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Corrections and Clarifications
On page 7 of the spring issue, James H. Binger’s graduation date was inadvertently listed as 1949 instead of 1941. We regret the error.
FROM THE DEAN

A FOCUS ON STUDENTS AND THEIR SUCCESS

As the 11th dean of the University of Minnesota Law School, I can tell you that this is an exciting and important time for our school. A key measure of our success is our ability to successfully recruit, develop, and support our students.

When I ask students why they chose Minnesota Law, they often point to our academic reputation (including the quality of their peers and faculty), the outstanding career opportunities we afford alumni, and the strong sense of community. Accordingly, one of my top priorities upon becoming dean was to build on these strengths so that we can continue to attract great students and prepare them for lives of leadership and service.

Our admissions team is working hard to bring outstanding individuals to the Law School. This year, we welcomed 196 1Ls, 49 LL.M. students from 20 countries, and 10 M.S.P.L. students. In addition to their substantial academic accomplishments, they have many gifts and talents—from entrepreneurship to musicianship, from diplomacy to codebreaking, from teaching to piloting airplanes—that make them truly exceptional individuals. Like our alumni in their day, they are highly motivated to apply their talents to become the next generation of lawyer-leaders and problem solvers.

As for student life, our students know and feel the Minnesota Law difference. They value both our highly collegial culture and that the administration supports and empowers their development and growth. This year, the student services team has launched a new wellness initiative, aimed at promoting awareness about personal well-being and giving students tools and opportunities to prioritize taking care of themselves and of each other. Our student life offers a rich variety of activities and programs, including conferences, events and speakers, and an annual theater production. Through these activities, students are able to satisfy their professional and personal interests while connecting with our community.

Another area in which we are focusing on student success is bar exam support. The Law School has stepped up our resources and programming to provide all students with bar-related support, information, and counseling under the leadership of Randall Ryder (’09), our new director of bar support. Earlier this fall, the results from the July administration of the Minnesota Bar Exam showed that 91% of University of Minnesota Law School first-time takers passed—the highest pass rate in the state, and our highest rate in several years. (Comparatively, first-time takers overall had a pass rate of 82%.)

To enhance career opportunities and preparation, the Law School has developed a robust career advising program and launched several new employment initiatives. Today, each law student is assigned an advisor in their first year—an advisor who’ll stay with them through graduation. The Career Center staff has added effective new programming efforts, too, such as the Professional Essentials Milestone training program for second- and third-year students. This program offers a thorough grounding in the personal leadership and business skills needed to navigate 21st-century careers. In addition, we’ve partnered with corporate law departments to create a series of postgraduate Corporate Law Fellowships. Much like judicial clerkships, these early career opportunities allow students to learn from and work alongside in-house counsel while making significant contributions to the legal team.

We’re proud of the speed and success with which our 2016 graduating class has entered the legal profession and the working world. Our data shows that approximately 40% are employed by private law firms, 30% are in clerkships, 20% are with government and nonprofit organizations, and 10% are in business—and Minnesota Law graduates are hired into high-quality jobs at rates much higher than the national average. Moreover, a recent study of our recent graduates shows a marked improvement in student satisfaction in career counseling, job search help, and overall employment support. It’s not surprising that the Career Center received the Outstanding University Unit award this year.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year.

Garry W. Jenkins
Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law
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OVER THE PAST ACADEMIC YEAR, the Law School has introduced dedicated programming to enhance bar exam preparation—an initiative focused on supporting student success and strengthening career outcomes. The early returns have been substantial. The Minnesota Bar Exam results for July show that 91% of the Law School’s first-time takers passed—the highest first-time takers pass rate in the state, and 9% higher than the overall state rate. Part of the dedicated programming has been the creation of a new position on the student services team: director of bar support. Randall Ryder (‘09) began serving in that role in June. With a strong personal and professional connection to the Law School, Ryder is helping to evolve how students are supported before and after graduation.

Ryder graduated from the Law School in 2009, and has been a highly successful adjunct instructor in the Maynard Pirsig Moot Court since 2010 and with the Law in Practice course since 2011. With a background in consumer law practice, he founded his own solo practice—Ryder Law Firm—in 2011, where he represents consumers on statutory-based claims in federal court and provides expertise in student loan and debt collection issues. A featured contributor for the Lawyerist since 2009, Ryder has written nearly 600 articles on practice management, law school, and career development, and has presented six Minnesota CLE sessions in 2016 alone.

“Randall brings a wonderful combination of practitioner and educator to this important new role. His work in the bar support role has yielded enthusiastic praise from grads, and a significant increase in our overall bar success,” said Erin Keyes, assistant dean of students. “We’re lucky to have him on board.”

As director of bar support, Ryder focuses on building and implementing academic and bar support programming throughout the year—from presentations during orientation week and panels with recent graduates to listening sessions with 2L and 3L focus groups and weekly outreach about practice exam opportunities and study strategies. On the whole, Ryder strives to foster a supportive academic environment—in tandem with students, staff, and faculty—to allow students the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

“Randall’s program was instrumental in my ability to pass the bar exam,” said Sam B. Ketchum (‘17). “He
brings thoughtfulness, energy, and legal knowledge to his work with students, and this program is a great asset to the Law School.”

Students and recent graduates also have individualized, one-on-one support opportunities designed to create and implement personally customized plans for success. Whether in person, by phone, or by Skype, connection on a regular basis is the program key.

This summer, more than 20 students attended a single skills workshop and more than 30 students attended practice exams. Next summer, to meet the growing demand, more workshops and practice exam sessions will be offered.

By Luke Johnson, communications specialist
THE LAW SCHOOL HELD ITS 129TH commencement ceremony May 13 at Northrop Memorial Auditorium. Dean Garry W. Jenkins welcomed the J.D., LL.M., and M.S.P.L. classes, their families and friends, and several special guests: commencement speaker Cathy Haukedahl ('79), executive director of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid; David McMillan ('87), a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and executive vice president at Minnesota Power; and University Executive Vice President and Provost Karen Hanson.

Dean Jenkins 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 Stanley V. Kinyon ('33), a recognized commercial law scholar and member of the Law School faculty for 40 years. This year’s Kinyon recipients were Kristin Hickman and Oren Gross as Tenured Teachers of the Year and Ben Casper Sanchez ('97) as Clinical Teacher of the Year in Practice.

Three special student awards were presented: the Excellence in Public Service Award, to Nadia Anguiano-Wehde; the Outstanding Contribution Award, to Alysha Bohanon; and the William B. Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service, to Andrew Leiendecker. 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.

Matt Hart, vice president of the Law Council, announced that the class of 2017, as its class gift, will make financial contributions to the Law School’s Diversity Scholarship Fund.

Three people received a new honor, the Minnesota Law Equity and Diversity Award. They were graduating students Jing Du and Maher Mahmood, and staff member Nubia Esparza, the Law School’s senior coordinator of diversity and equity programs.

The 2017 LL.M. class of 62 students from 20 countries selected Yan Huang to deliver a graduation address. Huang praised his classmates for overcoming linguistic differences, cultural differences, time differences, and homesickness to create “great achievements” and “beautiful memories.” Huang also observed that “some people said LL.M. students could not really get involved in Law School activities like J.D. students. They are wrong. At least in this law school, LL.M. students are part of the family and we made a big difference.”

Mary Heath was chosen by her classmates to give the J.D. graduation address. “I sought a school that would produce, as Dean Jenkins says, lawyer leaders,” Heath remarked. “Three years later, J.D. (almost!) in hand, I’m pleased to report that I chose the right school.” After highlighting many of the accomplishments of her class, including volunteering with the Asylum Law Project, arguing federal immigration issues before the 8th Circuit, and cite checking until the wee hours of the morning, Heath concluded her speech: “After today, we will face challenges both in law and in life. To be a lawyer is a privilege. It is to advocate for others; to be a leader in our communities; and to use our power to stand up for what is right. That’s a tremendous responsibility. But it’s one we are prepared to face. Because to be a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School is to be a person of integrity.”
Cathy Haukedahl began her commencement address by recalling the moment, 38 years earlier, that she received her J.D. from the Law School and embarked on a lifetime of satisfying work. “I’ve loved being a lawyer ever since,” she said.

Haukedahl offered three keys to her experience of “finding joy in the practice even when times are tough.” First: find mentors and, in turn, be mentors. Next: perform volunteer work, particularly with legal aid programs. Finally: “Do justice, not only in your pro bono work—which I know you will now do—but in every aspect of your law practice.

“Doing justice,” she added, “is different from practicing law well. Justice is defined as ‘what is right and fair.’ The law, and the practice of law, are not always right and fair. But to strive to integrate the value of justice into every aspect of our work as lawyers … is what leads us to a rewarding, satisfying career far beyond having a meticulous legal practice.”

After remarks on behalf of the Board of Regents, Regent McMillan conferred degrees on the J.D., LL.M., and Master of Science in Patent Law graduates. Diplomas were presented by Professors Ann Burkhart and Bradley Clary (’75) for the J.D. class; Professor Karen Lundquist for the LL.M. class; and Program Director Chris Frank for the M.S.P.L. class.

The ceremonies concluded with the singing of “Hail! Minnesota” by class of 2017 members. William Coberly, Alexandra Holznecht, Timothy Michael Joyce, Gaowen Li, Hannah C. Lomax-Vogt, and Walter Prescott.
AT 9 A.M. ON AUG. 28, THE J.D. class of 2020 gathered in Mondale Hall for the start of their Law School orientation. The next four days would be a whirlwind: welcoming speeches, section assignments and meetings, no less than three legal writing sessions, insights from professors, introductions to the Law Library and Career Center, a group photo, an ice cream social, mock classes, the Great Law School Scavenger Hunt, and much more.

