Clarke, Tenured Teacher of the Year; Linus Chan, Clinical Teacher of the Year; and Mitchell E. Zamoff, Teacher of the Year in Practice.

Three special student awards were presented: the Excellence in Public Service Award, to Kerry McGuire; the Outstanding Contribution Award, to Andrew J. Glasnovich; and the William B. Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service, to Nicholas Bednar. The Lockhart Award honors the Law School’s fifth dean and 28-year faculty member for his dedication in enriching the curriculum, attracting leading scholars, and sharing his gift for teaching. Glasnovich announced that the class of 2016 would continue the 3L Pledge Drive established in 2010 by making annual financial contributions to the Law School for the next three years. This gift means that one person from the class of 2016 will receive a $5,000 fellowship to engage in public interest work.

The 2016 LL.M. class of 74 students from 15 countries selected Adrian Zacharias, of Germany, to deliver a graduation address. Zacharias spoke of being “amazed by the incredible diversity of classes offered” and thanked the Law School staff and community for their welcoming spirit, the professors for teaching with passion and vigor, and his LL.M. classmates for sharing an intense intellectual adventure.

Kerry McGuire, was chosen by her classmates to deliver the J.D. graduation address. In three short years, she said, members of the class of 2016 had, among many other things, “gotten settlements out of big companies in the name of consumer protection, protected a former child soldier from being deported and facing persecution in his home country, and argued in front of a federal court of appeals.” They had written award-winning papers on regulatory toxicology, multilingual product labels, and trademarking YouTube comedy. They had defeated Harvard in a moot court competition. And, McGuire noted, they “enjoyed doing it all so much that they used their precious spare time to write a musical about it.”

Senator Klobuchar began her address with anecdotes about former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Walter Mondale (’56), segued into the tale of a mortifying classroom encounter with her 1L torts professor, and arrived at her theme: respect for the law, and the idea that “the rule of law begets democracy.” Klobuchar also disputed the idea that “a Supreme Court justice is supposed to… just rubber-stamp the views of the president who appointed him or her,” citing
the example of Minnesotan Harry Blackmun, a Nixon “law and order” nominee who, during his 24 years on the court, adopted more liberal positions—“based on what he thought was right under the law,” Klobuchar said.

“In too many communities across our country,” said Assistant Attorney General Gupta, head of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, “we can see a dramatic gap between what the law guarantees... and what people experience.” The question facing the graduates, she said, is “how will you, as lawyers, respond?” Her answer invoked “a proud Minnesotan, a musical genius who left us far too early—Prince—who once said, ‘We ain’t got no time for excuses, the promised land belongs to all.’ Class of 2016, may you find the ambition to never settle for excuses. May you find the courage to make the promise of America’s laws a reality for all.... And through the legal profession, may you find not only a worthy career, but also a moral calling.”

Regent McMillan conferred degrees on the J.D., LL.M., and Masters of Science in Patent Law graduates. The J.D. class had selected Professors Ann Burkhart and Brad Clary (’75) to present their diplomas; the LL.M. class chose Director of International and Graduate Programs Khary Hornsby (’05); and the M.S.P.L. class chose Program Director Chris Frank. The ceremonies concluded with the singing of “Hail, Minnesota!”, led by 10 singers from Theatre of the Relatively Talentless (TORT). The St. Anthony Brass Quintet provided accompaniment and departing procession music.
AT 8:30 A.M. ON AUG. 30, THE J.D. class of 2019 convened in Mondale Hall for the start of Law School orientation. The next three days would be packed with welcomes, introductions, and briefings, intermixed with legal writing sessions, professorial insights, a mock criminal law class, meetings with career counselors, working lunches, an ice cream social, a Law Council social, and the ever-popular Great Law School Scavenger Hunt.

The class is drawn from 31 U.S. states and 4 foreign countries. Its members speak more than a dozen languages and hold undergraduate degrees from 105 U.S. and international institutions. Class members have served in the military, in VISTA, and in Teach for America; have interned for governors, the FBI, and the White House; and have worked in such disparate jobs as chemist, financial analyst, EMT, and sheep farmer.

Newly-arrived Dean Garry W. Jenkins quipped to the students that he felt as if he were a fellow 1L. “We all decided to join Minnesota Law for the same reason: It is one of the absolute finest places in the world to study law and legal institutions,” he said. “You are about to embark on an extraordinary intellectual and personal journey that will challenge you and change you… and you will find that you have chosen a great place to do so.”

Assistant Dean of Students Erin Keyes took a few moments to speak about a particular alumnus—one who graduated 60 years ago, and for whom the building that houses the Law School is named. “Vice President Walter Mondale,” she said, “exemplifies a strong tradition of passionate citizen lawyering that is a hallmark of the University of Minnesota Law School, and that you are now part of. The idea of citizenship is key here. You are entering into the first step of not just a job at the end of three years but a life in the law”—a life of citizenship, connectedness, and service, Keyes said, for which there is no better exemplar than Mondale (’56).

**ORIENTATION 2016: THE START OF “AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY”**

**J.D. PROFILE CLASS OF 2019**

- 604 J.D. Students
- 16% Students of Color
- 10% International Students

**Student-to-Faculty Ratio**

- 9:1
- 46% Women
- 54% Men

**States Represented**

- 30

**From Outside of Minnesota**

- 53%

**Minnesota Residents**

- 47%

**Percentage of Students Receiving a Scholarship**

- 95%

**LSAT Range**

- 3.48 - 3.75 - 3.87
- 25% - 50% - 75%

**GPA Range**

- 25% - 50% - 75%

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*LSAT/GPA percentiles were calculated by the University of Minnesota Law School and will be certified by the Law School Admissions Council.

**Master of Science in Patent Law students**

The Law School’s Master of Science in Patent Law program begins its third year with a class of 10 students, two of them from the LL.M. program. M.S.P.L. candidates start their academic year with a two-week course introducing them to the American legal system and the law school environment. Their subsequent coursework will focus on patent law, patent prosecution, patent portfolio management, and persuasive writing.
LEADING SOCIAL ADVOCATES, a federal judge, prominent law professors from across the country, and hundreds of lawyers gathered at Mondale Hall on Oct. 21 for the Minnesota Law Review’s 2016 symposium, “Balancing First Amendment Rights with an Inclusive Environment on Public University Campuses.”

After a warm welcome by Dean Garry Jenkins, the symposium began with a panel on university code of conduct policies that limit student speech. Will Creeley, vice president of legal and public advocacy at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, spoke on current threats to student speech. Mary-Rose Papandrea (University of North Carolina) noted in her remarks that, under Supreme Court precedent, university students sometimes receive less First Amendment protection than high school or middle school students. Alexander Tsesis (Loyola University Chicago) discussed campus speech and harassment. Dean Jenkins served as moderator.

The second panel, moderated by Professor Dale Carpenter (Southern Methodist University), offered differing perspectives on campus First Amendment issues. Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic (University of Alabama) presented their forthcoming article “Four Ironies of Campus Climate.” Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th District emphasized the importance of robust debate, even on issues we find offensive. As a society, he said, we have “lost the fervor to protect speech with which we disagree,” which “impoverishes us in our public discourse.” Nekima Levy-Pounds, past president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, brought her experience as a social justice advocate and law professor to bear in discussing how issues of race factor into campus climate debates.

Nadine Strossen (New York Law School) began the afternoon session with the keynote address, “Why Should We Defend ‘Freedom for the Thought that We Hate’?” During her presentation, Strossen noted that “the way to counter [hate speech] is through speaking rather than forcing silence.” Strossen also engaged the audience in a lively question-and-answer session.

The final panel, moderated by Professor Jane Kirtley, addressed academic freedom. Dean Vikram Amar (University of Illinois) observed that “hate speech codes can be hard to justify, but many challenged codes are on their face horrible.” Professor Heidi Kitrosser presented her forthcoming article “Free Speech, Higher Education, and the PC Narrative,” which focuses on how popular rhetoric about free speech has evolved over several decades. Robert M. O’Neil (University of Virginia) discussed how the academic freedom to deny historical events (i.e., the Holocaust) is contextualized within the speaker’s expertise.

Symposium video will be available soon at www.minnesotalawreview.org. Panelists’ articles will be published in Issue 5 of Volume 101.

By Gerald Kerska (’17), symposium articles editor
Events honoring the Law School’s leadership donors provide our alumni, faculty, and friends with a chance to reconnect with each other and the Law School. At the **SPRING CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY** in June—a farewell event for outgoing dean David Wippman—guests had the chance to hear from University of Minnesota Provost Karen Hanson, Bruce Mooty ('80), and Dean Wippman himself. In September, our leadership donors gathered at the Commons Hotel for the **2016 WILLIAM B. LOCKHART CLUB DINNER**. Attendees were introduced to Dean Garry W. Jenkins and also heard from Board of Advisors Chair Jay Kim ('88) and current student Andrew Leiendecker ('17).
1 Steve DeRuyter ('71), Judge David S. Doty ('61), George F. Vogel ('67)
2 Ron Hunter ('78), Judge Edward Wilson ('74)
3 Professor Fred Morrison, Charlotte Morrison, Michael P. Sullivan Sr. ('62), Marilyn Sullivan
4 Jim Rustad ('67), Bill Lindberg ('73), Kay Thomas
5 Penny Hunt, Barbara Geer, Charles A. Geer ('65)
6 Kris Erickson ('72), Jim Chosy ('89), Bruce Mooty ('80)
7 Jim Rustad ('67), Kay Thomas
SPRING 2017

PERSPECTIVES ON TAXATION

Perspectives on Taxation lectures are held from 12–1:15 p.m. in the Lindquist and Vemmenum Conference Room. A buffet lunch is provided. CLE and CPE credits are given. The series is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Law School Corporate Institute Forum on Taxation and Regulation. RSVP to coastkie@umn.edu. Contact: Professor Kristin Hickman, khickman@umn.edu.

FEBRUARY
6 Pam Olson ('80)
U.S. Deputy Tax Leader and Washington National Tax Services Leader, PwC
“Tax Policy Under the New Presidential Administration”

EMPLOYEE AND FACULTY MILESTONES

Twenty-two members of the Law School community reached a years-of-service milestone during the year ending Oct. 15, 2016. We extend our sincere thanks to all of the following employees for their commitment and contributions to the Law School.

30 YEARS
Professor Carol Chomsky

25 YEARS
Professor Jean Sanderson

20 YEARS
Vicente Garces, Reference and Collection Development Librarian, Law Library
Paula Swanson, Policy and Communications Coordinator, Student Services

15 YEARS
Professor Brian Bix
Daniel Matthews, Circulation/Reserves, Law Library

10 YEARS
Professor Susanna Blumenthal
Stefani Conyers, Office and Payroll Manager, Finance
Professor Tom Cotter
Marsha Freeman, Senior Fellow, Human Rights Center
Dee Gibbons, Faculty Executive Office and Administrative Specialist
Professor Claire Hill
Cynthia Huff, Director of Communications
Professor Heidi Kitrosser
Professor Alexandra Klass
Professor William McGeveran
Professor Francesco Parisi
Nicole Smiley, Clinics Administrator

5 YEARS
Professor Jessica Clarke
Garrett Howe, Facilities & Events
Professor Christopher Roberts
Simona Suen, Employer Relations Associate, Career Center

FALL 2016

LEGAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held on Fridays from 9–10:30 a.m. in Room 473 of Mondale Hall and are open to the public. To receive the paper in advance of the lecture, email Professor Barbara Welke at welke004@umn.edu.

NOVEMBER
4 Evan Taparatzis
University of Minnesota
Syllabus—Law, Citizenship, and Empire in U.S. History

DECEMBER
2 Allison Schwartz
University of Minnesota
‘Debt, Necrology, and Defining Women’s Worth: The Patrician Dance of Law and Finance in the New Debt Economy’
9 Jessica Arnett
University of Minnesota
‘Future States and States of Recognition: Native Sovereignty, Land, and “Incorporated” Territories’

FALL 2016

PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held from 4:10–6 p.m. in Room 5 and are open to faculty and students enrolled in the affiliated seminar.

NOVEMBER
10 Erin Murphy
New York University School of Law
Syllabus—Sex, Contextual Consent: “Gray Rape” and the Case for Misdemeanor Sexual Assault
JUDGES CAN APPEAR ALOOF. After all, they don black robes, are perched on high platforms, and make rulings that are rarely overturned.

Sonia Sotomayor, an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, is not that kind of judge. As the featured speaker at the 2016 Stein Lecture, sponsored by the Law School, Sotomayor wandered the aisles of Northrop Memorial Auditorium, shaking hands and sometimes embracing audience members while answering questions.

“My mother called me ají, which is ‘jumping pepper’ in Spanish,” she explained.

A diagnosis of type 1 diabetes at age 8 didn’t slow her down—but it did give her pause. “Why was I picked?” she wondered. That sense of vulnerability translated into making the most of every moment.

“I had a sense early on that life would be short,” she said. Despite growing up in a rough housing project in the Bronx, Sotomayor earned admission to Princeton University just a few years after the institution began accepting women. In 1976, she graduated summa cum laude from Princeton and enrolled at Yale Law School, where she served as editor of the prestigious Yale Law Journal.

When she began practicing law, few women held legal leadership positions. That changed in 1981, when Sandra Day O’Connor was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“What did it mean to me?” Sotomayor asked. “Hope.”

Twenty-eight years later, Sotomayor became just the third woman to serve on the nation’s highest court. “I was scared, seriously,” she said of her new role. “I was petrified. There is a sense of fear of taking on a position of so much responsibility.”

Sotomayor’s first case was, she quipped, a “tiny, little” one called Citizens United v. Federal Communications Commission. In preparation for that first oral argument, she jotted down two pages of possible questions. A dogged readiness is essential, she believes.