The 196 members of the incoming 1L class come from 29 states and the District of Columbia—and for the first time in the Law School’s 129-year history, there are more women (52%) than men in the entering class. The students range in age from 20 to 42; the average age is 24. They hold undergraduate degrees from 100 U.S. institutions and 12 international institutions. The class includes Fulbright Scholars, a Marine cryptologist, a pilot, a patent agent, a special education teacher, a professor of comparative literature, and a student who met the president of South Korea because he—the student—was the first foreigner to donate an organ in that country.

Members of the class of 2020 have interned for U.S. Senators, including Minnesota’s Amy Klobuchar; worked on Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign; started a clothing company; drafted letters in Spanish to DREAMers in Texas; presented at a model U.N. conference; and worked with NGOs in places ranging from Minneapolis to Cape Town. Students have studied abroad in Norway, Bangladesh, Rome, Hong Kong, and Morocco. Class members’ hobbies include beekeeping, house flipping, ballet, horseback riding, designing movie trailers, winning medals at the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships, and playing music—which will no doubt interest the producers of next spring’s Theatre of the Relatively Talentless performance.

**J.D. PROFILE CLASS OF 2020**

- **196** Entering J.D. Students
- **15%** Students of Color
- **9%** International Students
- **52%** Women
- **48%** Men
- **9:1** Student-to-Faculty Ratio
- **159 - 163 - 165** LSAT Range*  
  25% - 50% - 75%  
- **3.50 - 3.75 - 3.87** GPA Range*  
  25% - 50% - 75%  
- **29** States Represented  
  + Washington, D.C.
- **37%** Minnesota Residents
- **63%** From Outside Minnesota

**ORIENTATION 2017: FEMALE-MAJORITY ENTERING CLASS IS A LAW SCHOOL FIRST**

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

**LL.M. students**

The 2017-18 LL.M. students began their orientation in early August with an intensive three-week Introduction to American Law course.

This year’s LL.M. enrollment totals 50 students—27 women, 23 men—from 20 different countries, with the largest contingent (17 students) from China. LL.M. students have each completed a law degree in their home country and come to the Law School to further their legal education and broaden their experience.

Class members’ backgrounds include government service, energy, accounting, physics, journalism, and law enforcement. One student translated his country’s constitution into various local dialects to help citizens better understand their rights and responsibilities. Two others have served as judges. Another was a patent attorney for a large electronics manufacturer. The students’ legal interests range from judicial reform to finance law, from human rights to administrative law, and from criminal law to intellectual property.

**Master of Science in Patent Law students**

The Law School’s Master of Science in Patent Law program begins its fourth year with a class of 10 new students and 3 returning part-time students from a diverse array of science and engineering backgrounds. 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.
ON FRIDAY, OCT. 13, THE INSTITUTE on Law and Rationality held a one-day conference entitled “Ferguson as a Case Study in Persuasion” at the Law School. The conference was organized by Professor Claire Hill, holder of the James L. Krusemark Chair in Law and director of the Institute on Law and Rationality.

The launching point for the conference was the U.S. Department of Justice’s reports on the Ferguson, Mo., police department, which were prepared and presented in a context where the findings were sure to be strongly challenged by people with contrary prior beliefs and an enormous amount at stake in maintaining those beliefs. This symposium examined the DOJ’s findings and used them as a case study in how people are, or are not, persuaded regarding high-profile incidents that raise complex and sensitive societal issues. Since the events in Ferguson occurred, the American public has been engaged in an important national dialogue about policing practices, race, community trust, and public safety. The dialogue is affected, and too often impeded, by people’s assumptions and biases; both the identification of problems and the development of solutions are adversely affected.

The conference began with a panel discussion that included the authors of the Ferguson reports, moderated by Judge Mark Kappelhoff of Minnesota’s 4th Judicial District, who participated in the Ferguson investigation as a DOJ staff member. Participants included Robert Moossy, deputy assistant attorney general in the DOJ’s Civil Rights Division; Fara Gold, special litigation counsel in the Civil Rights Division; and Christy Lopez of the Georgetown University Law School faculty, former deputy chief in the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division.

Attendees heard from members of the national media who covered the reports and the incidents in Ferguson and from community leaders. The “science” of persuasion was also discussed, along with attempts, successes, and failures at persuasion in other contexts from the perspective of those involved in persuading and being persuaded in legal, public, and academic arenas. The symposium attempted to demonstrate that taking a more critical perspective about one’s own assumptions and biases—about, among other things, race, class, and the workings of the police and other government institutions—is both warranted and productive.

Additional conference sponsors included the Law School’s Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Human Rights Center, and Office of Advancement, as well as the University’s Center for the Study of Political Psychology and the Hennepin County Bar Association.

To view the complete agenda, list of speakers, and conference video, visit http://robinainstitute.umn.edu/events/ferguson-case-study-persuasion.

By Monica Wittstock, Robina Institute communications coordinator

BINGER CENTER SEEKS PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

THE JAMES H. BINGER CENTER for New Americans is looking for volunteer attorneys to represent immigrants in bond hearings.

Immigrants who are detained in county jails have an opportunity to make a claim for immigration relief before a judge. However, they are often held on high initial bonds. This is a critical juncture for these cases. Immigrants released on bond can remain united with their families and have a better opportunity to obtain legal representation and prepare their cases.

The Center is looking for volunteers for initial bond hearings to help immigrants lower bonds and secure release. No prior immigration or criminal law experience is necessary. This project is being managed in partnership with The Advocates for Human Rights. The Center will provide training, guides, and a mentor attorney. Bond hearings take place at Immigration Court in Bloomington, Minn. For more information, please contact the Center at 612-626-0938 or visit the website at: www.law.umn.edu/james-h-binger-center-new-americans/volunteer-opportunities.
FALL 2017 LEGAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. in Room 473 of Mondale Hall and are open to the public. To receive the paper in advance of the lecture, email Jacquelyn Burt at ruppX077@umn.edu.

SEPTEMBER
9 Sarah Seo
University of Iowa
“Policing Everyman: How Cars Transformed American Freedom”

28 Laura Edwards
Duke University
“Only the Clothes on Her Back: Textiles, Law, and Governance in the 19th-Century United States”

OCTOBER
5 Nathaniel (Nate) Holdren
Drake University
“Blood Money: Law, Commodification, and the Human Truths of Injury in the Long Gilded Age”

12 Amy Dru Stanley
University of Chicago
“The Sovereign Market and Sex Difference: Human Rights in America”

19 Rohit De
Yale University
“The Kenyatta Trial as an International Legal Event: Decolonization, Civil Liberties, and a Global History of Rebellious Lawyering”

NOVEMBER
2 Will Hanley
Florida State University
“Identifying with Nationality: Europeans, Ottomans, and Egyptians”

9 Margot Canaday
Princeton University
“Pink Precariat: LGBT Workers in the Shadow of Civil Rights, 1945-2000”

DECEMBER
5 Susanna Blumenthal
Law School
“Playing the Part of the Madman: The Problem of Imposture in 19th-Century Insanity Trials”

FALL 2017 PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held from 4:05-6 p.m.—except Monday, Oct. 9, from 12:15-115 p.m.—in room N202 and are open to faculty and students enrolled in the affiliated seminar.

SEPTEMBER
14 Jill Hasday
Law School
“Intimate Lies and the Law”

21 Michelle Wilde Anderson
Stanford University
“We are Not Dead: Local Government in the Post-Industrial Age”

28 Christopher Yoo
University of Pennsylvania
“James Wilson as the Architect of the American Presidency”

OCTOBER
5 Daniel Schwarz
Law School
“Ending Public Utility Style Rate Regulation in Insurance”

9 Kendall Thomas
Columbia University

19 Jamal Greene
Columbia University
“A Private Law Court in a Public Law System”

26 Jay Wexler
Boston University
“Our Non-Christian Nation: How Atheists, Wiccans, Satanists, and Other Non-Christians are Demanding Their Rightful Place in American Public Life”

NOVEMBER
2 Richard Schragger
University of Virginia
“The Attack on American Cities”

9 Daphna Renan
Harvard University
“The Unwritten Law of Article II”

16 Mitu Gulati
Duke University
“Puerto Rico and the Right of Accession”

30 Jessica Clarke
Law School
“Non-Binary Gender and the Law”
THE UNIVERSITY’S WOMEN’S Center selected Sarah Rohne, employer relations director and associate director of the Career Center, as the recipient of the 2017 Mullen-Spector-Truax Women’s Leadership Award. Established in 1997, this award is given to a faculty or staff woman at the University who has made outstanding contributions to women’s leadership development and has ensured the long-term sustainability of her programs and initiatives. The award was named in honor of Patricia Mullen, Janet Spector, and Anne Truax for their contributions to women at the University in their positions in Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action, the Center for Advanced Feminist Studies, and the Minnesota Women’s Center, respectively.

Rohne manages employer relations for the Law School, including development of local, regional, and national employment opportunities for law students and alumni; she also manages national and on-campus recruiting, diversity hiring, and other hiring programs. For many years Rohne has been active in legal professional development organizations, and she currently serves as the National Association for Law Placement liaison to the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, as well as the NALP regional representative for law schools throughout the Midwest. Rohne is also a leader in Minnesota, currently serving on the board of directors of Minnesota Women Lawyers and chairing the Law School Liaison Committee of the Hennepin County Bar Association. She received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law. She joined the Law School staff in 2012.

“We are extraordinarily lucky to have Sarah as a part of our community,” said Dean Garry W. Jenkins. “She is a terrific choice for this award, and her creative leadership embodies the Law School’s enduring commitment to women, diversity, and the success of all members of our profession.”

The mission of the Women’s Center is to advance gender equity across identities and to educate and inspire feminist leaders, advance an empowering intellectual environment, and advocate for an equitable University culture and community.

The award was presented at the Women’s Center Celebrating University Women Awards and Recognition Program on Oct. 19 at the McNamara Alumni Center.

CAREER CENTER’S SARAH ROHNE RECEIVES WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP AWARD

EMPLOYEE AND FACULTY MILESTONES

Seventeen members of the Law School community reached a years-of-service milestone during the year ending Oct. 15, 2017. We extend our sincere thanks to the following employees for their commitment and contributions to the Law School.

40 YEARS
Professor Richard Frase
Miza Ingrid, Library Assistant
Acquisitions, Law Library

35 YEARS
Professor Stephen Befort (’74)
Professor Ann Burkhart
Professor John Matheson

30 YEARS
Samuel Goshorn, Software Services Manager, CALI

25 YEARS
Professor Edward Adams
Professor Joan Howland

15 YEARS
Professor Oren Gross

10 YEARS
Connie Lenz, Associate Director for Collection Development, Law Library
Carol Rachac, Director of Curriculum Administration, Law General Curriculum
Professor Daniel Schwarcz
Professor Laura Thomas
Yuemo Zeng, System & Network Administrator, Law IT Services

5 YEARS
Professor Neha Jain
Professor Francis Shen
Jean Wells, Administrative Coordinator, Law Clinics
Stewardship events honor the Law School’s leadership donors and provide our alumni, faculty, and friends with a chance to reconnect with each other and with the Law School. In October, our leadership donors gathered at TCF Bank Stadium for the **2017 WILLIAM B. LOCKHART CLUB DINNER**. Attendees were welcomed by Board of Advisors Chair-Elect Dan McDonald (’85) and heard from Dean Garry W. Jenkins, Professor Fionnuala Ni Aoláin, and current student Devin Driscoll (’18). The evening ended with a performance by the Law School’s own TORT singers.
The Lockhart Club is the University of Minnesota Law School’s leadership annual giving society. The Lockhart Club brings together generations of alumni and friends who generously express their support of the Law School through an annual gift of $2,000 or more.

**LOCKHART GOLD**

**Graduates of the Last Decade**

Lockhart GOLD was created to engage a new generation of leadership donors. Alumni give at special giving levels based on their graduation year and enjoy all benefits of the Lockhart Club.

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For questions or for information about joining the Lockhart Club, please contact Abigail Loyd, assistant director of annual giving, at (612) 625-6854 or aloyd@umn.edu.
THE ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL
Writing Directors’ 2017 biennial conference, “Acknowledging Lines: Talking About What Unites and Divides Us,” filled the Law School July 19-21. Professors Christopher Soper and Brad Clary (’75) welcomed more than 170 legal writing professors from around the country as they gathered to explore issues of implicit bias, diversity, and inclusion both in the classroom and the legal academy.

The conference kicked off at the Guthrie Theater with a reception and opening remarks from Dr. Katrice Albert, University of Minnesota vice president for equity and diversity, followed by a performance of the privilege- and race-themed play Native Gardens.

The conference programming included plenary sessions focused on bias, diversity, and inclusion. Presenters Rachel Godsil (Rutgers Law School), Tom Romero (University of Denver Sturm College of Law), Erin Kelly (M.I.T. Sloan School of Management), and Russell McClain (University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law) each spoke to all conference attendees on issues of implicit bias, hidden barriers to success, and increasing diversity. Concurrent sessions on teaching featured, among others, Law School alumnus George Mader (’00), now an associate professor of law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, who presented on best practices in teaching law.

An exceptional highlight of the conference was a panel discussion on diversity and civil rights issues. Participants included Hennepin County District Court Judge Mark Kappelhoff, former deputy assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and, until last year, a clinical professor at the Law School; Donald Lewis, former dean of Hamline Law School and a shareholder at Nilan Johnson Lewis; Professor Myron Orfield, Earl Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Law School and director of the Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity; Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Kevin Ross, a member of Scribes, a legal writing organization; Sharon Sayles Belton, vice president of community relations and government affairs at Thomson Reuters and a former mayor of Minneapolis; and Ramsey County District Court Judge Nicole Starr (’03), recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Diversity Award from the Ramsey County Bar Association.

ON OCT. 6, THE LAW SCHOOL hosted the 20th annual “Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations.” The conference explored the takings issue as it relates to land use, environmental rules, and other forms of regulation. In addition to offering a basic education in modern takings law, the conference brought together a diverse group of leading scholars and experienced practitioners to discuss cutting-edge issues.

An examination of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2017 decision in Murr v. State of Wisconsin and its implications for the future of takings doctrine featured a panel that included the primary oral advocates before the Supreme Court: Wisconsin solicitor general Misha Tseytlin (representing the state of Wisconsin), Harvard law professor Richard Lazarus (representing St. Croix County), and Pacific Legal Foundation attorney John Groen (representing the plaintiffs).

Edwin Kneedler, a deputy U.S. solicitor general, delivered the keynote address, reflecting on his experience over the past 30-plus years arguing takings cases on behalf of the United States before the Supreme Court. Other topics included important new developments in the application of the Takings Clause to water management, the relationship between private property rights and housing opportunity, and recent issues associated with eminent domain for energy-related projects.

The conference also featured Law School professors Alexandra Klass, Brad Karkkainen, and Myron Orfield; C. Ford Runge of the University’s applied economics department; and Law School alumni Howard Roston (’95) of Fredrikson & Byron and Kathryn Hoffman (’06), CEO at the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.
NEW STAFF

Jon McClanahan joined the Law School as chief of staff in August. Since 2009 he had served as a clinical associate professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law and, for the past two years, as associate dean for administration. He earned both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; he graduated Order of the Coif and as valedictorian of his law school class. After law school, he clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit.

Elissa Ecklund Chaffee joined the Office of Advancement at the Law School in July as director of alumni relations and annual giving. She most recently served as development director at the American Craft Council; previously, she held advancement leadership positions at the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, Gillette Children’s Foundation, Macalester College, and Carleton College, where she earned her B.A.

Kara Galvin joined the Law School in August as director of international and graduate programs. She was previously employed at Saint Paul College as director of two programs: College Transitions and Student Success, and Gateway to College. A Gustavus Adolphus College graduate, she holds a master’s in counseling from the University of Minnesota.

COMBATIVE POLITICIANS HAVE always criticized the press, but Ari Melber, chief legal correspondent at MSNBC, told a Law School audience that President Donald Trump went too far in asking FBI Director James Comey to consider jailing reporters who published classified information.

“That alone is a tremendous challenge to the First Amendment,” said Melber, speaking Oct. 24 at the 2017 Horatio Ellsworth Kellar Distinguished Visitor Program Lecture. “That is a huge scandal.”

Trump made the suggestion to Comey in February, shortly after former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn resigned. While the president’s comments on Flynn’s possible collusion with Russia (“I hope you can let this go”) garnered most of the attention from the meeting, Melber worries that Trump’s suggestion to put reporters in prison hasn’t gotten the scrutiny it deserves.

“We’re barely talking about it,” he said.

Melber, who earned a J.D. from Cornell Law School, hosts The Beat with Ari Melber on MSNBC. His speech, titled “First Amendment Freedom in the Trump Era,” explored many of the challenges facing reporters covering the president.

There are four ways politicians grapple with the press, Melber said. “They engage, they discredit, they censor, and they retaliate. The first two are fair game.” In an Oct. 11 tweet, Trump suggested censoring a broadcaster: “With all of the Fake News coming out of NBC and the Networks, at what point is it appropriate to challenge their License? Bad for country!”

A bigger concern for Melber is the president’s creation of another communication method. “What I do think is new is a fifth category—a desire to completely supplant and replace the press,” Melber said. “While it raises First Amendment issues, it’s not unconstitutional.”

Melber claimed Trump supplanted the press during the 2016 campaign—and also since taking office—by embracing Russian propaganda and asserting it as fact. “There’s no baseline fidelity about what’s true and what’s an original source,” Melber said. “We’re in a shock-and-awe period.”

Before joining MSNBC, Melber worked with First Amendment attorney Floyd Abrams at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in New York. “The reason we have the First Amendment is not because this might happen or this could happen,” Melber said. “It is because the founders thought it would happen all the time. The antipathy towards the press … is something that is so challenging … but especially [from] those who would pursue autocratic tendencies.”

The late Curtis B. Kellar (’40) established the Horatio Ellsworth Kellar Distinguished Visitors Program in memory of his father in 1996. In keeping with his father’s many interests, Curtis Kellar’s desire was to support an interdisciplinary lecture series at the Law School that would connect emerging issues in the law with other disciplines, such as art, drama, and literature. Mr. Kellar retired in 1981 as an associate general counsel for Mobil Oil Corp. He served on the board of directors of the Law Alumni Association and the Board of Visitors at the Law School.
DEAN FRASER, CLARENCE DARROW, AND MORE: NEW LAW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

IN AUGUST, THE LAW LIBRARY was fortunate to receive a donation of annotated casebooks, manuscript notebooks, and other books of former Dean Everett Fraser (1879-1971). This generous donation was a gift from Hennepin County District Court Judge Thomas Fraser, son of former U.S. congressman and Minneapolis mayor Donald Fraser (’48) and Humphrey Institute Senior Fellow Emerita Arvonne Fraser, and grandson of Dean Fraser.

A legendary figure, Dean Fraser led the University of Minnesota Law School to national prominence from the 1920s to 1940s and oversaw the Law School’s move from Pattee Hall to the newly constructed Fraser Hall in 1929. Dean Fraser’s focus on curriculum reform—culminating in what became known as the “Minnesota Plan”—made him a recognized authority in innovative legal education and the training of lawyers for effective client advocacy and public service. Of particular personal interest in the collection is an undergraduate notebook, from 1901-03, containing Fraser’s “Autobiography,” a unique record of his life growing up in Canada. The donation also includes the typescript of the speech Dean Fraser gave at the University of Minnesota to mark the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945. Dean Fraser’s legacy as a scholar and educator, like that of other former and current faculty members, lives on in the Law Library’s Faculty Collection.