“What I don’t tolerate is unprepared lawyers,” she said. “Lawyers make the process fair. To be lazy, or not spending time giving your best, is unacceptable to me.”

While the public often jumps to quick conclusions following Supreme Court rulings, there’s a lot of legal nuance happening behind the scenes. “No answer is as clear-cut as you believe it to be,” she said. “You’re reacting to the outcome. We’re reacting to the process.”

Sotomayor voted with the minority in Citizens United. The majority, which included the late associate justice Antonin Scalia, ruled 5-4 that U.S. law couldn’t curb speech by corporations.

Scalia died in February, just months after delivering the 2015 Stein Lecture at the Law School. In her talk, Sotomayor referred to him as “Nino” and talked about how close he was to other justices, including Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, and herself.

“Losing him was like losing a member of the family,” she said. However, Sotomayor and Scalia had giant ideological differences. “There were moments when I wanted to shake him,” she said. “There were things he said that if I had a baseball bat...” she added, her voice trailing off as audience members shook with laughter.

She later turned serious on the topic of political divisiveness. “We better get to know each other better,” Sotomayor said. “Because if we don’t figure out how to live together, we’re going to continue to be in a kind of warfare.”

Asked about being the first Latina appointed to the Supreme Court, Sotomayor said, “I am a justice for everyone. I don’t look at it through the lens of being a Hispanic. I look at you as a person, not as part of a group in society. What has taken my breath away is the emotion of Latinos. It’s a source of pride that gives me hope.”

Created by Professor Robert Stein (‘61), the Stein Lecture series features talks by prominent judges, lawyers, and government officials on a topic of national or international interest. Past speakers include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Vice President Walter F. Mondale (‘56).

By Todd Melby, a freelance writer and radio producer based in Minneapolis.
PROMOTING FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP
PROMOTES THE LAW SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL faculty members have always been influential and prolific scholars. According to a recent study conducted by the highly regarded blog Brian Leiter’s Law School Reports, the Law School ranked 15th among more than 200 American law schools (tied with the University of Michigan) for the number of times its tenured faculty’s published scholarship was cited in legal journals from 2010 through 2014. Research and publication on a wide range of topics inform faculty members’ teaching, enhancing their ability to fulfill the Law School’s primary mission of educating students. Engagement in scholarly writing also fulfills the Law School’s mission to “contribute substantially to knowledge of the legal order through the publication and other dissemination of scholarship.”

In addition to providing faculty research support services throughout the research and writing process, the Law Library plays a significant role in promoting faculty scholarship to a broad audience.

Law School Scholarship Repository
The Law Library created and maintains the University of Minnesota Law School Scholarship Repository (http://scholarship.law.umn.edu), which provides full-text, open access to Law School faculty publications. When permitted by publication agreements—and with express permission from the faculty members concerned—the Repository hosts the published versions of scholarly articles written by faculty during their tenure at the Law School.

The Repository greatly enhances the visibility of Law School faculty scholarship by allowing researchers throughout the world to discover the work using public search engines such as Google. To date, the Repository’s Faculty Scholarship Collection includes more than 550 journal articles, which have generated nearly 55,000 downloads in the past year. Uploading articles—both retrospectively and prospectively—to the Repository is an ongoing process, and the collection will continue to grow. The Repository also hosts the complete 17-volume archives of the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology.

On-Demand Video Archive
The Law Library is currently developing a video archive that will provide access to recorded lectures delivered at the Law School. This project will enable individuals unable to attend a given event to view the presentation from any location at any time.

Legal Studies Research Papers Series
The Law Library facilitates submission of Law School faculty scholarship to the University of Minnesota Law School Legal Studies Research Papers Series. This series, hosted by the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) and edited by Professor Brett McDonnell, includes early drafts as well as published articles. The series may be accessed on the Law School’s website (https://www.law.umn.edu/our-faculty/working-papers-ssrn) or through SSRN (http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/JELJOUR_Results.cfm?form_name=journalBrowse&journal_id=268661).

Faculty Scholarship Database
The Law Library tracks faculty publications closely and maintains a faculty scholarship database that generates the faculty publications pages on each Law School faculty member’s online profile page. Each publication page provides a comprehensive view of the faculty member’s scholarship throughout his or her career. The database also feeds into the Law School’s Recent Faculty Publications page (https://www.law.umn.edu/our-faculty/recent-publications), which features new books, journal articles, and book chapters authored by members of the faculty.

For more information about the promotion of Law School faculty scholarship, contact Connie Lenz, associate director for research services and collection development, at lenzx009@umn.edu.
A MONUMENT TO THE PROLIFIC MIND

Thanks to a generous donation from United HealthCare Services, and in partnership with the Weisman Art Museum, the Law School recently installed a new sculpture—Brower Hatcher’s *Brainstorm*—in the Toyota Courtyard.

*Brainstorm* belongs to Hatcher’s extensive series of sculptures shaping space with steel wire and incorporating whimsy with suspended cast glass objects (his *Prophecy of the Ancients* has long been a popular fixture at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden). Hatcher has completed more than 50 public art projects throughout the United States.

—Luke Johnson

NEW LAW LIBRARY FACULTY

**Loren Turner** joined the Law School in May as its foreign, comparative, and international law (FCIL) librarian. Turner specializes in FCIL research and provides support to faculty, students, and other patrons. She also teaches an upper-division seminar on FCIL research, and participates in the development of the Library’s extensive foreign, comparative, and international law collections.

Previously, Turner was a reference librarian at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she co-coached the school’s William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition team. Turner earned a J.D., cum laude, from the American University Washington College of Law, an M.S. in library and information science from the University of Illinois, and a B.A., magna cum laude, from Loyola University Chicago, where she majored in Italian.

Turner’s most recent article, “The Vis in Vienna: My Experience as Co-Coach of the UF Law Vis Team,” appeared in the July 2015 issue of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) publication *Spectrum*. She currently serves as secretary/treasurer of AALL’s Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section.

**Scott Uhl** (’09) returned to the Law School in November as its technology innovation and reference librarian. Uhl serves as a member of the Law Library’s reference team and leads the library’s efforts to implement innovative technologies to enhance delivery of services to the Law School community. He also manages the Law School Scholarship Repository, which provides full-text, open access to scholarship produced by the Law School.

Prior to joining the Law School, Uhl was a law library fellow at the University of Colorado Law School. In addition to his Law School J.D., Uhl holds an M.S. in library and information science from the University of Illinois and a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Minnesota.

Uhl currently serves on the Strategic Planning Committee for the American Association of Law Libraries’ Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section.
PAYING IT FORWARD WITH SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS

PRIOR TO BECOMING A LAW student, Greg Soukup ('76) worked at his father’s Anoka, Minn., construction firm and began taking accounting classes through University of Minnesota Extension—just in case he decided to pursue business law. It proved to be a judicious decision. Throughout his years at the University of Minnesota Law School, Soukup continued to take accounting classes, and by the time he graduated with honors, he also had the equivalent of an undergraduate accounting degree.

No wonder, then, that after passing the bar, Soukup spent his 32-year career with the accounting firm Ernst & Young—and while he did not practice law, he says he employed his legal degree to great advantage. “I always told people that you needed three skills: you needed to think well, write well, and speak well. That’s pretty much what law school teaches you.”

Today, Soukup is retired but keeps busy in other ways, partnering with his brother in a metal-fabrication company, Warrior Manufacturing; volunteering; and giving back to educational institutions. The first-generation college student says, “One of my big passions has always been helping students realize their academic and career goals.”

Recently, Soukup and his wife, Mary Jo Carr (CLA ’77), created the Rosemary Soukup Scholarship Fund at the Law School. It’s named for Soukup’s mother, who passed away in 2015, but who was a huge advocate for his education. Today, the Soukups are paying it forward by helping other young people achieve their dreams.

By Karin B. Miller, a freelance writer based in the Twin Cities

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GRATEFUL GOPHER NADIA ANGUIANO-WEHDE ('17)

At this year’s Gopher Gratitude Day, on Sept. 27, Nadia Anguiano-Wehde ('17) had a chance to say thank you to the Robina Foundation, which, among other generous donors, makes public interest education and outreach possible at the Law School. The Center for New Americans—the first program of its kind in the nation—was created in response to a critical, unmet need for pro bono legal services in our immigrant and refugee communities. Nearly 400,000 Minnesota residents are foreign-born; many are refugees and asylees who fled their home countries because of war, persecution, and human rights abuses.

OILIVIA GARBER ('17)
LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

While attending the Law School, Olivia has interned at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, been a student legal writing instructor, and worked in the Business Law Clinic—sources of practical experience she values highly.

MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCE?
Working as a summer associate at Gray Plant Mooty was extremely rewarding. The variety of projects really put my legal education into practice.

FAVORITE FACULTY MEMBERS?
Though I am fortunate to have had many excellent teachers at the Law School, Professors Francis Shen and John Matheson really stand out for me. Both made a real effort to help students and were very accessible both in and out of the classroom.

HOW DID SCHOLARSHIPS HELP?
The scholarships I received have made this education possible for me, and set me on a path I truly love. The further I progress in law school, the more deeply I appreciate the opportunities I have here at the University of Minnesota. When I become a lawyer, it will be because I was helped by people who donated money to make that possible. I didn’t get here by myself. In the future, I hope I can help others like me get here, too.

ANDREW LEIENDECKER
('17) DEAN’S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP

CONCENTRATIONS:
Civil litigation and international law.

BEST EXPERIENCE:
My participation in National Moot Court allowed me to strengthen my legal writing and oral advocacy skills, and I believe it played a crucial role in helping me find professional success over the past year.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:
I am serving as Law Council president for 2016-17. This year our goals are to facilitate interaction throughout the student body and in the Twin Cities professional student community, with an emphasis on joint programming and diversity initiatives.

FAVORITE FACULTY MEMBERS?
I have greatly enjoyed working as a research assistant for Professors Oren Gross and Neha Jain, both of whom taught me during my 1L year. They have given me the opportunity to research fascinating and diverse areas of international and domestic law, and they have been great role models, providing me with crucial academic and professional advice.

POST-GRADUATION PLANS:
I will be clerking for Justice David Lillehaug on the Minnesota Supreme Court for a year, then working as an associate at Briggs and Morgan.

“Thank you for helping me pursue my dreams of helping Minnesota’s immigrant community—and thank you for funding the Center for New Americans, the place that makes it all possible.”

Students like Nadia collaborate with CNA partners to provide urgently needed legal services to noncitizens, pursue litigation that will improve our nation’s immigration laws, and educate noncitizens about their rights. By combining resources and expertise, the Center and its partners expand both the availability and impact of pro bono representation.

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By Cathy Madison

The door to Dean Garry Jenkins’ office stands all the way open. Inside, books don’t overwhelm the bookcase, the desk is less than cluttered, and the photo cluster on the credenza is modest, highlighted by the sweet image of his baby nephew. It is Jenkins himself who fills the room with spirit and optimism, greeting this visitor with a warm handshake, wide grin, easy laugh, and yellow pad scrawled with notes, just a few.

PLUCKED FROM HIS POST AS ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR academic affairs and John C. Elam/Vorys Sater Professor of Law at the Ohio State University (OSU) Moritz College of Law, Jenkins took the helm in July as William S. Pattee Professor of Law and the Law School’s 11th dean, succeeding David Wippman. Educated in both public policy and law at Harvard and grounded in both transactional practice and philanthropic management, Jenkins is a much-accomplished man with a long view. His high aspirations are more collegial than personal, and he has no need for show.

“Incredibly funny and wicked smart, the kind of man who doesn’t wear his learning and keen intelligence on his sleeve” is how one colleague describes him. “He’s very thoughtful, not heavy-handed. He does a lot of listening. He draws people in and gets them to talk,” adds Martha Chamallas, holder of the Robert J. Lynn Chair in Law at OSU and a close friend of Jenkins despite their two-decade age gap. She recounts her first impression of him, gleaned in 2004 from a stack of resumes.

“I remember putting four big stars on his application, more than on anyone else’s. He had such an interesting combination of experiences, and he’d done a lot for someone not very old,” she says. His research and teaching interests—nonprofit law, corporate law, and global justice—also “straddled that public/private divide,” a stretch that speaks not only to his broad background but also to the collaborative approach for which he is known.

“He was my number-one pick,” says David Potter (’80), partner at Fox Rothschild in Minneapolis, immediate past chair of the Law School Board of Advisors, and member of the search committee. “We had to talk him into applying. He has that perfect combination of a remarkable career but also the right sense of engagement, humility, and academic gravitas—all those things you really want.”

When pressed, Jenkins admits to having passed on similar opportunities, but notes that his 12-year stint at OSU—like Minnesota, a large Big Ten land-grant institution—prepared him well for this one. “For me to leave OSU, I needed amazing students and a world-class faculty devoted to teaching and scholarship. The Law School has an outstanding reputation for innovation and faculty excellence. This environment allows the energy, excitement, and momentum it takes to do something different,” he says. “These are challenging times for law schools.”

Jenkins is no stranger to challenge. Born in Newark and relocated to South Orange, N.J., at age 5, he is the older of two brothers. His mother, a history teacher, and his father, a computer programmer and community college instructor, were the first in their families to attend college. They placed a high value on education.

“My parents encouraged us to think for ourselves, and at the end of the day, ideas mattered,” says Jenkins. “I was obsessed with rules and equality, and I was argumentative.”