The Law Library’s nationally preeminent Clarence Darrow Collection also has expanded through several recent and notable acquisitions, including a copy of the Reply Brief and Argument for the State of Tennessee from the famous Scopes Trial (1925). In the summer of 2017, the Library acquired four volumes of Herbert Spencer’s seminal Synthetic Philosophy (1890-91), with Darrow’s signature and bookplate in each volume. The texts lay out Spencer’s theory of evolution, similar to that of Darwin, which Darrow relied on during the Scopes Trial and in speeches and debates through his career. More generally, the Library’s Riesenfeld Rare Book Center has strengthened its collection of historical works in American law with the acquisition of several items on key Supreme Court cases—including a copy of the first public printing, in an 1824 National Intelligencer.
newspaper, of the landmark opinion in *Gibbons v Ogden*.

Beyond acquisitions, the Law Library has assembled a new rare books collection, representing the personal library of Hermann Kantorowicz, one of the most eminent legal scholars of the 20th century. Comprising more than 1,850 titles from the 16th through 20th centuries, Kantorowicz's library was originally acquired from his widow, Hilda, in 1941. Now gathered together in the Riesenfeld Center, the Kantorowicz Collection includes rare and important works, particularly in the fields of jurisprudence, legal history, and criminal law, many of which feature the great scholar's own marks and annotations.

By Ryan Greenwood, curator of rare books and special collections

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**NEW LAW LIBRARY FACULTY**

Andrew Martineau joined the Law School in September as the instructional services librarian. Martineau leads the Law Library’s legal research instruction program, which includes teaching a two-credit Practice-Ready Legal Research course, coordinating the Library’s research instruction for first-year law students, and giving presentations on specialized legal research topics in upper-division seminars. He also provides reference and research assistance to Law School faculty and students, as well as other library patrons.

Martineau earned a M.L.I.S. with a specialization in law librarianship from the University of Washington’s preeminent law librarianship program, and completed a reference internship at the University of Washington Law Library. He earned a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law. Prior to joining the Law Library faculty, Martineau served as a research librarian and assistant professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law. At UNLV, Martineau developed and taught a highly successful advanced legal research course with a focus on intellectual property law. He also worked extensively with the school’s moot court teams.

Sandra Jacobson joined the Law School in September as a part-time reference librarian. Jacobson’s primary responsibilities include providing reference service to Law School faculty and students, as well as other library patrons, and producing library research guides.

Jacobson, a native Minnesotan, recently returned to the Twin Cities after an exceptional career as a law firm librarian in Chicago. She served for 18 years as research and library services manager for Jones Day’s Chicago office. Prior to joining Jones Day, she was a research librarian at Jenner & Block in Chicago. Jacobson earned a M.L.I.S. from Dominican University and a B.A. from St. Olaf College.
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

BEFORE HE ATTENDED LAW school, Judge David S. Doty (’61) was a butcher’s apprentice, truck driver, valet parking attendant, auto factory assembly worker, and captain in the U.S. Marines. So when he chose to fund a scholarship, he directed it toward students with previous job experience.

“I’ve always had an affinity for people who work with their hands,” he says. “It brings some maturity. Life and work experience help you learn from your mistakes and learn from other people.”

Doty started his legal career in St. Paul, but soon moved to Minneapolis with Popham Haik, which became one of Minneapolis’s largest firms.

“[Wayne] Popham and [Raymond] Haik impressed the heck out of me,” Doty recalls. “They showed me you could make a living and still do things for people and the world. I was always in awe of them.” The firm launched a number of spinoffs before it folded into Chicago’s Hinshaw & Culbertson in 1997.

Doty left private practice in 1987 when President Ronald Reagan appointed him a judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Doty recently celebrated 30 years on the bench and now serves as a senior judge. His most famous cases have involved labor disputes between the National Football League and its players’ union; Doty has often, but not always, ruled in favor of the union.

New clerks sometimes bring problems to Doty expecting that he has handled similar ones in the past, but he insists the work remains varied even after three decades.

“We are still solving new and interesting problems after 30 years,” he says.

Doty established the scholarship in 2009, at the time of his 80th birthday; to date, nine students have benefited from the fund, some of them over multiple years. He continues to donate to the Law School’s Partners in Excellence Annual Fund and has arranged a planned gift.

Of the many honors Doty has amassed over the course of his career, he is particularly proud of the Distinguished Alumni Award he received from the Minnesota Law Review in 2008. In his free time, he plays golf and bikes around the Twin Cities. And when much of the workforce takes a holiday on Labor Day, Doty comes into the office.

“I do it out of respect for the people whom Labor Day was meant to celebrate, the people who don’t get to work in a nice, clean office in nice, clean clothes,” he says.

By Jessica Griffith, a freelance writer based in the Twin Cities

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RUDOLPH DAMBECK ('17) DOTY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I had always been interested in helping people and making the community I live in a better place. I joined the Michigan National Guard in 2000 when I was 17. Halfway through basic training, 9/11 happened. I served until 2006, then got an undergraduate degree and a master’s before working with the U.S. Forest Service as a firefighter and then the U.S. Park Service as a park ranger.

My grandfather said I would eventually want to work with my brain instead of my back, and law school presented a chance to work at my full potential.

CURRENT WORK AND FUTURE PLANS:
I am a clerk for Judge Patrick Rohland in Minnesota’s 5th District. I’d like to be a criminal prosecutor or go back to ICE and work for Homeland Security. I serve in the U.S. Army Reserves and have applied for a commissioned position in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

HOW SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE HELPED:
In addition to the Doty scholarship, I received Dean’s Distinguished and Dean’s Elite scholarships. Were it not for the generosity of Judge Doty and other donors, I would not have been able to attend the Law School. I also got the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship for my 1L summer, which allowed me to take an unpaid internship with the federal government.

MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCE: At the National Moot Court regional tournament, my team won best petitioner’s brief and advanced to the semifinals. The only team that was able to beat us was the other Law School team.

I also did TORT, Theatre of the Relatively Talentless. I was a featured dancer—recruited not for my moves, but for my ability to lift people.

HANAH KIM ('18) DOTY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MY FATHER ALWAYS ENCOURAGED me to become a lawyer, but I wasn’t sure I wanted to, so I joined the Navy after graduating from high school and before attending New York University.

During my deployment in the Middle East in 2012, I read a book on the history of American law and was very impressed with judicial rulemaking and Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo. He said judicial decision-making was not discovery but creation, and that was an inspiration that I could create my own way. I became convinced that if I were to contribute to society in any way, it would be through practicing law.

FAVORITE CLASS: Property with Professor Judith Younger was the only class that had a closed-book final exam—it challenged me to do my best. The most important takeaway from that class was on how to frame issues. Even with the same facts, how one frames the issue could determine winning or losing the case.

I was also impressed by how the law has developed and is developing—honoring and balancing the reasonable expectations of the society. This aspect of the law enchanted me: that it could be intellectually satisfying while having full practical application for real people.

INTERNSHIP AND ASSOCIATE JOBS:
I was a summer intern at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, handling cease-and-desist hearings and drafting agreements between the department and environmental groups that receive city funding. Last fall, as a judicial extern with Judge David Doty, I attended and observed court proceedings, conducted legal research, and wrote memos on a variety of issues, including securities fraud.

CAREER PLANS:
No specifics yet, but I’d like to work in employment law or in government.

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If you’re among the 145.5 million people affected by the Equifax data breach, you’ve probably given the security of your personal information more than a passing thought. Chances are, however, that cybersecurity was not top of mind when you attended law school, nor were you hankering to settle down for long nights of studying privacy law, compliance, and regulatory concerns. Maybe you wanted to be a litigator instead?
So did most of the alumni we interviewed for this story. Yet today they find themselves immersed—happily so, they say, despite occasional insomnia—in a brave new world of exploding data, lagging legislation, and relentlessly rapid progress as they work to protect the good guys from the bad guys while keeping their companies afloat and their government satisfied.

Back in the days he spent watching *L.A. Law*, Tom Finan (’96) fancied himself a litigator. He became one, working as an associate for East Coast firms until terrorist-controlled planes took down the Twin Towers. “9/11 changed everything for me. I was working in Washington, D.C., and a friend perished in the Pentagon that day. It changed my career,” says Finan, now chief strategy officer at Ark Network Security Solutions in D.C. He decided to use his technical skills and telecommunications experience to focus on security instead. In 2003 he joined the FBI, where, as assistant general counsel in the civil litigation unit, he got his introduction to the world of counterterrorism.

“Lo and behold, I started hearing about this thing called cybersecurity. It was a big issue, and I thought you needed a technical background to understand it,” he says. “As a law student, I was happy if I could successfully turn my computer on.” Fortunately, tech speak was not required. As staff director for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, then senior cybersecurity strategist and counsel for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Finan plunged into information sharing, terrorism risk assessment, and protection strategy.

He describes how cyber risks have evolved and how we, as individuals and business entities, might best deal with them. For many years, IT, information technology, got all the attention. Public policy focused on preventing data breaches and securing personal information, financial data, and trade secrets. “That is very important, but there’s this whole other world called OT, operational technology, which exists in practically every sector. Historically, OT was almost totally safe from attack because businesses housed it on internal networks that were closed systems. Then they decided to connect to the internet, which was cheaper and made OT easier to operate. But they were not thinking about security,” Finan explains.

Teams focusing on cybersecurity are often separate from those focusing on physical threats, but that distinction is artificial, he contends. “If bad actors get to what we call industrial control systems, they can destroy or damage the infrastructure and cause death and economic loss or collapse. How do we wake up the world to the fact that cyber and physical worlds are merging, and how do we incentivize everyday people to guard against risk? My mandate is figuring out how to bring cyber risk into the fold of business risk, and how to talk about it in ways that are accessible to lay people.”

Finan works with the insurance industry to help assess, mitigate, and transfer business risk. “Data breaches are a major threat and will continue to be. But public awareness of how bad cyber actors could, through OT, cause property damage, death, and injury is only starting to become apparent,” he says. In the “Internet of things” era, how will we cover the damage when hackers seize control of our cars, thermostats, and refrigerators?

While at DHS, Finan started the Cyber Incident Data and Analysis Working Group, a public–private forum seeking to establish an independent cyber incident data repository that informs both insurers and cybersecurity professionals. In those early days, “it was like an eighth-grade dance, with boys on one side and girls on the other. The music was playing, but they didn’t know how to talk to each other,” he recalls.

“After 9/11, there was a huge rush to protect, fortify, and strengthen. Admitting that we could not fully protect ourselves was seen as an admission of failure. I understand and respect that, but cyberterrorism changes the paradigm. We will not be able to prevent it. The bad guys will always get in,” he says. “How we best mitigate the harm they do in a world of limited resources, and how to most effectively transfer residual cyber risk through insurance, is something we have to parse out in the years ahead. I’m excited to be part of the process.”

**More Than Meets the Eye**

**MITCHELL GRANBERG (’98) IS THE CHIEF PRIVACY officer and deputy general counsel of Optum, a health care data and analytics solutions company that did not exist in its current form 10 years ago. Few CPOs were around then either, and privacy was hardly a magnet for young lawyers. Granberg understands that.**

“Handling an incident isn’t very fun. It must be turned around quickly, it generates lots of concern, and it always seems to happen on Friday night,” he says. His litigation background serves him well, especially during investigations of a breach or fraud attempt. But there is more to managing privacy in the health care industry than meets the eye.

“It’s not just issues that arise when somebody loses a laptop. Other issues are really interesting, such as how health information can be used in a responsible fashion and
of data can be handled compliantly. You end up getting into big data, research, and many areas beyond. If you don’t do it right, your company ends up in the headlines.”

A former army captain, Granberg considered a Department of Justice career before landing in the litigation department at Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis, where he handled securities fraud, class action, and breach of fiduciary duty cases, among others. Working on a case in which former Minnesota attorney general Mike Hatch sued Medica introduced him to the complex world of health care, where HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) has reigned since 1996.

“Health care is important to our society, and I became really interested in privacy and data issues from both a human and a social policy standpoint. Lots of interests compete. Should the doctor know as much as possible about the patient, or does the individual have the right to keep things from their doctor? It’s a substantial issue,” Granberg says. Because medical records contain such sensitive and voluminous data, health care companies are more heavily regulated than any industry except the financial industry. Economic stakes are higher, too. According to global statistics released annually by the Ponemon Institute, the average cost of a data breach in the medical field is $9.8 million, compared to $6.3 million for a financial company and $3.62 million for all companies.

“Data is absolutely exploding,” he adds, citing the relatively recent advent of electronic medical records together with advances in genetic testing and other potential sources. But balancing the use of health data to improve treatment and lower costs with the need to maintain individual privacy is a major challenge. Current social policy prevents sharing substance abuse information, for example, yet opioid addiction is epidemic. “It would be helpful for doctors to know their patients are addicted. It will take a fair amount of work to get that figured out.”

In Granberg’s world, gone are the lone privacy officers; his team has surpassed 20. He says he likes being responsible for members’ and patients’ privacy and data, counseling businesses to better use data in respectful ways, and finding new ways to authenticate identities and communicate in a world where millennials want their doctors to text them. He does not like the increasingly sophisticated bad actors in the cyber world, but his philosophical take on that could be a mantra for his peers: “You never know when the next bad thing is going to happen, and you don’t know what you don’t know.”

**Bad Actors are Very Good at What They Do**

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**AT 10 YEARS OLD WITH 1,600 EMPLOYEES, SAN**

Francisco-based Fitbit is still a relatively young and small company fighting for a voice among technology behemoths like Facebook, Apple, and Google. Yet it has a vast library of health-related data for its 23 million active users. “We are so consumer-facing,” says Gloria Lee (’98), Fitbit’s vice president and associate general counsel. “Whenever any company has that much data, they’re always dealing with concerns around privacy and security. We deal with them at a much higher level. Privacy is something that we take very seriously and pride ourselves on. Doing things in ways to protect our users while doing the best we can to keep their information secure is the bedrock of what this company does and needs to do. We need to have their trust.”

Although only one attorney at the company is dedicated to privacy work, privacy and cybersecurity are embedded in many of the issues that arise as part of Lee’s job as head of the litigation department. She is no stranger to the challenges involved. Before joining Fitbit in 2016, she was lead counsel at McKesson Corp., the largest pharmaceutical distributor in North America, where healthcare fraud, privacy breaches, and related policies and practices
were her responsibility. Most breaches are the result of inadvertent disclosures or external bad actors hacking into the system, she says.

Regulatory concerns regarding privacy are also ramping up. As a global company, Fitbit is carefully watching the EU, where the General Data Protection Regulation goes into effect next May. It is designed to harmonize laws across Europe, where each jurisdiction has its own notion of how to deal with data transfer and information. The law is stringent, and many companies are already struggling with questions.

“It’s perhaps a foreshadowing of what will happen in the U.S.,” Lee says. “How do you comply? Where will the enforcement come from? What will the regulators really care about?”

That the privacy field is evolving rapidly is no surprise. Before data was collected, legislators did not have to consider it. “Now there is more and more data out there, and the laws need to evolve to deal with it. Lawmakers must figure out how best to provide protection and, from a government perspective, what we need to be most worried about to make sure we have the kind of world we want to live in. Government and industry need to work together,” Lee says.

She chronicles how much has changed and how quickly, recalling college without email and law firms without privacy professionals. Data generation and collection launched a new industry. “It’s a different world, and it’s changing so rapidly that we can’t predict what five years from now will look like. We are not dealing with the past. We’re always dealing with the future.”

Her job is not for everyone, she admits—it requires being scrappy and forgoing resources she had become accustomed to—but it is the most fun she has had in the legal world. The work is fascinating and diverse. “Fitbit has created an industry of connected health and fitness devices, and it is fun to be a builder, to be part of that. I’m dealing with issues that have not been dealt with before, and I have to think about how to move the company forward in the midst of that uncertainty. That’s both the challenge and the fun of it,” she says. “The other piece, of course, is the world.

Bad actors are forces that are typically abroad, and they are very devious. You see it in the political realm, but it’s not limited to that. It is really hard to have the ability to go after them. They’re very good.”

The Value of Data is Rising

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— Evan Thimmesch

AN OUTLIER AMONG THOSE WE CONTACTED FOR this story, Evan Thimmesch (’11) did not enter law school to become a litigator. His techno zeal originated in middle school, where he did geeky things like writing custom modem initialization strings. “I lived in rural southeastern Minnesota, and the connection was terrible,” he explains.

Now a client contracts manager within the global information security team at PwC (previously PricewaterhouseCoopers), Thimmesch launched his career with a bachelor’s degree in management information systems. He managed IT for a small internet service provider and a school district before earning a joint J.D./M.S. in security technologies. Early experience taught him not only about infrastructure and security but also how to apply technology and communicate effectively in a leadership role.

“When you’re addressing complex problems, having a broad base of knowledge across multiple disciplines is extremely helpful,” he says. He joined the International Association of Privacy Professionals and sought proficiency through certification “as quickly as I could. There is such a need that if you build the right skill set, many opportunities exist. The value of data is rising, and companies are recognizing that handling it appropriately is essential to their business.”

Well-versed in both technology and law, Thimmesch is a rare commodity, as stints at Boston Scientific, Goodwill, Wells Fargo, and Pearson have proved. The evolution pace in both fields creates uncertainty, and politically motivated regulatory changes add to the unpredictability. “Knee-jerk changes to established laws often have unintended impacts on industry,” he says. “You can’t make major infrastructure, application, and process changes in a day. It may take several
Nobody is Immune

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—Careen Martine

CAREEN MARTIN (’06), VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF privacy officer at Allina Health since 2016, set out to be a criminal defense attorney. But when the recession tanked the firm she practiced construction law, she ended up in the Minnesota attorney general’s office, which placed her in its health licensing division. There she encountered health care privacy and regulatory enforcement issues, which she later pursued in private practice at Nilan Johnson Lewis in Minneapolis.

“The longer I practiced, the more clients I had with both privacy and cybersecurity issues,” she says. “The mystery and intrigue of the cybersecurity side appeals to me. You know those TV shows about Washington, D.C., and spies and nation-states attacking? That stuff is real. The first time I explained to someone that ransomware really is about malware that locks up your files until you pay a ransom, they thought I was kidding.”

Allina was a client at Martin’s firm before the increasing number of cyberattacks and burgeoning regulatory enforcement issues demanded an uptick in corporate resources devoted to privacy and cybersecurity. “It wasn’t a new area, but making it a dedicated program and creating a stand-alone chief privacy officer position was new,” says Martin, who was loaned to Allina, then decided to stay. “I was lucky enough to come in at a time of increased and renewed organizational support. But once I got here, I had to demonstrate the importance of the program.”

Martin now manages a team of six and says that creating and building her new role has been both exciting and challenging. She has had to transition from a lawyer practicing law, expert at researching legal solutions, to someone equally adept on the operational side, skilled at building privacy into programs whose managers may see compliance as an impediment.

“It’s not only about protecting data and ensuring that patients’ rights are honored, but also about recognizing that captured data has value and can be used to improve patient outcomes,” she says. Much of today’s medical research relies on big data. Yet medical records contain so much detail that the health care sector has moved into the top five hacker targets.