He was also a star of sorts, serving as newspaper editor-in-chief, head tour guide, Model U.N. president, mock trial captain, a student government representative, and a debate team member in addition to earning top grades. But it was the summer study session at Seton Hall University’s law school, for which he was selected as a high school junior, that set him on his path.
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“We had to talk him into applying. He has that perfect combination of a remarkable career but also the right sense of engagement, humility, and academic gravitas—all those things you really want.” —DAVID POTTER (’80), SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER
people,” says Kimberly Benston, president of Haverford College, where Jenkins sits on the governing board. “He has a very profound respect for the traditions of scholarship and legal knowledge. And he’s innovative, but in an evolutionary and connective way rather than a disruptive, jolting way. He is shrewd and forward-looking, with a long view of where legal education is and where it is going.”

As for life on the tundra, Jenkins says he had no idea what to expect here in Minnesota. So far, with winter yet to arrive, he is delighted by easy living, short commutes, and accessible tennis courts. A self-described foodie, he has designated Restaurant Alma as his local favorite but realizes he has hardly had a chance to cover the culinary landscape. “It was always exciting to beat him to a new restaurant opening in Columbus,” reports Michaels, admitting that such an occurrence was rare.

By all accounts, Jenkins is a pop culture pundit who makes friends easily, choosing those with common interests and sympathies, regardless of age or other superficial characteristics. His colleagues say he loves discussing ideas of all kinds, from politics to Hollywood, and is eager to explore the world at large. “He’s my go-to guy for the latest movie or cutting-edge TV show,” Michaels says. (Jenkins readily discloses his own current obsession with *The Americans.*)

“Garry, to me, is the source of all information. He often says what he thinks I’ll like, and he doesn’t tell everyone the same thing,” adds Chamallas. “He knows his audience. You don’t need Amazon if you have Garry.”

Haverford president Benston describes him as just plain fun to be around. “You want to be in the room with people when Garry is there. He has a great smile, which is emblematic of his sunny and smart and tempered vision, yet he doesn’t compromise on quality or ethics,” Benston says. “The potential of the Law School and Garry growing together seems ideal to me. He is ready for this move in his life and career. He’s young and vital, he’s earned it, and he’s wise well beyond his years.”

Seemingly undaunted by the challenges that lie ahead, Jenkins will spend his first months listening, learning, and drawing on the strengths he already sees. “I continue to be impressed with the unrelenting ambition and passion people have for the Law School. Law touches every pressing issue in society, and I look forward to collaborating with my peers on every grand challenge. I want us to be known as an inviting and supportive community,” Jenkins says.

“Minnesota is really fortunate to have attracted Garry Jenkins,” adds Michaels. “I know it will be a success.”

Cathy Madison is a Twin Cities writer and the author of *The War Came Home With Him: A Daughter’s Memoir.*
SIXTY YEARS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL Rights Act of 1957, last century’s first legislative attempt to redress the wrongs created by segregation, Myron Orfield Jr. is still hard at work, plugging away at this marathon struggle for equality and justice for all. “It’s amazing how, if you keep trying, something can happen,” says Orfield, the Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law and director of the Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity. “You just have to be persistent about it.”

Armed with his iconic maps and charts, stocked with facts to back his patient pleas, and powered by a doggedness his colleagues across the country revere, the “unfailingly nice” Orfield is a formidable foe. “He makes people feel uncomfortable, but in the nicest possible way,” says Betsy Julian, who worked with him at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Clinton administration. “I’m a huge Myron Orfield fan. He speaks truth to power, which is an old phrase, but it really applies here. He won’t let you deny the undeniable or defend the indefensible without challenge. And over time, he wears you down.”

Julian is the founder of and chief counsel to the Inclusive Communities Project in Dallas, whose fair housing case against the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs triumphed in the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015. She says people are finally willing to talk about segregation, which wasn’t always the case; the Orfield family dinner table in south Minneapolis was a notable exception. Orfield was one of six kids whose parents openly supported integration, despite its unpopularity in their working-class neighborhood. In 1975, his Washburn High School class was desegregated by court order. His adored older brother, Gary, was a ’60s Freedom Rider destined to become a well-known civil rights scholar. That Orfield would select the 1957 Civil Rights Act as his thesis topic at Princeton made perfect sense.

“I was going to get a Ph.D. in history, then a law degree, but I got so interested in politics that I never finished the Ph.D.,” says Orfield, whose career goal was teaching law. “I was always divided between public life and academia. It was hard to decide between the two.” After earning his J.D. from the University of Chicago and clerking for 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Heaney, who presided over several key civil rights cases, Orfield accepted a research fellowship at Chicago’s Center for Studies in Criminal Justice that sealed his fate. His future would not be either/or; instead, he would gather wisdom on multiple fronts and use it to influence policy and legislation on multiple levels.

“Accompanying narcotics cops on some of Chicago’s nastiest beats, Orfield studied the effects of segregation in a black ghetto so big it defied his imagination. “All these things hit you—all the judges are white, all the defendants are black. By the time people are defendants in the criminal justice system, their lives are basically over. The ultimate consequence is incarceration. Their lives just did not function,” he says.

Orfield saw Minneapolis as an echo, decades behind Chicago but following the same dismal pattern. Having come home to serve as a Minnesota assistant attorney general, he plunged into politics, serving five terms in the Minnesota House and one in the state Senate before joining the Law School as an associate professor in 2003. “Academia allows you to think about things in a serious, straightforward way—about law and how it works, about the history of integration and housing cases—so you can understand the successes and failures. In the legislature, you
have less time and less perspective, because you’re moving from one crisis to another,” he says.

He characterizes his work as divided equally between law and demographics, and his influence is substantial in policy as well as theory. President Obama, whom he’d known since Obama’s Illinois Senate days, solicited his help on two fair housing rules that stalled during the Clinton administration. “They told me it would take a year and half; it took seven,” Orfield says. “They said I’d have to go to 10 meetings; I went to maybe 100. We had lots of opponents, including the housing lending industry and hundreds of lawyers, and I thought we’d go down in flames. But Obama kept it strong, and the Supreme Court upheld these cases. One, which cited our research, passed by one vote. It was fabulous.”

Overall, however, progress creeps. Cities such as Minneapolis are now more segregated than ever, thanks to discriminatory lending practices, tax policies, and city planning miscues that trap minorities in pockets of poverty. Orfield studies these pockets, pointing them out on his maps and advocating remedies to anyone who will listen.

Often, the listeners “get really mad,” he says, citing the tumultuous meetings that resulted when he helped suburban Eden Prairie redraw its school boundaries. He has encountered much resistance to affordable housing initiatives in white suburbs—the same suburbs that are now requesting units. “When I was a young man, they would burn me in effigy; and now they’re asking for my help in getting housing. It’s kind of nutty,” he says. “I have noticed that things change. People who were your opponents way back become your friends later. Not at the moment you think, but eventually.”

“There are not a lot of people like him—the depth with which he thinks about things and the optimism he brings to his work, analysis, and public presentation. He’s good at identifying the source of inequalities, but even more, he’s focused on solutions. He seems to believe it’s possible for our democratic society to do the right thing and be forward-thinking,” says Susan Eaton, Brandeis University professor and director of the Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy. “He has been profoundly influential in shifting the discourse, but that change is slow. He challenges some basic narratives in our society, so people resist him and what he has to say. But a growing number of people are paying attention.”

Orfield is “extraordinarily respected in a field that is very controversial. He has an academic passion for equity and rights but also the political acumen that can make good ideas into good policy,” adds John Trasvina, former assistant secretary for fair housing at HUD and current dean at the University of San Francisco School of Law. “The power of his research and words doesn’t just stop on the pages of a law review. They’re used by advocates, policymakers, and courts to shape the law. And yes, we have made tremendous progress in affirmatively furthering fair housing.”

By all counts, Orfield’s star is still rising. In September, the University awarded him and Christopher Uggen, Regents Professor and Distinguished McKnight Professor of Sociology and Law, a $250,000 Grand Challenges grant to study Minnesota’s most ambitious efforts to redress racial and class inequality; the Choice is Yours Program, for voluntary school desegregation; the Hollman public housing settlement, which demolished or replaced high-density housing on Minneapolis’s north side; and the Northside Achievement Zone, designed to close the achievement gap and end generational poverty. Orfield says these unique programs, coupled with the city’s advanced integrated data system, can lead to “path-breaking research. I’m very excited.”

Orfield’s advocates fully expect to see the results of his labor, not to mention his energy, optimism, and hope, play out on a national stage. “I would love to see him in Washington, D.C. We wanted to bring him back, and in a future administration, I hope it’s something he’d be open to,” says Trasvina. “But he is able to accomplish much from Minnesota. His scholarship is having an impact, and he’s overflowing in his commitment to the issues.”

The Grand Challenges grant is among several, says Orfield, and his goal list is long. He wants to see fewer “trendy things like charter schools, which aren’t working very well,” and more urban magnet schools, which can strengthen efforts to integrate and stabilize neighborhoods. By 2040, he points out, no racial majority will exist in this country. “We have to make a choice about whether to live as one nation or many metropolitan neighborhoods, and I don’t think people have done that. New York City, for example, is not functioning. Seattle and Portland function better, with much lower segregation rates. The country has to decide whether it wants to be more like Seattle and Portland than Chicago and Detroit,” says Orfield. “I’m cautiously optimistic about the future. Martin Luther King Jr. was right when he said that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it does bend toward justice.”

By Cathy Madison, a freelance writer and editor based in the Twin Cities
FACULTY AWARDS, GRANTS, AND NEWS

Susanna Blumenthal was appointed to the Julius E. Davis Chair in Law, effective July 1.

Linus Chan received the Stanley V. Kinyon Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, presented at the 2016 commencement ceremony.

Jessica Clarke received the Stanley V. Kinyon Tenured Teacher of the Year Award, presented at the 2016 commencement ceremony.

Laura J. Cooper was elected a vice president of the National Academy of Arbitrators for the 2016-17 term.


Allan Erbsen was reappointed to a Solly Robins Distinguished Research Fellowship, effective July 1. His 2010 article “Impersonal Jurisdiction” was cited by the Iowa Supreme Court in its ruling on the case of State of Iowa v. Demetrius S. Rimmer et al.

Claire Hill was honored by the Minneapolis-based daily newspaper Finance & Commerce as one of its “Top Women in Finance” for 2016.
Garry Jenkins was appointed to the William S. Pattee Chair in Law, effective July 1.

Heidi Kitrosser’s article “Classified Information Leaks and Free Speech” was cited in an American Civil Liberties Union amicus brief filed in support of Chelsea Manning’s appeal of her conviction and sentence under the Espionage Act.

William McGeveran was reappointed to a Solly Robins Distinguished Research Fellowship, effective July 1.

Amy Monahan was appointed to the Melvin C. Steen and Corporate Donors Professorship in Law, effective July 1.

Perry Moriearty received the 2016 Shanara Gilbert Award from the Association of American Law Schools Section on Clinical Legal Education. The award, the nation’s most prestigious honor for clinical teachers, is given annually to an “emerging clinician” (one who has specialized in clinical education for 10 years or fewer) who has demonstrated “a commitment to teaching and achieving social justice, particularly in the areas of race and the criminal justice system; a passion for providing legal services and access to justice to individuals and groups most in need; and service to the cause of clinical legal education.” Moriearty co-directs the Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic.

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin received the 2016 Society of Legal Scholars Research Activities Fund Award to advance research on her project “Conceptualizing and Quantifying Maternal Harms.” The award will enable archival research and advance data collection on conflict-bereaved mothers in Northern Ireland.

Myron Orfield was appointed to the Earl R. Larson Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law, effective July 1. In May, the Law School’s Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity, of which Orfield is the...
director, released a report called *The Rise of White-Segregated Subsidized Housing*, which found that government-subsidized “artists’ housing” misuses public funds and increases segregation.

**Hari Osofsky** was appointed to the Robins Kaplan Professorship in Law, effective July 1. In June, Osofsky received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Law, Property, and Society. The award recognized honorees for “using their expertise to improve the quality of people’s lives locally, nationally, or internationally; serving as mentors to junior faculty and others interested in teaching and research in property law; and serving and enlarging the community of property law scholars.”

**Robert Stein** (’61) received a 2016 Award for Global Engagement from the University’s Global Programs and Strategy Alliance Office. The award is given to faculty and staff to acknowledge exceptional achievements in and contributions to global education, research, and engagement on behalf of the University. Throughout his four decades on the faculty, Stein has worked to engage the Law School in nearly every region of the world.

**Laura Thomas** was appointed to the Vaughan G. Papke Clinical Professorship in Law, effective July 1.

**Susan M. Wolf**, who holds faculty appointments at the Law School and the University of Minnesota Medical School, is one of three researchers jointly awarded the first-ever National Institutes of Health grant dedicated to laying the policy groundwork needed to translate genomic medicine into clinical application. The $2 million NIH grant funds a three-year project known as LawSeq, which aims to advance the nation’s statutory and regulatory frameworks by clarifying current law, addressing gaps, and generating the recommendations needed to create the legal foundation for the successful, widespread use of genomics in clinical care.

**Mitchell E. Zamoff** received the Stanley V. Kinyon Teacher of the Year in Practice Award, presented at the 2016 commencement ceremony.

**RUTH OKEDIJI AWARDED MCKNIGHT PRESIDENTIAL PROFESSORSHIP**

**University President Eric Kaler** awarded the prestigious McKnight Presidential Professorship—one of the highest honors a University of Minnesota faculty member can receive—to Ruth Okediji, who has been the Law School’s William L. Prosser Professor of Law since 2003. Okediji is the third member of the Law School faculty to be so honored; the others are Susan Wolf (2006) and Michael Toner (2011). Recipients of the professorship “exemplify the qualities in teaching, research, and service that the University values most highly,” and their names are engraved on monuments that line the Scholars Walk on the East Bank campus.