“It’s one-stop shopping for thieves, with a higher dollar value on the black market,” she says. “Before, a hacker was someone sitting in a basement. Now we’re seeing professionals hired by nation-states for the purpose of initiating attacks, working 9 to 5. Sometimes it keeps me awake at night.”

Although the recent Equifax breach reminded everyone that danger lurks, it also offered some solace. “Nobody is immune. Nothing is ever going to be perfect or 100% foolproof,” Martin points out. “It’s like the joke about two hikers meeting a bear in the woods—you don’t have to run faster than the bear, you just have to run faster than the other guy.”

Most people have a limited view of privacy, Martin adds, although she was surprised to discover just how pervasive that limited view is. “There is a privacy aspect to most things we do. Whether it’s HIPAA, or the FTC, or a million other things, we just don’t think about it,” she says. Thinking about it is now her job, and she finds protecting patient confidentiality “never boring and, in a strange way, fulfilling and exciting. I had no idea this is where I’d end up or how much I’d enjoy it.”

Cathy Madison is a Twin Cities writer and the author of The War Came Home With Him: A Daughter’s Memoir.
DEVOTING A DECADE AND A HALF OF HIS WORKING life to revising the American Law Institute’s 1962 Model Penal Code was certainly not on Kevin Reitz’s road map when he earned his J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1982, clerked for Justice Jay A. Rabinowitz of the Alaska Supreme Court the following year, or became an associate in the litigation department of Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul, Philadelphia. But when he started teaching at the University of Colorado Law School in 1988, a new path beckoned.

“Criminal justice in this country affects millions of lives,” says Reitz, who joined the Law School in 2005 and now holds the James Annenberg La Vea Land Grant Chair in Criminal Procedure Law and serves as co-director of the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice. “As an academic, I followed my nose. I tried to figure out what subjects were important but neglected.” He began exploring criminal law and policy areas that often got short shrift. Media and academic worlds focus on the widely disliked, headline-grabbing federal system, for example, instead of paying attention to the states, which handle 95% of criminal cases and bear the economic burden of burgeoning prisons. Meanwhile, U.S. incarceration rates quintupled from 1972 to 2009, far outpacing those in other countries.

By the ’90s Reitz had stepped up, organizing the pilot meeting of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions, serving as co-reporter for a new edition of the ABA’s Criminal Justice Standards for Sentencing, and becoming widely recognized as an expert.

Yet when the ALI asked him in 2001 to be the lead reporter for Model Penal Code: Sentencing, the final draft of which was approved last May, he resisted.

“My first impulse was, ‘Oh no! I’m trying to get away from an exclusive focus on sentencing!’ I was thinking about moving on to other things, like policing and juvenile justice, and knew it would take 10 years,” says Reitz. He struggled with the decision until one of his mentors, the late Norval Morris, criminal justice and prison reform expert and former University of Chicago Law School dean, weighed in.

“He said, ‘How could you not do this? It’s such an important project and likely to have more influence than the books or articles you could write in an equivalent period,’” Reitz recalls. “That resonated with me. As an academic, particularly at a public university, part of my job is to give back to the world of law and policy and help people caught up in the legal system. It became an offer that was impossible to refuse.”

Kevin Reitz: Creating a New Model for Criminal Sentencing

Reitz characterizes the original 1962 Model Penal Code as “the most influential criminal law reform project ever undertaken in this country.” Forty states adopted some or all of its recommendations, and even in states that didn’t, courts paid attention. Federal courts, to which it did not apply, often referenced it as well. “It was an incredibly successful project that persuaded people to change the way they were doing things. To some extent it affected all American criminal law jurisprudence,” says Reitz. “Now I had an opportunity to revisit it. If my work could have half the impact of the original, it would be a lifetime achievement.”

What he calls the “phone book” or “big book” is the final bound draft, the last of 29 such drafts, each subjected to extensive review by ALI members and outside experts around the world. At least annually, a formal advisers’ group representing various disciplines met for a full day to critique the latest manuscript. Reitz’s job was to apply their collective feedback to his own extensive knowledge of current research, then draft suggestions that states could use to frame and adopt legislation.

“I didn’t appreciate how difficult the job was until I got
involved. It is very, very demanding,” says Judge Theodore McKee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, one of the project advisers. “Kevin is quiet but has a meticulous and tenacious intellect. He has a way of crystallizing what started out as theoretical concepts and seeing how they would be applied in the real world.”

Creating a model statute from the experience of all 50 states combined with the best sentencing practices from past decades proved a formidable challenge. “There is tension built into it. What many social scientists agree should be required … has to be balanced by what is politically achievable,” McKee points out. “Kevin’s job was to take all those things into consideration and figure out what compromises could be made without jeopardizing the underlying principles.”

Reitz says a primary goal of MPCS is to capture the attention of state legislatures and persuade them to revisit their sentencing systems, in toto or piece by piece. “Even if only four or five states make significant changes for the better, it is worth the years of effort. Every time a state makes changes, it affects thousands of people coming through the system. Small innovations matter. The system has so many problems, there are all sorts of ways that incremental changes can make real improvements,” he says.

The project was divided into four large segments: the sentencing system structure as a whole; prison sentences; community sanctions such as probation supervision and economic penalties; and procedure, such as sentencing hearings, victims’ rights, and appellate sentence review. Minnesota’s model for creating judicial sentencing guidelines was widely viewed as the most successful, so Reitz started there, supplementing with other states’ ideas and evolving principles as he went. Most of what ended up in the final draft achieved broad consensus within the ALI. That result would be hard to predict, he says, given the contentious nature of participants driven by differing politics and philosophies. He calls it a remarkable testament to “just how careful the ALI process is.”

“Kevin undoubtedly understands sentencing laws better than anyone else in the country,” says Cecelia Klingele, University of Wisconsin Law School associate professor of law and Robina Institute external director, who joined him in 2012 as associate reporter. “It is rarely a one-person task, but Kevin singlehandedly carried this project for well over a decade. I can’t overemphasize the primary role he played both intellectually and in the drafting and execution. He always does more than his fair share.”

Klingele says she was impressed not only by Reitz’s humble, unassuming nature and willingness to listen more than he talked, but also by his comprehensive approach. For example, she says, “he wanted to address the rights of crime victims, but he thoughtfully balanced their legitimate concerns with the need for proportional sentencing not dependent on the character of the victim.” The two worked evenings, weekends, and holiday breaks for years, with Klingele contributing her expertise in community corrections, sentence revocations, and collateral sanctions.

Reitz has begun to turn his attention to other largely overlooked aspects of criminal punishment, such as parole release discretion and parole boards themselves, which are often very powerful but politically vulnerable. “Parole boards have been making prison policy in this country, and no one has been paying attention,” he says. He has also edited a book, American Exceptionalism in Crime and Punishment, due from Oxford University Press in November. He regularly fields speaking and consultation requests from judges, sentencing commissions, and state legislators. He expects this to continue but is not sure how much of a road show the newly approved MPCS will require. It is a matter of luck, he says.

“I hope the Code makes a large impact, but that depends on the politics of the moment. Right now, in a number of cities such as Chicago and Baltimore, serious violent crime is going up, although it has been dropping overall for almost 25 years. When crime is down, people are more willing to think about reforming the system and spending resources differently. When crime is up or sustained at a high level, it is politically harder to make changes,” Reitz explains. U.S. prison populations peaked in 2009, when 760 per 100,000 people were incarcerated. But incarceration rates have been slowly declining since then, and Democrats and Republicans find themselves reaching across the political aisle to discuss criminal justice reform. At the state level, they share an “enormous appetite for downsizing the system,” Reitz says.

“For the most part, timing has been incredibly good, at least up to the presidential election and even afterward,” he adds, at least at state and local levels. “Sentiment about changing things doesn’t get you very far unless you have a framework for change. The Code is an encyclopedia of suggestions, and the optimist in me says it has arrived as a finished product at just the right time.”

Adds Klingele: “I think he has made an unparalleled contribution to the field.”

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

Stephen Befort ('74) was elected to a second term as chair of the United States Section of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law, and to a seat on the board of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

Eugene Borgida addressed the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. As a member of the Policy-Makers/Judiciary Panel, he spoke on the topic “Can bias- or prejudice-reduction programs lead to persisting change in policing?”

Benjamin Casper Sanchez ('97) was named the winner of the 2017 Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award by the American Immigration Lawyers Association. The Elmer Fried Award, established in 1997, is one of the most prestigious in the field of immigration law. Casper Sanchez was also promoted to the rank of associate clinical professor and received the Stanley V. Kinyon Award as Clinical Teacher of the Year in Practice, presented at the 2017 commencement ceremony.

Linus Chan was awarded the 2017 University Outstanding Community Service Award for his work at the James H. Binger Center for New Americans. It is the highest honor the University of Minnesota gives for service to the University and community. Chan was also promoted to the rank of associate clinical professor.

Brad Clary ('75) was appointed to serve on the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association’s
Jennie Green submitted a statement for Amnesty International USA to the U.S. Congress Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy hearing on April 5, 2017. The statement urged Congress not to repeal Section 1502 of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which requires companies to conduct due diligence and report on the source of “conflict minerals” (tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold). The statement discussed the evidence that the production of these minerals has been linked to grave human rights violations.

Oren Gross was a co-recipient, with Kristin Hickman, of the Stanley V. Kinyon Award as Tenured Teacher of the Year, presented at the 2017 commencement ceremony.

Ralph Hall led a coalition to draft federal legislation that would provide a predictable and timely path to market for innovative diagnostic tests. The Diagnostic Accuracy and Innovation Act addresses longstanding issues with the regulation of diagnostic tests and is intended to bring much-needed certainty to patients, providers, and industry. The legislation would establish a flexible, risk-based approach that applies the same regulatory principles to the same activity regardless of where the test is developed.