Okediji teaches contracts, copyright, trademarks, and international intellectual property law. Her research and scholarship focus on issues of innovation policy, economic development, and global knowledge governance. Her work has influenced the design of national intellectual property laws and policies throughout Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas, and she has developed intellectual property curricula for training courts around the world. In 2015, Okediji was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon to serve on his High Level Panel on Access to Medicines, and *Managing Intellectual Property* named her one of the world’s most influential people in intellectual property law.

She has held visiting professorships at numerous universities, including Harvard, Duke, Haifa, Toronto, and Tilburg. She was elected to the American Law Institute in 2008 and is currently president of the Order of the Coif. Okediji is of counsel with Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis.
FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVE GRAND CHALLENGES GRANTS

In September, the University announced that its first Grand Challenges Grants, totaling $3.6 million in support, had been awarded to 29 teams of faculty from across the Twin Cities campus. The interdisciplinary teams include five principal investigators (PIs) from the Law School faculty: Professors Fionnuala Ni Aoláin, Myron Orfield, Hari Osofsky, Francis Shen, and Susan Wolf. Working in alignment with Driving Tomorrow, the campus’s overarching strategic plan, the teams will address critical challenges facing Minnesota and the world.

The 29 two-year projects, selected through a multi-tiered faculty-based review process, are intended to capitalize on existing University research strengths and to break new ground in addressing five key areas: assuring clean water and sustainable ecosystems; fostering just and equitable communities; enhancing individual and community capacity for a changing world; feeding the world sustainably; and advancing health through tailored solutions.

“I’m very pleased to see the Law School represented so strongly in this important campus-wide initiative,” said Dean Garry Jenkins. “It’s a testament to the creative energy and intellectual rigor of our faculty, and to the law’s central role in tackling local, national, and global challenges.”

Law School faculty members are co-PIs for the following projects:

Fionnuala Ni Aoláin: “Establishing a human rights collaborative and faculty/student human rights laboratory to promote an equitable civil society.” Professors Jennifer Green, Stephen Meili, and Christopher Roberts are members of the project team.

The Human Rights Research Lab will focus on reducing inequalities through applied research. Building on the work of the Human Rights Center (based at the Law School) and the Human Rights Program (based in the College of Liberal Arts), the Human Rights Research Lab will serve as an incubator for a set of human rights projects with the ultimate goal of enabling knowledge transfer to policy or advocacy settings. The topics for these research projects include, among many others, racial and gender discrimination in gun violence; unequal political and legal access after mass violence and human rights violations; and gender inequality, focusing on the human rights of women or girls in low- and middle-income countries.

Myron Orfield: “Assessing interventions for justice and equity.”

In Minnesota, many communities face enormous opportunity gaps in education, housing, employment, and health outcomes, and unequal exposure to the juvenile and criminal justice system. Such gaps emerge early in life, are interlinked, are strongly influenced by racial segregation, and have profound effects into adulthood. Closing these gaps is crucial to building just and equitable communities. Yet researchers, policymakers, local leaders, and citizens lack the knowledge and capacity to do so.

This project will pose, and answer, fundamental questions about the effectiveness of specific government interventions aimed at promoting greater social integration and reducing racial/ethnic inequality in the Twin Cities. The research will make important methodological contributions by linking data from disparate sources and applying cutting-edge impact evaluation methods. Results from this study will significantly advance knowledge and have practical implications for policymakers, researchers, advocates, local leaders, and youth-serving organizations.

Hari Osofsky: “Shared Leadership Lab: Analyzing success factors to address complex societal challenges.”

Effective collaboration is central to enhancing individual and community capacity to address critical societal challenges. As a society and a university, however, we have precious little information about how to work together effectively on such challenges. Although many of society’s most pressing problems require hybrid efforts, such efforts are hard to organize and even harder to sustain.

The Shared Leadership Lab will conduct and stimulate research into the success factors of effective collaboration. Shared leadership research is critical to realizing our land-grant mission to contribute to thriving in a changing, complex world. Yet many current efforts focus on issue- or sector-specific, point-in-time analyses or single case studies, which are limited in their depth and generalizability. The proposed Lab will provide a unique site for comparative analysis of shared leadership success factors.

Francis Shen: “Toward a Minnesota model for brain health in youth sports.”

The project has four interrelated objectives: to establish a campus-wide working group on traumatic brain injury (TBI); to conduct a preliminary study on the implementation...
of Minnesota’s 2011 sports concussion law and on current practices in the identification, evaluation, and treatment of youth sports concussions; to host a statewide summit, in partnership with community partners, to disseminate best practices and identify statewide needs; and to develop grant proposals to secure funding in order to create a Minnesota Model for addressing the challenge of youth sports TBI.

Dozens of University researchers work on the issue of TBI. Yet rarely, if ever, have they come together to harness these extensive resources in a coordinated fashion. The Grand Challenges program offers an opportunity to galvanize talent, coordinate across schools and institutes, and develop more effective ways to respond to TBI.

Susan Wolf: “Minnesota Precision Medicine Collaborative: Transforming health and advancing equity.”

This project will use 21st-century technologies—including genomics, informatics, bioengineering, analysis of environmental exposures, and behavioral sciences—to tailor health care to the challenges facing individuals and their communities. This approach will fundamentally alter our understanding of health, disease prevention, and treatment.

The team will create a living laboratory, starting with demonstration projects on Alzheimer’s disease, lung cancer, and depression. All three are diseases whose incidence, burden, and mortality rates reveal disturbing health disparities. This focus will enable us to leverage University research strengths across many disciplines and to engage with partners in the health industry and Minnesota’s underserved communities. Together we will create affordable, mobile tools to speed research, better deliver health information, and advance health for all.

The complete list of Grand Challenges projects can be found at https://strategic-planning.umn.edu/node/451
Professor Painter joined the Law School in 2007 after serving as President George W. Bush’s chief White House ethics lawyer for two years. His areas of expertise include business law, corporate governance, government ethics, securities law, and professional responsibility.

In the tumultuous political environment of the last year, Professor Richard Painter, one of the country’s leading experts on government and corporate ethics, has found himself consulted on a host of highly charged issues. The New York Times and Star Tribune interviewed him about presidential candidates’ tax returns, the Times quoted him about the White House forbidding cabinet members to address the Democratic National Convention, and the Wall Street Journal and Washington Post interviewed him several times on presidential candidate conflicts of interest. In addition, over the past few months the Times has published three opinion pieces by Painter—on the Clinton Foundation, campaign finance reform, and Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland—plus a fourth, co-authored with President Obama’s former chief White House ethics lawyer, on Donald Trump’s tax returns.

Painter acknowledges this has been an unusual year—for him and the nation. “Much of what I have focused on in my career has been at the center of our country’s debates,” he says. “It has been, to say the least, an extraordinary time.”

Painter was drawn to the topic of ethics early in his career, when he worked in the financial services sector. “I quickly became concerned about debt and junk bond deals happening in the early ’90s,” he says. “During the savings and loan crisis, I observed firsthand the role lawyers played in encouraging clients in the wrong ways. Lawyers were partially responsible.”


Painter was the leading contributor to a key provision in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, aimed at deterring securities fraud and improving lawyers’ ethics. Section 307 of the Act—“up-the-ladder reporting,” as he terms it—was a direct response to what he had observed in corporate behavior. “There’s a scandal on the trading floor and the lawyer tells the CEO to report it to the Treasury Department,” Painter explains. “The CEO ignores the advice, and the lawyer doesn’t feel compelled to go to the full board. That’s a problem, and that’s what section 307 fixes.” It is one of the few ways in which the federal government regulates the conduct of lawyers. As a result of the provision, he says, “There’s a lot better communication between lawyers and directors, not just the CEO.”

During his time in the White House Counsel’s office, Painter served as the chief ethics lawyer not only for President Bush, but for White House employees and nominees to Senate-confirmed positions in the executive branch as well.

“The White House was looking for somebody who had experience in financial conflicts of interest, which is what I had focused on for most of the previous decade,” he says. In his role, he helped more than 150 people rid themselves of conflicts each year. “Most of these people were new to the public sector, so they had very little experience in this area. It was an interesting but labor-intensive job. Long, long hours.”

After leaving the White House, Painter wrote a book about government ethics, Getting the Government America Deserves: How Ethics Reform Can Make a Difference. “That book began my journey into campaign finance reform, what I call ‘the elephant and donkey in the room,’” he says. He continued to investigate the topic with his latest book, Taxation Only with Representation: The Conservative Conscience and Campaign Finance Reform. That book was the product of a residential fellowship at Harvard University’s Safra Center for Ethics during the 2014–15 academic year. In 2015, with his colleague Professor Claire Hill, Painter co-authored Better Bankers, Better Banks: Promoting Good Business through Contractual Commitment, a book about the personal responsibility of investment bankers, which he calls “a high point” of his work at the Law School.

Painter is passionate about shaping his students’ understanding of the role of ethics in the legal profession. “I like helping a new generation of lawyers understand how ethics plays a role in every area of the law.”

By Kathy Graves, a writer based in Minneapolis
NEWS BULLETINS CRACKLED
from the radio in José Torres’s childhood home in Bogotá, Colombia. As he listened to reports of violence between drug traffickers, armed rebels, and government troops, the young boy imagined the worst.

“I’d fear my father was not coming home,” he says. Yet his dad always walked through the door. The rest of his family survived the terror, too. Thousands of other Colombians weren’t so lucky; people were “disappeared,” government ministers assassinated.

“It was a very chaotic couple of decades,” he says. These days, Colombia and its 47 million people are recovering. And Torres? He’s doing his best to help.

After earning a law degree in 2007 from Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Torres worked at a small firm and, later, a big bank. His job title at BBVA Financial was “customer defender,” which he says meant “I worked for the bank but my job was to be against the bank.”

Despite his adversarial role, the profit-driven world wasn’t his thing. So Torres switched sectors, landing a job at FIDUCOLDEX, a government agency specializing in international trade. “I finally found what I wanted,” he says. “The passion came back.”

That job helped him land a high-profile position at the Republic of Colombia Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, a government agency similar to the U.S. Treasury. Since 2013, Torres has negotiated a trade deal with Japan and served as a top legal advisor to the deputy minister on several other initiatives.

This year, Torres pushed pause on his Bogotá career in favor of a year abroad. He chose to study in the U.S. because of its place in the world. “You have to look at the best guy in the class and find out how he does it,” he says.

At the Law School, Torres is studying international law, human
rights, and other subjects. And while he hopes to improve his English skills here, he’s got a good jump on the language.

At 17, Torres attended high school in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. The first snowy month—he arrived in January—was hellish, he says. Then he started playing soccer, made friends, and learned to ignore, if not love, the cold.

Says Torres, “The only place I see ice in my home country is in my whisky.”

KIMBERLY MAIZE GRADUATED from high school in 2007. In the spring of 2017, she’ll finally be finished with her formal education. But it’s not because she’s a slacker. Maize breezed through Amherst College in four years, graduating cum laude with a B.A. in chemistry. She continued peering through microscopes at the University of Minnesota for the next five years, earning a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry. Now it’s another year of higher education as Maize studies patent law.

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It’s been a rapid rise for Maize, who grew up in small-town Pennsylvania, the daughter of a hardware salesman and a math tutor. At Amherst, Maize was drawn to science coursework and thought she might major in biology. In the end, though, she signed up for chemistry.

“It’s beautiful,” she says. “It’s patterns and trends. All you have to do is learn the basics and apply it.”

As a graduate student at the University, Maize designed pharmaceutical drugs intended to combat anthrax and hepatitis C. She likens the minute world of drug design to “atomic-scale Tetris,” where scientists attempt to find just the right fit for small molecule inhibitors and their target proteins. While the work is engaging, there’s a downside.

“Most of science ends up in failure,” she says. “It’s extremely frustrating.”

Which is why Maize wants to work as a patent agent. After graduation in the spring, she’ll likely land a job at a law firm or biotech company and get a firsthand look at the successes.

“I’ll be exposed to great science and I won’t have to deal with that frustration,” she says.

She also expects to have more time for her hobbies: volunteering at the...
Science Museum of Minnesota and baking. Visit the museum’s sleek building on weekends and there’s a chance you’ll hear Maize explaining why the wooly mammoth never spent much time in these parts during the Ice Age. (“Even mammoths can’t find anything to eat when surrounded by ice,” she says.)

As for baking, Maize’s specialty is baklava. Her mentor at the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Barry Finzel, liked her version of the dessert so much that he joked about not letting her graduate.

### ELIZABETH YOUNG

**CLASS OF 2017**

**CHARLES EARL GIDEON SPARKED something inside Elizabeth Young.**

When Young learned how the Florida man was denied a lawyer after being accused of stealing from a pool hall, she was inspired. “I knew I didn’t want to help people,” she says. “I knew I didn’t want to work for a company or for rich people.”

Gideon, of course, was the plaintiff in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the landmark 1963 U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming a defendant’s right to an attorney. When Young encountered Gideon’s story, she was in her first year at the Law School and uncertain about her future.

That’s no longer the case. Thanks to funding from the Minnesota Law Public Interest Residency Program, which connects government organizations with high-achieving third-year students, Young spends more time in courtrooms than she does in classrooms.

As a clerk at the Ramsey County Public Defender’s Office in St. Paul, Young works one-on-one with people like Gideon. And she loves it. “I like talking to clients and trying to get them out of jail,” she says, noting that many of the people she represents as a student attorney are accused of misdemeanors like not paying bus fare.

Young’s career choice isn’t a big surprise: both of her parents are lawyers. While Young was growing up in Grand Island, Neb., her mother worked in private practice and her father served as county attorney.

Today, he’s a judge.

As a kid, Young didn’t watch either parent practice their profession, though she does remember selling Girl Scout cookies to lawyers and other courtroom personnel. In high school, she thrived in foreign language classes, taking both Spanish and German.