Kristin Hickman was appointed to serve as one of the 40 public members of the Administrative Conference of the United States. ACUS is an agency of the federal government, charged with convening expert representatives from the public and private sectors to investigate, deliberate, and recommend improvements to administrative process and procedure. Hickman was also elected a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel by the college’s board of regents. Hickman was a co-recipient, with Oren Gross, of the Stanley V. Kinyon Award as Tenured Teacher of the Year, presented at the 2017 commencement ceremony.
**Joan Howland** was elected to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the organization, for a three-year term. Howland, who is widely recognized for her work in law and technology, American Indian law, legal education, legal research, and law librarianship, is one of two delegates representing the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

**Neha Jain** is working as a visiting professional at the International Criminal Court and assisting Judge Geoffrey Henderson with the trial of Laurent Gbagbo, former president of Côte d’Ivoire, and co-accused Charles Blé Goudé. The accused have been charged with crimes against humanity in the context of the post-electoral violence in Côte d’Ivoire between Dec. 16, 2010, and April 12, 2011. The ICC operates a Visiting Professional Programme for purposes of engaging strongly motivated individuals with outstanding academic qualifications to deepen and broaden their understanding of the operations of the court. Visiting professionals’ duties include undertaking legal research and analysis and assisting in the drafting of documents relevant to various matters related to the trial proceedings. Jain was also promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

**Alexandra Klass** was awarded the 2017 Eldon G. Kaul Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Environmental, Natural Resource, and Energy Law Section. The award recognizes a member of the bench or bar who has demonstrated a significant commitment and made an outstanding contribution to environmental, natural resources, or energy law in the state of Minnesota.

**Bernard Levinson** delivered the opening keynote address, “Strategies for the Reinterpretation of Normative Texts within the Hebrew Bible,” at the First World Congress of Legal Discourse & Fifteenth International Conference on Law and Language of the International Academy of Linguistic Law. Levinson also co-edited a major international volume, *The Formation of the Pentateuch: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Europe, Israel, and North America* (Mohr Siebeck, 2016). With contributions from 45 specialists and a particular focus on law, this volume seeks to stimulate international discussion about the Pentateuch in order to help the discipline move toward a set of shared assumptions and a common discourse.

**Karen Lundquist** was named the 2017 Volunteer of the Year by LegalCORPS for her outstanding pro bono work for small business owners, small nonprofit organizations, and low-income innovators in Minnesota.

**John H. Matheson** was invited to join the expert reference group for an Australian Research Council Discovery Project entitled “Devising a Legal Blueprint for Corporate Energy Transition.” The project will explore how corporate law mechanisms can incentivize improved climate risk management and the uptake of clean energy practices by Australian companies. Drawing on empirical data and comparative analysis of U.S. experience in this area, the project seeks to identify law and governance reforms that can drive corporate energy transition in Australia. The expert reference group is composed of distinguished authorities on corporate law, climate liability, and corporate social responsibility in Australia, the United States, and other relevant jurisdictions. The group will guide the project’s implementation by validating findings, workshop proposals, and refining outcomes through peer feedback.

**William McGeveran** was promoted to the rank of professor.

**Stephen Meili** presented his research on the constitutionalization of human rights law in Latin America and the European Union at the annual conference of the Refugee Law Initiative, held June 5–7 at the University of London’s School of Advanced Study. At a panel entitled “New Litigation Dynamics in the Refugee Field,” Meili discussed his recent research on the use of constitutionalized human rights law on behalf of Colombian refugees in Ecuador and how his findings from that empirical study might be applied in the current European context. Meili also presented a paper on the growing use of human rights provisions in national constitutions at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, held in Mexico City. Meili’s presentation was part of a larger research project on the effectiveness of such human rights provisions in the constitutions of countries experiencing an increase in refugee migration, including many member states of the European Union.
JaneAnne Murray presented at the 26th annual Federal Sentencing Conference, organized for practitioners by the ABA, the Federal Bar Association, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Murray’s topic was “Using Social Science at Sentencing,” and, together with Laura Mate of the Federal Sentencing Resource Counsel, Murray gave an overview of the most recent federal cases in which judges are citing scientific insights to support downward variances from the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Murray also received a presidential commendation from the NACDL for her “commitment to ensuring justice and due process for all” as a leader with two NACDL clemency efforts: Clemency Project 2014, an initiative spearheaded by the Obama administration, and the recently launched NACDL/FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) State Clemency Project.

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin was appointed by the United Nations as the U.N.’s Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism. In this role, Ní Aoláin will be charged with making recommendations on safeguarding human rights while countering terrorism and, at the request of states, providing advisory services or technical assistance on such matters; investigating and reporting on alleged violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms; identifying and promoting best practices on counterterrorism measures that respect human rights and fundamental freedoms; and reporting regularly to the Human Rights Council and the U.N. General Assembly, among other duties. Ní Aoláin was also named a Regents Professor of Law by the University Board of Regents. The designation is the highest level of recognition given to faculty by the University. Ní Aoláin was also selected to the 2017 Irish Legal 100, an annual compilation of the most distinguished legal professionals of Irish descent working in the United States.

Kevin Reitz served as “reporter,” or lead drafter, for the American Law Institute’s Model Penal Code: Sentencing, the proposed final draft of which was approved at the ALI’s 2017 annual meeting. The project, launched in 2001, re-examines the sentencing provisions of the ALI’s 1962 Model Penal Code in light of the many changes in sentencing philosophy and practice that have taken place since its original publication. Reitz, who holds the James Annenberg La Vea Land Grant Chair in Criminal Procedure Law, was the project’s reporter throughout its duration. He was joined in 2012 by Cecelia M. Klingele, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, as associate reporter.

Christopher Roberts was promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

Francis X. Shen was named a 2017-19 McKnight Presidential Fellow by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. This fellowship program is targeted at the University’s most promising faculty who have been newly granted tenure and promotion to associate professor; it recognizes their scholarly accomplishments and supports their ongoing research and scholarship with supplemental funding for a three-year period. Shen was also promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

Robert A. Stein (’61) was among the recipients of the 2017 University of Minnesota President’s Award for Outstanding Service. The award was established in 1997 to recognize faculty and staff who have provided exceptional service to the University, its schools, colleges, departments, and service units; such service must have gone well beyond the regular duties of a faculty or staff member, and demonstrate unusual commitment to the University community. Each year, approximately 12 individuals are chosen to receive the award.

Mitchell E. Zamoff was promoted to the rank of associate clinical professor.

To see a list of recent faculty publications go to: law.umn.edu/our-faculty/recent-publications
Kathy Moccio will teach the Detainee Rights Clinic in the James H. Binger Center for New Americans. She has more than 25 years of experience practicing immigration law. From 2009 to 2017, Moccio served as an assistant Hennepin County public defender, a position in which she helped noncitizen defendants navigate the intersection of criminal and immigration laws. She is recognized nationally as a researcher, author, and educator of lawyers on such “crim-imm” issues. Moccio has worked in private immigration practice at a number of firms, including Minneapolis-based Dorsey & Whitney, and also worked for and consulted with numerous immigration nonprofits. She has long been active with the Binger Center’s nonprofit partners, as well as such national organizations as the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the American Immigration Council. In 2015, the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild selected Moccio as the sole recipient of its annual award, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the cause of immigrant justice.

Alan Z. Rozenshtein will be teaching courses in cybercrime and criminal procedure, among others. He taught most recently as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. From Oct. 2014 to April 2017, he served as an attorney advisor in the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where his work focused on operational, legal, and policy issues relating to cybersecurity and foreign intelligence. He has also served as a special assistant United States attorney for the District of Maryland. After his graduation from Harvard Law School, Rozenshtein clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. Prior to attending law school, he studied philosophy at Balliol College, University of Oxford.

Caleb Smith will direct and teach the Ronald M. Mankoff Tax Clinic. He worked most recently as a clinical fellow at Harvard Law School’s Federal Tax Clinic. He has given several presentations at national ABA Tax Section conferences on low-income tax issues, and he co-authored a chapter on the Earned Income Tax Credit in the forthcoming seventh edition of the ABA’s Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS. Since 2008, Smith has worked with low-income taxpayer issues; prior to law school as program manager at Minnesota’s largest tax assistance nonprofit; during law school as student director of his school’s federal tax clinic; and after law school as an attorney at low-income taxpayer clinics in Minneapolis and Boston. In addition to directing the Law School’s federal tax clinic, Smith will teach the federal tax procedure course.

Stacy Taeuber will teach the Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic in the James H. Binger Center for New Americans. She has more than 15 years of experience practicing immigration law and criminal defense. In 2012, Taeuber founded the Immigrant Justice Clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School and served as its director until 2016. She has worked in private practice as well as in the nonprofit sector, including as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of New York; the Catholic Legal Immigration Network in Miami; and the Florence Project in Arizona, which provides free legal services to people in immigration custody. She also worked as a public defender in Cochise County, Ariz., and handled criminal appeals by appointment from the Wisconsin State Public Defender’s office. Taeuber has appeared before the Arizona and Wisconsin Courts of Appeal and Supreme Courts and has litigated cases before immigration courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, U.S. District Courts, and U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

How can the justice system adapt to a world of ever more diverse family structures? At this conference, leading family law experts from the Law School and around the country will address that question. Organized by Professor June Carbone and co-sponsored by the Center for Equitable Growth, the conference will be held April 27-28, 2018. Details will be forthcoming on the Law School website.
PROFESSOR BLUMENTHAL WINS TWO MAJOR BOOK AWARDS


In announcing the prize, Cheiron said, “Blumenthal’s book contributes much to our understanding of the quandaries that lawyers and jurists faced and explored as they considered the appropriate legal relations between human activity and culpability, particularly over the course of the 19th century. . . . Relying on extensive knowledge of the primary sources (including routine civil and criminal cases), Blumenthal provides historians, psychologists, anthropologists, and other readers with an invigorated understanding of the emergence of refined notions of the individual (generally white men, at that time).”