For her undergraduate education, Young chose Tulane University. It easily beat out schools in northern cities, perhaps because there happened to be a crawfish festival going on the day she visited. After Tulane, she worked at a couple of New Orleans–based nonprofits and studied for the LSAT. Or she should have. The first time she took the test was during Mardi Gras.

“If you take it during Mardi Gras, you should take it twice,” she advises. Young did just that, scoring much higher the second time and gaining admission to the Law School.

### BRANDON BLAKELY

**CLASS OF 2018**

**AS A KID PLAYING STREET HOCKEY** in southern California, Brandon Blakely preferred stopping the puck to whacking it. “I like the pressure of it all coming down to me,” he says.

He enjoyed playing goalie so much that he even rode his bike back and forth while other kids took turns trying to thwart the puck into his body or the spokes of his wheels. In those instances, he did his best to avoid getting zapped.

But it happened.

“Goalies are weird,” Blakely says. “That’s why the law doesn’t scare me. I’m at my best when I know others are relying on me.”

For years, Blakely has made it his job to be there for others. As an undergraduate at Arizona State University, where he majored in psychology, he worked as a resident assistant in a dormitory. After graduation, he worked as a child services specialist in Phoenix for two years, departing to attend graduate school at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where he earned a master’s degree in education and served as assistant complex director of a 650-student residence hall. His next stop: the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, where he supervised two giant dormitories, only to find that, as a full-time job, the work was unsatisfying. It lacked intellectual stimulation and the students’ challenges were repetitive.

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Veena Tripathi, a class of 2019 student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, plans to spend the fall semester in Stockholm or Amsterdam—studying, not simply sightseeing.

“I never got to do it as an undergrad,” he says.

As an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Veena Tripathi had an unusual double major: neuroscience and political science.

Her parents were puzzled. “Why aren’t you picking one or the other?” they asked. Tripathi’s reply: “You didn’t.”

It’s true. Tripathi’s mother studied politics in India before embarking on an information technology career in suburban Chicago. Her father switched gears, too, beginning work as a chemical engineer before becoming a marketing professional.

And as precocious kid, Tripathi explored all kinds of subjects, memorizing names and facts about planets, dinosaurs, and state capitals.

In college, it soon became apparent her parents needn’t have worried. During her sophomore year, Tripathi co-authored a paper in an academic journal, a rare accomplishment for an undergraduate. Its title even included a pun: “Patents, Medication, and WHO Controls Them: A Look Inside a Potential Negotiator of the Patented Drug Trade.”

WHO is, of course, an acronym for the World Health Organization. The article was published in The Globe, an Illinois State Bar Association quarterly, which makes sense because she learned about pharmaceutical markets in an international relations class and co-wrote the paper with a professor.

The revelation that free-market pricing for drugs might result in the deaths of poor people unable to afford treatment upset her. “It blew my mind,” Tripathi says.

Her first post-graduation job was at Vital Voices, a Washington, D.C.-based NGO dedicated to helping women in poor countries. Then she switched coasts, grabbing a job at San Francisco-based Yelp, the tech company that specializes in online reviews of restaurants, hotels, and other businesses. At Yelp, she co-founded Diverse Burst, the company’s first diversity initiative.

After Yelp, she worked at Lever, a West Coast startup focused on streamlining recruitment efforts. Although the tech scene was exciting, Tripathi had long planned to study the law. Before graduating from the University of Wisconsin, she took the LSAT.

So what type of law does she want to practice?

“It’s too early to tell,” she says. “I love science. I love constitutional law. I want to get a well-rounded education here. I’ll attack that question next year.”

Spoken like the kind of person who’s had a lifelong thirst for all kinds of learning.

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Re-started
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International
is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion, and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession, and the community. Founded in 1902, P.A.D. calls itself “the preeminent law fraternity promoting the bonds of fraternalism” and “the leader in the development and advancement of professional ideals.” Its members, bound together by tradition and their common interest in the law, dedicate themselves to the core values of integrity, compassion, courage, professionalism, service, diversity, and innovation.

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European Horizons is a U.S.-based, nonpartisan think tank devoted to exploring the meaning of European identity, modernizing and reforming the concept of the social market economy, advancing the cause of European integration, and deepening transatlantic relations. To this end, European Horizons has established a network of students, professors, and European decision-makers, with links to academia, politics, civil society, and business. Together, we will engage in a constructive dialogue that will propound a platform of ideas for reforming the European Union and setting a policy vision for its future.

European Horizons convenes an annual European Student Conference at Yale University, hosts a Fall Policy Convention, Spring Forum, and Youth Summit, publishes research and policy papers through its academic journal, The Review of European and Transatlantic Affairs, and maintains chapters in universities across the United States and Europe.
BRENDAN DELANY ('17) WINS NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MILITARY JUSTICE ESSAY PRIZE

Brendan Delany ('17) was named the winner of the 2016 Admiral John S. Jenkins Prize for Excellence in Military Studies for his essay “Just Wars with Unjust Allies: Use of Force and Human Rights Considerations on the Russian Intervention in Syria.” The essay competition is conducted by the National Institute of Military Justice and is open to all students of military law who have not yet completed their J.D. studies. Submissions are judged by a committee of law professors and practitioners.

Delany’s winning paper is an analysis of the legality of the Russian intervention in Syria and its implications for making Russian military and civilian leaders responsible for the crimes of the Assad regime they are supporting. The paper argues that the intervention was likely legal under international law, but that Russian military and civilian leaders would become criminally responsible for supporting regime military operations. Delany’s conclusion proposes a new norm of international law that would make it a crime to knowingly render military assistance to state or nonstate actors who engage in human rights abuses such as grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions. This, Delany said, “would link international law regarding resort to the use of force (jus ad bellum) with international humanitarian law (jus in bello) regarding the legality of conduct of participants to an armed conflict.” “Brendan wrote an outstanding essay on a military law issue of substance and importance,” said Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin. “This prize reflects that as well as the strength of our Law of Armed Conflict teaching and programming at the Law School.”

Noting that a three-student team from the Law School won the Red Cross-sponsored Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition last spring, Ní Aoláin added, “We also look forward to Brendan participating in the Clara Barton team this year and continuing to showcase the strengths of the Law School in human rights and the laws of war.”

TWO LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN BLOOMBERG WRITING AWARDS

James Meinert ('17) and Kyle Kroll ('16) snared top honors in the 2016 Bloomberg Law Write-On Competition, winning $2,500 each.

I LAW SCHOOL LAUNCHES PROFESSIONAL ESSENTIALS MILESTONE PROGRAM

THIS FALL, THE LAW SCHOOL’S Career Center began offering a Professional Essentials Milestone Program that introduces students to core concepts of professional development and interpersonal skills that are critical for career success. Students will learn from staff, faculty, alumni, and professionals who are experts in career development and the legal field, and they can work toward the milestone throughout their three years of law school.

To earn the milestone, students must (a) complete a minimum of eight workshops, and (b) fulfill other requirements such as maintaining a LinkedIn professional profile and getting involved with at least one internal and one external networking event or association. Students who complete all the milestone requirements will receive a transcript notation signifying their successful participation in the program.

MILESTONE CORE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Establish short- and long-term professional goals and learn helpful tools for career success
- Gain strong, appropriate communications skills to create a professional brand with focus, purpose, and clarity
- Learn team dynamics and build collaboration skills to efficiently complete work in a timely manner with the right resources
- Understand and respect diverse views in order to provide professional and ethical client representation and work effectively across different perspectives.
in the nationwide contest. The competition puts a premium on clear and concise writing, as entries must run between 1,000 and 1,600 words.

Meinert wrote an article that was published by Daily Environment Report, a Bloomberg BNA journal, on how a ruling by the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii is influencing interpretation of the Clean Water Act. Instead of analyzing complex scientific reports, the court simplified jurisdiction rules that some others are following, setting a possible precedent.

Before attending the Law School, Meinert served as a research associate for the Natural Resources Defense Council. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Grinnell College in 2010. In addition to studying for his J.D., he is also working on a master’s of public health degree at the University. His emphasis: regulatory toxicology and risk assessment.

“I want to be highly literate in other people’s toxicology reports,” he says. After graduating from both programs next year, Meinert hopes to work full-time at the U.S. Department of Justice or Environmental Protection Agency. Last summer, he clerked for the DOJ’s Environment and Natural Resources Division.

Kroll’s entry was published in Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal, also a Bloomberg BNA journal. In “Celebrity YouTube Creators Reverse Plans To Trademark Reaction Video Format After Harsh Online Reaction,” Kroll examined whether Benny and Rafi Fine could trademark their style of popular short comedies. Kroll’s article chronicled the brothers’ attempt to stop others from replicating their routines and explored the legal ramifications of trademark law in the commercial sphere of the internet.

Kroll, who earned an undergraduate degree from the University’s Carlson School of Management, completed his J.D. in May. He served as online managing editor of the Minnesota Law Review and student body president of Professional Student Government, which represents about 11,000 students at the Law School, College of Pharmacy, and eight other professional schools at the University.

In August, Kroll began work as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Joan Ericksen in Minneapolis. He plans to pursue a career in commercial or intellectual property litigation.
BY DAY, ANDRA PALMER IS A mild-mannered attorney at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, Wis. But by night—and early mornings and weekends—she becomes Alexi Venice, spinner of tales starring a James Bondesque counterterrorism specialist named Pepper McCallan.

For Palmer, fiction writing was an early interest in life, one that mostly lay dormant as she built her career at Mayo. But after she and her husband became empty nesters a few years ago, the spark to write resurfaced. Since the beginning of 2015, Palmer has produced four self-published McCallan novels (see www.alexivenice.com).

“Writing these books is completely self-consuming—and really fun,” she says. “It’s a totally self-centered endeavor, but it’s such a high to be swept up in a story.”

At Mayo, Palmer’s duties cover a broad range of matters within the health-law ambit—bylaws, risk-management issues, mergers—and also a great deal of technical legal writing, which she believes helps her fiction writing because “it keeps your analytical skills and your logic skills really sharp.”

The demands of her day job require that Palmer find time when she can to pursue her fiction. She says she usually gets up at about 5:30 a.m. to write for a couple of hours, and also writes in the evenings and on weekends. But in pursuing the latest twists in her heroine’s ongoing adventures, she does more than sit and imagine. She has visited the locales of her stories—including Australia, Belize, Sweden, California’s wine country. And she’s experienced some of the activities she’s assigned to Pepper—flying an Eclipse jet, firing an assault weapon, wakeboarding, kickboxing.

Palmer sees a clear link between her professional work in health law and the subject matter of her novels. The first McCallan novel, *Ebola Vaccine Wars*, was inspired to a degree by Mayo’s own response to the Ebola outbreak.
outbreak. The second, Victus, addressed a bioterrorist threat.

Does Palmer have any thoughts about ditching her law career and focusing full-time on fiction writing? Not likely.

“I love my job and I’m afraid that if I was at home writing all the time, I would get lonely,” Palmer says. “I do experience more elation writing than practicing as a lawyer. But they both give me things that I need out of a career.”

JOSEPH KIM
CLASS OF 1995

JOSEPH KIM’S PRIMARY TASK IN the Tokyo office of Hogan Lovells is to assist various corporate interests in the development of big power projects. While he points out that he loves helping developers and lenders achieve their goals, his greatest satisfaction often comes from how those projects improve the lives of end users.

“We’re doing projects in Indonesia and the Philippines right now, where rolling brownouts and blackouts are normal,” he says. “They have electricity, but they need more of it. By having electricity available 24/7, 365 days a year, it really uplifts the economy and the people from their standard of living. In the U.S., you don’t even think about those things. If you had something like that, you’d be up in arms about it with the utilities. But over there, it’s natural.”

Reflecting on his career path, Kim describes it as a product of both youthful aspiration and serendipity. A native of South Korea, Kim moved to the San Francisco Bay Area with his family when he was 11 and received a B.A. in political science from the University of the Pacific in 1989. As an undergraduate, he recalls, he talked with his friends about “doing international work—although we didn’t know what that meant.”

When he came to the Law School, he says, those goals disappeared as he focused on learning American jurisprudence. He landed a job with a large American firm that asked him to relocate to Japan, where he worked in venture-capital financing. The work didn’t appeal to him and he switched to another firm, where he began working on cross-border project financing, which he liked. He joined Hogan Lovells in 2014.

As an American lawyer working on international projects, Kim says he takes pride in being part of an important fraternity. “I tell people that one of the best exports the U.S. has is its legal skill set,” he says. “The people who are doing these projects
RENÄE WELDER
CLASS OF 1996

LIKE MANY OTHER LAWYERS, Renae Welder credits her career path to the influence of one inspiring professor. In her case, it was Karen Brown (now at George Washington University Law School), and the class was 2L tax law. Welder realized then that she wanted to become a tax attorney, and Brown gave her a valuable piece of advice: “The most exciting work in that area was being done by the Big Six accounting firms—not law firms.”

Welder followed that advice, took a job with Deloitte Tax LLP immediately after getting her J.D., and has never looked back. Today she is a partner with Deloitte, in charge of its western region’s multi-state tax group. Welder’s clients include a number of Fortune 100 companies whom she advises on state tax matters. In recent years, however, Welder has been shifting to an internal management role. “It’s interesting how your career evolves,” she says. “You start out focused on the technical stuff and learn how to service clients, and you end up in these leadership-type roles where you have responsibility for a lot of different professionals.”

After spending her first two Deloitte years in Minneapolis, Welder transferred to Los Angeles. “When I moved to LA, I didn’t know a soul; it was a major life challenge,” she recalls. “But I won’t lie. The weather was very tempting.”

She’s remained in the Southwest ever since—she also had a stint in Phoenix from 2001 to 2006—and in her spare time has continued to pursue an interest in long-distance running. Welder ran her first marathon—Grandma’s Marathon in Duluth—when she was a first-year law student, and has since run in 35 more.

Welder’s ties to Minnesota are still strong. She has remained an ardent Vikings fan and tries to return to her home turf as much as possible. She’s also in discussion with the Law School about a planned gift or endowed scholarship.

“I attribute much of my success to the education I got at the Law School,” she says. “As someone who paid their way through law school, the opportunity to give back and hopefully help students in a similar situation is very important to me.”

PAULA POLASKY
CLASS OF 2013

NOT LONG AFTER MOVING TO Duluth to launch her litigation career in 2013, Paula Polasky began devoting her limited spare time to a particular environmental cause that had captured her attention: plastic pollution. She and her fiancé, Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra music director Dirk Meyer, had begun eliminating the use of plastic and other waste in their own lives, and then began thinking more broadly about ways to spread the “zero waste” message to others.

That was the seed for MiNNBOX (www.minnbox.com), a unique company that came to fruition in the spring of 2016. MiNNBOX takes its place in the increasingly popular “subscription box” industry, where subscribers receive monthly deliveries of various types of retail products—usually not knowing exactly what’s inside the packages on their doorsteps. In the case of MiNNBOX, subscribers receive products made by Minnesota small businesses—edibles, household goods, personal items—packaged in recyclable or compostable materials. They also have the assurance that participating companies make a “green commitment” and that Polasky and Meyer are contributing 1% of revenue to environmental organizations.

As a busy lawyer, Polasky sees MiNNBOX as a part-time endeavor. Her primary focus in life is on developing her legal career. After receiving her J.D., she joined the Duluth firm of Falsani, Balmer, Peterson, Quinn & Beyer, where she was a plaintiff’s attorney. In September 2016, she joined the Minneapolis office of Bowman and Brooke, where she represents defendant companies in product-liability cases. She’s not intending to fully uproot herself from the Twin Ports area, however—she plans to maintain her Duluth home and spend most weekends there.

A native of Fosston, Minn., Polasky received a degree in international studies from the University of North Dakota before enrolling at the Law School, where she was on the staff of Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice and co-produced the 2012 Theatre of the Relatively Talentless musical.

Since then, Polasky has enjoyed her development as an attorney every step of the way. “I love the challenge of it and that there’s always something new to learn,” she says. “I think the whole process of researching and writing to accomplish a goal is just fascinating.”

While MiNNBOX will remain a part-time pursuit, Polasky is quick to point out that it’s “more than just a side business. This is about spreading a message we care deeply about.”

By Dick Dahl, a freelance writer/editor based in St. Paul
Michael J. Galvin Jr. ('57) Receives Minnesota State Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award

The Minnesota State Bar Association presented its rare Lifetime Achievement Award to Michael J. Galvin Jr. ('57) for his extraordinary contributions to the bar, the legal profession, and the community.

Galvin graduated from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1954. After graduating from the Law School, Galvin joined Minneapolis-based Briggs and Morgan, where he has worked primarily in labor and employment law, business litigation, and municipal law. He has been a staunch advocate for the importance of the MSBA in the professional development of attorneys, and he served as MSBA president from 1994 to 1995.

Galvin served as outside legal counsel for the St. Paul Port Authority, helping the agency through many transitions that reshaped St. Paul. He has had leadership roles with the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce, the North Star Council of the Boy Scouts, and the St. Paul Winter Carnival, among others. In 2000, Galvin was named a “Great Living St. Paulite” by the Chamber of Commerce. In recognition of his service to the city of St. Paul, Mayor Chris Coleman ('87) declared June 23, 2016, “Michael Galvin Day.”

Edward J. Cleary ('77) Reappointed Chief Judge of Minnesota Court of Appeals

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton reappointed Edward J. Cleary ('77) as chief judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Cleary was first named to the court in 2011 and became chief judge in 2013. His second term in that role began Nov. 1.

Cleary, a practicing attorney for 20 years, is a past director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility. He successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court; his 1994 book on that case, Beyond the Burning Cross: A Landmark Case of Race, Censorship, and the First Amendment, won the Oboler Memorial Award, which honors the nation’s best work on intellectual freedom. He is a past president of the Ramsey County Bar Association and served on the Minnesota State Bar Association Governing Council.

Cleary was an adjunct professor at the Law School from 2000 to 2012.

Alan Page ('78) Named Heisman Humanitarian Award Winner

The Heisman Trust will honor Alan Page ('78), a former Minnesota Supreme Court justice and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, with its 2016 Heisman Humanitarian Award. Page was selected, the trust announced, in recognition of his “tireless efforts in assisting students of color achieve their dreams in furthering their education.” The award will be presented Dec. 12 at the 82nd Annual Heisman Memorial Trophy Gala in New York City.

Page served on the state’s high court from 1992 to 2015. In 1988, while working in the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office, Page founded the Page Education Foundation, which assists students of color with postsecondary education in exchange for their commitment to volunteer in the community. The foundation has awarded grants to more than 5,500 students, who in turn have provided more than 375,000 hours of volunteer service to young children.

Gail T. Kulick ('85) Appointed Judge in Minnesota’s 7th District

Governor Dayton appointed Gail T. Kulick ('85) to serve as a judge in the state’s 7th Judicial District. She had been a solo practitioner at Kulick Consulting, handling cases primarily in the areas of real estate, probate, estate planning, and government relations. Previously,
she was an attorney and policy advocate for Winthrop & Weinstine and commissioner of corporate affairs for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. From 2008 to 2010, she represented District 16A in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Kulick has served as a board member of Northern Lights Community Theatre, Mille Lacs Health System, the Minnesota Children’s Museum, and Milaca School District #912.

BETH M. ANDRUS (’88) NOMINATED TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT BENCH

President Barack Obama nominated Beth M. Andrus (’88) to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Andrus has been a judge in Washington state’s King County Superior Court since 2010. She began her career as a clerk to the late Judge Gerald W. Heaney of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. She practiced commercial, employment, intellectual property, and construction law for more than 20 years, the last 15 with the Seattle firm Skellenger Bender, where she became a partner and was later elected managing partner. She is a past board member and president of the ACLU of Washington.

BRIDGID E. DOWDAL (’94) APPOINTED JUDGE IN MINNESOTA’S 10TH DISTRICT

Bridgid E. Dowdal (’94) was appointed a district court judge in the state’s 10th Judicial District. Dowdal had been the chief legal counsel for the Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General, where she was responsible for providing legal analysis and research on health care matters. Previously, she was the assistant dean for career and professional development at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, an assistant United States attorney, and a judicial law clerk to Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sandra Gardebring.

TAMMY MERKINS (’99) NAMED BECKER COUNTY ATTORNEY

Tammy Merkins (’99) was appointed county attorney of Becker County in northwestern Minnesota. Merkins grew up on a farm in neighboring Norman County and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. While attending the Law School, she clerked at the St. Paul firm of Westrick & McDowell-Nix, then worked as an attorney there for three years. She moved to Detroit Lakes with her family in 2003 and spent three years with the firm of Thorwaldsen & Malmstrom before joining the Becker County Attorney’s Office.

DOUGLAS C. BAYLEY (’04) APPOINTED JUDGE IN MINNESOTA’S 1ST DISTRICT

Governor Dayton appointed Douglas C. Bayley (’04) to serve as a judge in the state’s 1st Judicial District. Bayley had been an assistant public defender in the 1st Judicial District Public Defender’s Office. Previously, he was an attorney at Lundblad, Fossum & Zrimsek, a law clerk in the Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office, and a senior duty officer at the White House Situation Room and National Security Council, as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. Department of State. Bayley is a board member of the Anderson Center at Tower View and the Hedin-Hartnagel Memorial Fund, both in Red Wing, Minn.

NIKKI FARAGO (’07) NAMED MINNESOTA’S DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Minnesota Department of Human Services named Nikki Farago (’07) the deputy assistant commissioner of its Children and Family Services program. Since 2013, Farago had been CFS’s director for legislation and external
affairs. Prior to joining the department, she served as the deputy solicitor general for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, where she litigated a broad caseload of criminal and civil matters in tribal court and represented the band in Indian Child Welfare Act cases. Farago is a member of the board of directors of the Indian Child Welfare Law Center. She previously served on the Minnesota Supreme Court Committee on Equality and Justice and was the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association’s representative to the Hennepin County Bar Association.

HEATHER ABRAHAM (‘12) AWARDED EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIP

Heather Abraham (‘12) was awarded a two-year postgraduate fellowship through Equal Justice Works, a nonprofit organization whose mission is “mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice.” Abraham will spend the term of her fellowship at Legal Services of Northern Michigan, in Traverse City, representing homeless adults and low-income renters at imminent risk of homelessness. Since graduating from the Law School, Abraham has held three judicial clerkships in the federal courts, most recently with Judge Richard Griffin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. The appeal, which seeks to overturn a U.S. policy that bars asylum to most victims of gang-related persecution, even young children who are violently recruited into gangs, drew supporting amicus briefs from Harvard University, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, UC Hastings College of the Law, and others.

THREE 2016 GRADUATES RECEIVE STAR OF THE NORTH FELLOWSHIPS

Jonathan Estes, Dara Johnson-Ayodele, and Hal Spott, all 2016 J.D. graduates, were named Star of the North Fellows by the state of Minnesota. Each will spend a year in a salaried position at a state agency that aligns with their educational background and professional interests—Estes at the Department of Transportation’s aeronautics office, Johnson-Ayodele in purchasing and service delivery at the Department of Human Services, and Spott in fleet and surplus at the Department of Administration. The Star of the North program, now in its third year, is intended to expand the state’s workforce and attract talented young people to public service. Twelve fellows are selected each year.

BRYAN R. BROWNING (‘08) ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE MINNESOTA HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

Bryan R. Browning (‘08) was elected president of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association. Browning, an associate with the Twin Cities law firm of Bassford Remele, previously served the MHBA as a board member, gala committee chair, treasurer, and vice president. He is an active member of Bassford Remele’s Diversity Committee, and he was recently elected co-chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Council. He was awarded the 2012 Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers Outstanding Newcomer Award.

ANNE DUTTON (‘16) ARGUES BEFORE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

Anne Dutton (‘16) presented oral argument before a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in Wilfredo Garay-Reyes v. Loretta E. Lynch, U.S. Attorney General. The case’s outcome could affect thousands of asylum seekers fleeing gang-related persecution in Central America. Dutton, then a student with the Center for New Americans’ Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, argued on behalf of Wilfredo Garay-Reyes, who was nearly killed after defec- ting from an El Salvador gang at age 17. The appeal, which seeks to overturn a U.S. policy that bars asylum to most victims of gang-related persecution, even young children who are violently recruited into gangs, drew supporting amicus briefs from Harvard University, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, UC Hastings College of the Law, and others.

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ALUMNI NEWS AND AWARDS

SIX FROM CLASS OF 2016 RECEIVE PRESIDENT’S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

Drew Glasnovich, Kyle Kroll, Katarina Lee, Chelsea Lemke, Allison Rochford, and Marc Shinn-Krantz were among the winners of the 2016 President’s Student Leadership and Service Award. The award is presented to approximately one half of one percent of the student body for their exceptional leadership and service to the University of Minnesota and the surrounding community. Honorees were recognized at a Homecoming Week banquet in October.

KRZYSZTOF WYSOKINSKI (’16) WINS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARD

Krzysztof “Chris” Wysokinski (’16) won the 2016 Bernard P. Becker Law Student Volunteer Award, given by the Minnesota State Bar Association to a law student who has “demonstrated a commitment to the provision of legal services to low-income and disadvantaged persons.” At the Law School, Wysokinski worked as a certified student attorney with the Neighborhood Justice Center in St. Paul and the Council on Crime and Justice in Minneapolis. He served as student director of the Law School’s Consumer Protection Clinic, student managing editor of Constitutional Commentary, student director and competition team member of the Civil Rights Moot Court, and president of the Criminal Justice League.

ALUMNI RECONNECT

More than 800 alumni returned to the Law School for Spring Alumni Weekend, April 15-16, 2016, for a variety of all-alumni events as well as individual reunions for those classes celebrating milestone anniversaries. Keep an eye out for our monthly digest email providing up-to-date information regarding volunteer opportunities and alumni events.

1 David Higgs (’81) and Jeannine Lee (’81)
2 Carol Berg O’Toole (’81), Pat Parell (’81), Ellen Sue Parker (’81), Ann Huntrods (’81)

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Spring Alumni Weekend is about returning to remember your years at the Law School and the friendships you built here. We hope you will be able to attend to celebrate and to reconnect with the Law School. We look forward to seeing you in April!
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Robert Paul Abdo is serving his second term as a board member for Lommen Abdo in Minneapolis. He is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and is included on the Minnesota Super Lawyer list. He is also recognized in The Best Lawyers in America.

1969
Joseph T. Dixon Jr. of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyer. He was also recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017.

1970
Allan A. Ryan became the chairman of the board of directors at Veterans Legal Services in Boston. He is a former captain in the United States Marine Corps and is currently the director of intellectual property at Harvard Business School Publishing.

1971
William F. Forsyth of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyer. He was also recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017.

1972
Denis Grande, a litigator at DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Minneapolis, was named a 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyer.

1973
Alan Eidsness was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017. A shareholder at Henson & Efron in Minneapolis, he focuses on family law.

1976
Keith Broady was re-elected to a two-year term as president of Lommen Abdo in Minneapolis. He has repeatedly been named a Minnesota Super Lawyer and is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

1977
Thomas J. Shroyer was elected to another three-year term on the board of directors of Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis. He is chair of the firm’s accountant law team and a member of its litigation team.

1978
Jack S. Levey was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017. Levey is a senior attorney at Plunkett Cooney in Columbus, Ohio.

1980
Scott H. Delisi, former United States ambassador to Uganda, became the executive director of the Soarway Foundation in Pittsburgh. The foundation focuses on disaster relief and disaster risk reduction and preparedness in Nepal.
1981
Robert Due, a litigator at DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Minneapolis, was named a 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyer.

1983
Michael Greene became the U.S. Agency for International Development’s mission director for Vietnam. He oversaw development activities related to governance for broader-based and more inclusive growth.

Timothy Kock is the new president and chief executive officer at Crest Healthcare Supply in Dassel, Minn. Previously, he was the executive vice president of strategy and business development with Universal Hospital Services in Minneapolis.

1984
Kathryn A. Graves of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyer. She was also recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017.

Ronald C. Wheeler was inducted into the Monmouth-Roseville Hall of Achievement, which honors former students and teachers from the Monmouth-Roseville School District in west central Illinois.

1985
Kip Fontaine was a Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidate for the Minnesota State Senate seat in District 1 in the northwest part of the state.

Gail T. Kulick was appointed a district court judge in Minnesota’s 7th Judicial District. She will be chambered at Milaca in Mille Lacs County.

R. Hugh Magill was elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is an executive vice president of Northern Trust Corporation in Minneapolis, where he serves as chief fiduciary officer and global director of trust services.

Daniel McDonald was elected chair of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, a body that advocates for the University through the support of its graduates.

1986
David P. GRAHN was honored with the American Agricultural Law Association’s 2016 Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the organization and to agricultural law. He is the associate general counsel for the International Affairs, Food Assistance, and Farm and Rural Programs division of the USDA’s Office of the General Counsel.

David R. Johanson was recognized by Continental Who’s Who as a Pinnacle Professional in the field of law. He is partner-in-charge of the Napa, Calif., office of Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young.

Jon Parritz was selected for a two-year term as co-chair of the Twin Cities Cardozo Society, an affinity group for Jewish attorneys, judges, and law students.

He is a partner at Maslon in Minneapolis.

1987
Jeffrey Fritz joined the St. Paul office of Wipfil as a tax partner in the firm’s manufacturing and distribution practice.

Michael C. Glover joined Lommen Abdo in Minneapolis in the business and litigation group.

1988
Beth M. Andrus was nominated by President Obama to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. She is currently chief civil judge in King County, Wash., Superior Court.

Mark J. Gergen was named a senior vice president and chief operating officer of Halozyme Therapeutics, a biotechnology company in San Diego. Previously, he was an executive vice president and chief operating officer at Mirati Therapeutics, also based in San Diego.

1989
Charles E. Jones joined Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis as a member of the litigation and accountant law practices.

Andra Palmer, an attorney with Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, Wis., released the fourth novel in her Pepper McCallan series in May 2016. (See Alumni Profiles, page 38, for more on Palmer’s fiction.)

Sarah Reesman was appointed interim director of athletics at the University of Missouri in Columbia. She has worked in the university’s athletic department since 1993 and was made executive associate director in 2009.

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**CLASS NOTES**

- **Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.** He is a shareholder at Tuft, Lach, Jerabek & O’Connell in Maplewood, Minn.

- **Bridgid E. Dowdal** was appointed a district court judge in Minnesota’s 10th Judicial District Court. She will be chambered at Center City in Chisago County. Previously, she served as chief legal counsel for the Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General.

- **John Ella** joined Trepapier MacGillis Battina in Minneapolis as a shareholder.

- **Robert Hogg** ran as a candidate for the U.S. Senate in the Iowa Democratic primary on June 7, 2016, finishing in second place. He currently serves as an Iowa state senator for parts of the Cedar Rapids area.

- **Marcus Mollison** joined Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis as a partner in the real estate and land use practice group.

- **Daniel Matheson**, a sport management lecturer at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, was named director of the Sport & Recreation Management program and is a 2016 recipient of the University’s President and Provost Award for Teaching Excellence.

- **John Bursch** founded Bursch Law in Caledonia, Mich. He represents Fortune 500 companies, foreign and domestic governments, public officials, and industry associations in high-profile cases, primarily on appeal.

- **Roshini Rajkumar**, the host of News & Views with Roshni Rajkumar on WCCO Radio in Minneapolis and an adjunct faculty member at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, married James Fulton on July 30, 2016. Judges James Rosenbaum ('89) and Lois Conroy ('97) served as co-presidents. Roshan Rajkumar ('00) served as man of honor.

- **Christopher W. Fowlkes** joined Barnes & Thornburg in Minneapolis as a partner in the litigation department. Previously, he was a partner at Bowman and Brooke, also in Minneapolis.

- **Susan D. Franck** became a professor of law at American University’s Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. Previously, she was a professor of law at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va.

- **Russell Platzek** was named executive director of the Office of Legal Affairs and Labor Relations for York College at the City University of New York. Previously, he worked as an associate attorney at the law office of Steven A. Morelli in Garden City, N.Y.

- **Mark McGuire** is the managing director of the Twin Cities branch of Gener8or, an investment company and business accelerator.

- **Benjamin Court** joined Stinson Leonard Street in Minneapolis as a partner in the bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practice group.

- **Emily Pollock** was promoted to partner in Kasowitz’s New York office. She focuses on family and matrimonial practice before New York trial and appellate courts.

- **Court J. Anderson** of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2016 Rising Star by Minnesota Super Lawyers.

- **Nicole Narotzky**, a partner in Maslon’s litigation group in Minneapolis, was named a 2016 Rising Star by Minnesota Super Lawyers.

- **Julian Zebot**, a partner in Maslon’s litigation group in Minneapolis, was named a 2016 Rising Star by Minnesota Super Lawyers.

- **Tammy Lynn Merkins** was appointed county attorney in Becker County, Minn., by the Becker County Board. Previously, she was an assistant county attorney for Becker County.

- **Meghan Riley** and **Omar Syed** moved from the Twin Cities to Austin, Texas, in 2007. Riley is division chief for litigation in the City of Austin’s Law Department. Syed is associate vice chancellor and deputy general counsel for the University of Texas System.

- **Elizabeth Brama** was recognized by Finance & Commerce as a one of the “Top Women in Finance” for 2016. She is a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis.

- **Katie Aune** joined the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., in January 2016 as a planned giving officer. Previously, she was the director of alumni engagement at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

- **Eldri Johnson** joined Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis, practicing in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity, securities, and commercial law. Previously she was with Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis.

- **2002**

- **2003**

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2007
Corinne Ivanca joined Geraghty, O’Loughlin & Kenney in St. Paul as an associate.

2008
Craig A. Deutsch joined Fish & Richardson in Minneapolis as an associate in the intellectual property group.

Adam Hanso founded Apollo Law in Minneapolis. The firm provides appellate counsel to employees, consumers, and other aggrieved individuals.

Christopher Hoff joined Fish & Richardson in Minneapolis as an associate in the intellectual property group.

Tiffanea Mulder joined Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis as counsel in three practice groups: internet, technology and e-commerce; technology transactions and licensing; and data protection and cybersecurity.

Julie Naperski, an attorney at Devitt Ross & Stevens in Minneapolis, was named a 2016 Rising Star by Minnesota State Bar Super Lawyers.

2009
Kevin Lampone joined McGinley Stafford in Cleveland as an associate in the commercial litigation practice group. He was previously with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus, Ohio.

Katherine D. Pasker joined Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis as a member of the real estate team.

2010
Chris Henjum launched Esqyr, a public benefit corporation focused on affordable bar exam preparation. He is also an attorney and policy analyst at Flaherty & Hood in St. Paul.

Michael D. Howard was elected a partner at Hellmuth & Johnson in Minneapolis.

2012
Robert Davis became an assistant chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security in the El Paso, Texas, Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office. Previously, he worked as a prosecutor for the city of Austin, Texas.

2013
Eric M. Friske joined Henson & Efron in Minneapolis as an associate in the litigation practice group. Previously, he was a staff attorney for Chief Judge Terrence E. Conkel in Minnesota’s 1st Judicial District.

2014
Matt Kinsman joined Faegre Baker Daniels in South Bend, Ind., as an associate in the business litigation group. He was a clerk for Judge Theresa L. Springmann of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana from 2014 to 2016.

Daniel P. Mahon purchased the McGraw-Mahon Law Office in Hutchinson, Minn. The firm’s focus is on estate planning and real estate. Mahon also accepts cases in family and farm law, general business law, and some criminal law.

2015
Morgan Carlson joined Adams, Rizzi, Sweeney in Austin, Minn. She focuses on real estate law and estate planning.

2016
Yi-Ping Chang joined Mayer Brown’s Chicago office.

Andrea Na Rah Park Crammine was named one of the Greenberg Traurig Holly Skolnick Fellowship Foundation’s 2016 public interest fellows, in partnership with Equal Justice Works.
UP & COMING ATTORNEYS

These Law School alumni were recognized by Minnesota Lawyer as Up & Coming Attorneys, an honor given to lawyers who have distinguished themselves in their first 10 years of practice. The criteria for selection are professional accomplishment, leadership service to the community and the profession, or achievement as in-house counsel.

2006
Patrick J. Hynes is an attorney at Messerli & Kramer in Minneapolis. His practice focuses on government relations.
Jennifer Ives is a partner at Stinson Leonard Street in Minneapolis, focusing on employment and labor law.

2007
Christine Kain is a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis. She practices in the areas of drug and device litigation.

2009
Jason Zucchi is a principal in Fish & Richardson's Minneapolis office. He focuses on patent litigation.
Ryan Osterholm is an attorney at Pritzker Hageman in Minneapolis. He focuses on national foodborne illness litigation.

2010
Benjamin Skoglund joined Amazon in Seattle as a corporate counsel in August 2016. He was a senior associate at Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis for the previous six years.

2011
Kate Baxter-Nauf is an associate at Lockridge Grindal Nauen in Minneapolis. She is a member of the antitrust, business litigation, and securities litigation practice groups.
Graham Ojala-Barbour is a solo practitioner in St. Paul, representing clients in all types of immigration cases.

2012
Isaac Messmore is an associate at Bowman and Brook in Minneapolis. He focuses on class action litigation defense and commercial and products liability defense.

OCTOBER 15, 2016 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DAY OF SERVICE

More than 300 University of Minnesota alumni, students, and friends participated in the third annual Day of Service at sites in the Twin Cities and nationwide. The Law School was well represented with volunteers and organizers.

Robert Dube Jr. ('19) hosted the Law School’s assigned site at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids, Minn. Sitso Bediako ('08) organized two projects in New York: one at the East New York Middle School of Excellence in Brooklyn, the other at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Lauren Wood ('08) led the charge in San Francisco by hosting volunteers at the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank.

1 Chris Liu ('19) and Jane Liu
2 Professor Heidi Kitrosser and Professor John Matheson
3 The Law School group at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids, Minn.
4 Elena Bediako, Michelle Hum, Sitso Bediako ('08), Katie Edmond, Angela Bediako, Yohan Rizk, Stephanna Szotkowski ('14), Peter Graham ('15), Crystal Tsai ('15), Jocelyn Brekken, Ryan Govier, Jaime Antonio-Bravo
TOP 100 SUPER LAWYERS

Minnesota Super Lawyers ranked these Law School alumni among the top 100 attorneys in the state in 2016. The rigorous selection process includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by Minnesota Super Lawyers, attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check.

1968
James R. Schwebel is a founding partner of Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben in Minneapolis. He practices personal injury law.

Harry A. Sieben Jr. is a partner at SiebenCarey in Minneapolis. He practices personal injury law.

1969
Robert B. Weinstine is a founding partner and shareholder at Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis. He represents clients in the areas of antitrust, securities fraud, products liability, shareholder disputes, and related commercial litigation.

1970
Michael V. Ciresi is a founding partner of Ciresi Conlin in Minneapolis. He focuses on product liability, intellectual property, business, and commercial litigation.

1973
Alan Eidsness is a shareholder at Henson & Efron in Minneapolis. He focuses on family law.

John Harens is the owner of Harens Mediation Center in Minneapolis. He focuses on mediation and alternative dispute resolution in complex civil litigation cases.

1974
John D. Kelly is an attorney at Harutt Fride in Duluth. He represents clients in tort actions and commercial disputes, professional liability, contract, employment, and personal injury matters.

1976
Jon M. Hopeman is an attorney at Felhaber Larson in Minneapolis. He focuses on white-collar criminal defense and corporate compliance investigations.

1979
Barbara Jean D’Aquila is a partner at Norton Rose Fullbright in Minneapolis, where she manages the litigation department and focuses her practice on commercial litigation, government investigations, and labor and employment matters.

Wilbur William Fluegel is the owner of Fluegel Law Office in Minneapolis. He practices personal injury law.

1980
Charles Nauen is a partner at Lockridge Grindal Nauen in Minneapolis. He leads the environmental, business, and campaign finance/election law practices.

Ronald J. Schutz is a partner at Robins Kaplan in Minneapolis and New York. He is the chair of the firm’s intellectual property and technology litigation group, managing partner of the New York office, and a member of the firm’s executive board.

1981
Richard T. Ostlund is a shareholder at Anthony Ostlund Baer & Lordvage in Minneapolis, focusing on shareholder rights and corporate governance.

Dean R. Thompson is a shareholder at Fabyanske Westra Hart & Thomson in Minneapolis. He focuses on construction and insurance law, commercial litigation, and alternative dispute resolution.

1982
Paul C. Peterson is a shareholder at Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson in Minneapolis. He focuses his practice on business disputes and professional liability.

Andrew Tanick is a shareholder at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in Minneapolis. He defends employment claims and advises businesses.

1983
Vincent D. Louwagie is a shareholder at Anthony Ostlund Baer & Lordvage in Minneapolis, practicing business litigation with an emphasis on investment matters.

1984
Sheila Engelmeier is an attorney at Engelmeier & Umanah in Minneapolis. She practices employment law.

Steven M. Phillips is a shareholder at Anthony Ostlund Baer & Lordvage. His practice emphasizes securities, commercial/contract, and employment litigation.

1986
Gary A. Debele is a shareholder at Berg, Debele, DeSmidt & Rabuse in Minneapolis. He focuses on family law and alternative dispute resolution.

1987
Jan M. Conlin is a founding partner of Ciresi Conlin in Minneapolis. She focuses on intellectual property and business litigation.

1989
Daniel E. Gustafson is a founding member of Gustafson Glueck in Minneapolis. He focuses on consumer rights and fair competition.

Gregory Simpson is a partner at Meagher & Geer in Minneapolis, focusing on commercial litigation, corporate services, employment, and construction.

1990
Sara Gullickson Mcgrane is an attorney at Felhaber Larson in Minneapolis. She focuses her practice on employment law.

1992
Jeanette M. Bazis is an attorney at Greene Espel in Minneapolis, focusing on business and employment litigation.

Ben Henschel is a founding partner of Henschel Moberg Goff in Minneapolis. He focuses on family law.

Susan D. Olson is a solo practitioner in Stillwater, Minn. She practices family law.

1993
Thomas Tuft is a shareholder at Tuft, Lach, Jernabek & O’Connell. He practices family law.

Robin Ann Williams is a shareholder and the chief operating officer of Bassford Remele in Minneapolis. She concentrates her practice in insurance coverage, business litigation, and trust litigation.

1996
Nathan H. Bjerve is a personal injury lawyer at TSR Injury Law in Minneapolis.

1999
Douglas Micko is an attorney at Teske Micko Katz Kitzer & Rochel in Minneapolis. He represents employees, consumers, and victims of civil rights violations.
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Vincent D. Louwagie ('88)
2016–17 Partners in Excellence national chair

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LAWRENCE D. COHEN
CLASS OF 1957

LAWRENCE D. “LARRY” COHEN, former mayor of St. Paul, chairman of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, and chief judge of the Ramsey County District Court—the only person ever to have held all three of those positions—died Sept. 11, 2016, at the age of 83.

Born and raised in St. Paul, Cohen earned his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Minnesota. After working in private practice for a number of years, Cohen was elected to a seat on the Ramsey County Board in 1970. Just two years later, he was elected mayor of St. Paul. He served two terms and is credited for bringing the city’s organization, administration, budgeting, and neighborhood development into the modern era. He returned to private practice in 1976, remaining there until his appointment to the Ramsey County District Court bench in 1988, where he eventually became chief judge and served until his retirement in 2002.

In an editorial, the Minneapolis Star Tribune said that to each of his posts in public life Cohen “brought wit, grace, deft administration, and a commitment to racial and gender inclusivity. …Cohen was a career public servant but not a career politician. He did not seek reelection in 1976. Friends say he especially loved being a judge, a role that allowed him to strive to improve lives, case by case.”

Among Cohen’s many honors and accolades were the Trial Court Judge of the Year Award (1995) and the Minnesota District Judges Association Community Service Award (1997). He served on numerous nonprofit boards, including those of the Jewish Community Center, the Urban League, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

WENDELL ANDERSON
CLASS OF 1960

WENDELL “WENDY” ANDERSON, whose term as governor in the 1970s was marked by landmark bipartisan legislation and by his appearance on an iconic Time magazine cover, died July 17, 2016. He was 83.

Born in St. Paul to Swedish immigrant parents, Anderson attended the University of Minnesota on a hockey scholarship and played on the 1956 U.S. Olympic hockey team, which won a silver medal. In 1958, while enrolled at the Law School, the young Democrat was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives, where he served two terms. In 1962, he was elected to the Minnesota Senate, where he served until his election as governor in 1970.

“As a legislator and as governor, he was always the working man’s friend, and he never forgot where he came from,” former Minnesota Attorney General Warren Spannaus (’63) told the Forum News Service. “All his actions were directed at helping the common person. Personally, he was as good and kind and helpful a friend as anybody will ever find.”

As governor, said the New York Times, Anderson “pushed through an overhaul of school aid and taxes that became known as the ‘Minnesota miracle.’ The victory gave him latitude to pursue Democratic priorities such as environmental safeguards, a minimum wage increase, and programs for housing, seniors, and drug abuse.” The Star Tribune called the bipartisan tax deal, which equalized school funding between rich and poor districts, a “symbol of government that works.”

Anderson made the cover of Time on Aug. 13, 1973, smiling broadly while hoisting a northern pike on a stringer. The cover line was “The Good Life in Minnesota,” and the magazine became an instant collector’s item in the state.

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In later years, Anderson practiced law, served as a longtime member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, and was appointed Honorary Consul of Sweden in Minnesota.

RICHARD A. BOWMAN
CLASS OF 1965

RICHARD A. “DICK” BOWMAN, a renowned product liability litigator and founding partner of the law firm Bowman and Brooke, died Sept. 7, 2016. He was 75.

Raised on an Iowa turkey farm, Bowman graduated magna cum laude from Cornell College in 1962 and attended the Law School on a full scholarship, graduating cum laude and Order of the Coif. He began his career as a trial lawyer at the firm now known as Gray Plant Mooty. In 1985, he co-founded Bowman and Brooke with his good friend Jeffrey R. Brooke (’69) and launched a national practice that would see him dubbed the “father figure of automotive transport litigation.” Bowman first-chaired nearly 100 emotionally charged cases in 37 states, including the landmark crashworthiness case Larsen v. General Motors Corp. He testified before Congressional subcommittees and the Consumer Product Safety Commission regarding product liability, was cited by The National Law Journal as a “litigation trailblazer,” and was named a Minnesota Super Lawyer every year since the honor’s inception. He retired in 2012 but remained of counsel with Bowman and Brooke until his death.

“Dick’s energy, enthusiasm, and compassion endure through those of us who knew him and through the core values he instilled in our firm,” said Paul Cereghini, Bowman and Brooke chairman. “For decades, Dick’s larger-than-life personality dominated courtrooms coast-to-coast—anytime, anywhere, fearless and peerless.”

Away from the office, Bowman was a hot-air balloonist, a ballroom dance competitor, a cross-country motorcyclist, an animal lover, and an avid reader. He served on the boards of the Minneapolis Aquatennial, Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, the Twin Cities choir Magnum Chorum, and the Lafayette Club.

CARL AUERBACH
DEAN, 1972-79

THE LAW SCHOOL’S SIXTH DEAN, Carl Auerbach, who was the driving force behind the building of Mondale Hall, died April 6, 2016, in La Jolla, Calif. He was 100.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Auerbach graduated from Harvard Law School in 1938 and became an associate in a Washington, D.C., law firm, but left after just two months to take a position in the U.S. Department of Labor. During World War II, he served with the Office of Strategic Services in London and, later, the Allied Control Council in Berlin. In 1947, he took a teaching position at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he established himself as a leading scholar of constitutional and administrative law and became active in Democratic politics. He joined the Law School as a professor in 1961 and became dean in 1972. Mondale Hall, dedicated April 4, 1978, was an enormous project whose planning, legislative maneuvering, fundraising, and construction consumed much of Auerbach’s deanship. After leaving the Law School, he taught at the University of San Diego and Northwestern School of Law. In its obituary, the Star Tribune described Auerbach as “a confidant of Hubert Humphrey, friend of Walter Mondale, brief boss of Richard Nixon, and a key player in the passage of the 1957 Civil Rights Act.” The story noted Mondale’s (’56) appraisal of Auerbach as one of “the most important figures in the development” of the Law School and quoted Professor Robert Stein (’61) on his legacy: “He believed very much in the ability of the law to improve human life.”
IN MEMORIAM

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A. Paul Lommen
April 20, 2016
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1940
Lydia E. Prachar
February 23, 2016
Santa Barbara, Calif.

CLASS OF 1943
John R. Goff
June 9, 2016
Fargo, N.D.

CLASS OF 1944
Barbara D. Ruud
April 7, 2016
Austin, Texas

CLASS OF 1945
John S. Warren
June 2, 2016
Pacific Palisades, Calif.

CLASS OF 1947
John A. Bauman
May 31, 2016
Spring, Texas

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Robert H. Ford
May 7, 2016
Naples, Fla.

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Edmund P. Babcock
March 18, 2016
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Herbert R. Drews
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Leonard T. Juster
April 1, 2016
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Alan L. Stiegler
August 23, 2016
Minnetonka, Minn.

CLASS OF 1951
Gerald H. Friedell
May 21, 2016
St. Louis Park, Minn.

O. Harold Odland
August 14, 2016
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CLASS OF 1952
Byron M. Crippin
June 9, 2016
Storm Lake, Iowa

Timothy J. Halloran
April 4, 2016
St. Paul, Minn.

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Robert W. Winsor
June 12, 2016
Seattle, Wash.

CLASS OF 1954
Walter L. Bush Jr.
September 22, 2016
Edina, Minn.

CLASS OF 1955
Thomas M. Brown
July 15, 2016
Hopkins, Minn.

David D. Christenson
April 26, 2016
Minneapolis, Minn.

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December 15, 2015
Woodbury, Minn.

Allan H. Minsky
April 27, 2016
Dallas, Texas

Vernon D. Saxhaug
March 15, 2016
Virginia, Minn.

CLASS OF 1956
John T. Estes
March 20, 2016
Bethesda, Md.

Francis X. Nelson
July 2, 2016
Falls Church, Va.

CLASS OF 1957
Lawrence D. Cohen
September 11, 2016
St. Paul, Minn.

Milan M. Dostal
June 27, 2016
Irvine, Calif.

CLASS OF 1958
Donald G. Campbell
July 25, 2016
Minnetonka, Minn.

Michael J. Doyle
April 11, 2016
Tucson, Ariz.

John R. Krouss
February 12, 2016
Baudette, Minn.

Charles E. Mattson
February 2, 2016
Black River Falls, Wis.

CLASS OF 1960
Wendell R. Anderson
July 17, 2016
Minnetonka, Minn.

James B. Burke
June 14, 2016
Beebe, Ark.

Roy E. Dean
August 14, 2016
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CLASS OF 1963
Donald F. Hunter
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Richard A. Bowman
September 7, 2016
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Dennis J. Boyd
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Two Harbors, Minn.
IN MEMORIAM

Frank A. Dvorak
February 28, 2016
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CLASS OF 1968
James J. Carter
June 22, 2016
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Stephen D. Richards
June 1, 2016
Camas, Wash.

CLASS OF 1972
Germain B. Kunz
June 30, 2016
Ortonville, Minn.

CLASS OF 1974
Stephen L. Stennes
July 8, 2016
Montevideo, Minn.

CLASS OF 1975
Richard S. Scherer
June 13, 2016
Edina, Minn.

CLASS OF 1977
Mark F. Anderson
March 11, 2016
White Bear Lake, Minn.

Robert D. Goodell
March 10, 2016
Anoka, Minn.

CLASS OF 1981
Julia A. Ronning
September 18, 2016
Chicago, Ill.

CLASS OF 1982
Shirley A. Maxwell
February 24, 2016
Minneapolis, Minn.

Lloyd H. Tubman
April 20, 2016
Flemington, N.J.

CLASS OF 1983
Mari C. Snyder
August 24, 2016
San Francisco, Calif.

CLASS OF 1986
Albert A. Garcia Jr.
June 5, 2016
Minneapolis, Minn.

Susan M. Swift
July 29, 2016
Eden Prairie, Minn.

CLASS OF 1991
Thomas W. Geng
January 30, 2016
Mound, Minn.

CLASS OF 1992
Barbara J. Haley
September 23, 2016
St. Paul, Minn.

CLASS OF 1993
Daniel L. Pollmann
May 12, 2016
Scottsdale, Ariz.

CLASS OF 1997
DeGalynn W. Sanders
May 14, 2016
Minneapolis, Minn.
Thank you to all volunteers, organizations, and firms that participated in the ninth annual Partners at Work challenge, which ended on June 30, 2016. Overall, 67% of alumni at 35 organizations made a gift to the Law School. This year, 10 participants achieved 100% alumni giving.

The Partners at Work challenge is a friendly competition to increase alumni giving participation at organizations that employ University of Minnesota Law School alumni.

A special thank you to those organizations that finished at the top of each respective group!

GROUP 1 (UP TO 9 ALUMNI)
- Gaskins Bennett Birrell Schupp: 100%
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher: 100%
- Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan: 100%
- Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson: 100%
- O’Melveny & Myers: 100%
- Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben: 100%
- Zimmerman Reed: 100%

GROUP 2 (10-24 ALUMNI)
- Anthony Ostlund Baer & Louwagie: 100%
- Nilan Johnson Lewis: 100%
- Bassford Remele: 89%
- Fish & Richardson: 88%
- Stoel Rives: 88%

GROUP 3 (25+ ALUMNI)
- Winthrop & Weinstine: 100%
- Gray Plant Mooty: 92%
- Fredrickson & Byron: 90%
- Maslon: 83%
- Fox Rothschild: 71%

For the full results of the Partners at Work challenge, go to www.law.umn.edu/generations/partners-at-work.html.
On Tuesday, Sept. 27, hundreds of students, faculty, and staff celebrated the first Gopher Gratitude Day at the University of Minnesota Law School. This event gave the entire Law School community the opportunity to come together to say thank you to the many alumni, donors, and friends who generously provide their support.

"Thank you for helping the Law School lead the way in legal education. It means so much to know that we have the support of donors like you!" — Alex Bollman ('18)