Blumenthal’s book was also named the winner of the 2017 Merle Curti Award, presented by the Organization of American Historians for the best book published in American intellectual history.

Legal scholars have praised the book. Writing in *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, Meir Dan-Cohen, a professor at University of California, Berkeley School of Law, called it a “thoughtful study of American law’s confrontation with insanity during the 19th century.” Sarah Barringer Gordon, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, said the 400-page book was an “extensive and exquisitely detailed journey through a long overlooked corner of 19th-century jurisprudence in America.”

“Law and history are closely linked. Understanding the historical development of legal rules and institutions helps us understand the present and the future directions of those same rules and institutions,” said Dean Garry W. Jenkins. “In her book, Blumenthal synthesizes the roots of our legal approach to assessing mental capacity with definiteness and insight.”

Blumenthal is the Law School’s Julius E. Davis Professor of Law and an associate professor of history in the College of Liberal Arts. She is also co-director of the Law School’s Program in Law and History.

PROFESSOR KITROSSER AWARDED GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

IN APRIL, PROFESSOR HEIDI Kitrosser was awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. The highly competitive, national fellowship is awarded annually to about 175 scholars and artists selected from among more than 3,500 applicants.

This is the first Guggenheim Fellowship awarded to a University of Minnesota Law School professor.

Kitrosser teaches and writes about government secrecy, the constitutional separation of powers, and speech and press freedoms. During the fellowship, she plans to begin work on a new book, tentatively titled *Dangerous Knowledge: Whistleblowers, Leakers, and the Power of Information*.

“Professor Kitrosser earned this highly prestigious award through her steadfast commitment to the intellectual rigor and the creativity of her legal scholarship,” said Garry W. Jenkins, dean of the Law School.

“The Guggenheim Fellowship program is renowned in the academy, and one of its special characteristics is that it honors creative artists, scholars in the humanities and social sciences, as well as scientific researchers.”

In 2015, the University of Chicago Press published *Reclaiming Accountability: Transparency, Executive Power, and the U.S. Constitution*, a book by Kitrosser that won the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. Kitrosser has also written numerous law review articles and testified before the U.S. Congress on problems associated with secret laws, and she serves on the boards of the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information and Public Record Media.

A member of the Law School faculty since 2006, she received her J.D. from Yale Law School and her B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles.

The Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, now in its 93rd year, has granted more than $350 million in fellowships to more than 18,000 individuals, among whom are scores of Nobel laureates, Fields Medalists, Turing Award winners, poets laureate, members of the various national academies, winners of the Pulitzer Prize, and other important, internationally recognized figures. From its inception, the foundation has sought to “add to the educational, literary, artistic, and scientific power of this country, and also to provide for the cause of better international understanding.”
KRITZER AND SHEN
RELEASE MAJOR STUDIES

PROFESSOR BERT KRITZER
released “Polarization in American Politics: Does it Extend to the Federal District Court?” which examines whether there has been a pattern of increasing political polarization in decisions by federal district judges. The study, which considered more than 115,000 federal court decisions between 1934 and 2014, showed that increased polarization has occurred, and the overall trend largely reflects increasing conservatism by appointees of Republican presidents. The simple pattern does tend to break down, however, when cases are disaggregated by subject matter.

PROFESSOR FRANCIS SHEN
released two new studies: “Battlefield Casualties and Ballot Box Defeat: Did the Bush–Obama Wars Cost Clinton the White House?” and “Minority Mens Rea: Racial Bias and Criminal Mental States.” The former posits a “significant and meaningful relationship” between a community’s rate of military sacrifice and its support for President Trump. It empirically explores the emerging divide between communities whose young people have died in war zones—and those whose have not—and finds evidence that this divide contributed to Trump’s presidential victory in 2016. The latter examines whether implicit racial biases affect jurors in the American criminal justice system. The study suggests that, despite common calls for the criminal justice system to improve its response to racial bias, determinations of criminal intent may be made without significant bias.

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Professor Ní Aoláin joined the Law School faculty in 2004. She has also taught at Harvard, Columbia, and Hebrew University in Jerusalem, among others, and has received numerous academic honors, including a Fulbright scholarship.

It was a big summer for Fionnuala Ní Aoláin. In June, she became the first woman ever appointed U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism. She will hold the role for three years while continuing to teach full-time.

She also was named a Regents Professor, the highest level of recognition given to University faculty, and she capped off the summer with a trip to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to observe a 9/11 pretrial.

“Fortunately, this flurry of amazing activity happened at the end of my sabbatical, so I was rested,” says Ní Aoláin. “When I heard the news about the U.N. appointment, I was literally at the airport on my way to a family vacation in Greece. I knew the vote was proceeding, but I was still surprised.”

In her new position, Ní Aoláin is charged with identifying and promoting best practices on counterterrorism measures that respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and reporting regularly to the Human Rights Council and the U.N. General Assembly.

“Fionnuala’s passion for service to the Law School, the University, and the global community—particularly its most vulnerable and threatened members—truly sets her apart,” says Dean Garry W. Jenkins. “She has the intellect, experience, temperament, and determination to make tremendous strides toward peace and justice in this post.”

Ní Aoláin’s work is already underway. In October, she outlined her priorities to the U.N. General Assembly. At the top of her list is a review of the national security laws enacted worldwide since 9/11. “There has been an explosion of legal rules and a normalizing of exceptional powers,” she says. “It’s important for the U.N. to examine their effect on legitimate dissent, assembly, and speech.” She also will apply a gender lens to counterterrorism policies affecting women around the globe.

In the coming year, while providing expertise to multiple countries, Ní Aoláin will identify at least two countries where, due to security challenges or conflict, human rights violations are being committed in the name of national security. Upon acceptance of her request, she will meet with the countries’ government ministers and top leaders. “This position allows me to come in at the leadership level,” she says. “The countries who agree to this process agree to provide access to military, police, intelligence, and civil society.”

Ní Aoláin grew up in Na Forbacha, a town of 130 people at the time, in the west of Ireland. She studied law at Queen’s University of Belfast in Northern Ireland at the height of the country’s conflict, earning an LL.B. and Ph.D. “When I was growing up, human rights wasn’t a career you chose,” she says. “I was surrounded by conflict, so for me, human rights was simply doing the right thing. I wanted to understand what caused violence … and how people and countries might structurally address it.”

Ní Aoláin’s involvement with the United Nations dates back to 2003, when she was appointed by the secretary-general as Special Expert on promoting gender equality in times of conflict and peacemaking. She also consults regularly with U.N. Women and the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the Council of Europe, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and numerous domestic and international NGOs.

This past year, Ní Aoláin assumed leadership of the Law School’s Human Rights Center. “I am stepping into a huge footprint left by [former HRC head] David Weissbrodt,” she says. “I want this center to engage the depth and breadth of our human rights faculty. I want it to be a place where students can be both formally and informally mentored by faculty, and a supportive place for faculty to have an impact, a place where they can go for research funding.”

Ní Aoláin and colleagues Jennifer Green, Stephen Meili, and Christopher Roberts recently received a seed grant to establish a Human Rights Laboratory as part of the HRC. The interdisciplinary initiative will investigate and model ways that cutting-edge research can be used to reduce inequalities in human rights. “This is about practical problem-solving,” Ní Aoláin says. “We want to provide solutions-based approaches. This is a completely new idea in human rights that we believe can have a significant impact.”

By Kathy Graves, a writer based in Minneapolis
When she was 14, the family business suffered a financial setback. Jang transferred to a public institution and quickly discovered she also excelled at mathematics, writing, and languages, including Japanese. She began her college work at a Korean school but enrolled at Waseda University in Tokyo after one semester.

“Learning Japanese wasn’t that difficult,” Jang says. “Both languages have similar grammar.” English, however, isn’t grammatically similar to Korean or Japanese. But that didn’t stop Jang from diving into the language as an undergraduate during a study abroad program at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

During her years studying law at Waseda, Jang also interned with Tsukasa Akimoto, a Liberal Democratic Party member at the Japanese Diet, the country’s bicameral legislature. She graduated in March 2016 with a focus on international law. Her thesis explored the ramifications of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, a U.S. federal anti-bribery law aimed at preventing companies attempting to meddle in government affairs from doing business in the United States.

“The current corporate compliance program in South Korea is fairly undeveloped and lacks a solid legal basis,” Jang wrote in her personal statement. “It is time for South Korea to recognize the global anti-corruption trend and take remedial action.”

Six months after Jang’s graduation, protests erupted in Seoul after it was revealed that a personal friend of then-President Park Guen-hye influenced her decision-making while
in office. She was later impeached.

“There is a back-scratching alliance between business and government,” Jang says. “It helped rapidly develop the country, but now it’s a big problem.”

During her time at the Law School, Jang plans to learn more about the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other aspects of international law. When she’s not studying, Jang relaxes by leading yoga classes focused on stress relief and weight loss.

**ISABEL FOX**
***M.S.P.L. CLASS OF 2018***

**AS A CHILD IN RURAL**
Sacramento, Calif., Isabel Fox loved tinkering with her surroundings. The inquisitive girl constructed a “tornado box” for a middle-school science project (it involved dry ice and a fan), dreamed up a 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner bottle, and scientifically altered the colors of pennies.

To do that, she soaked the coins in zinc and sodium hydroxide to turn them silver. Then she heated the zinc and copper atoms, thus turning the pennies a brassy, gold color. “I always thought inventions were super cool,” she says.

The family seldom dined out. Her mother, a certified public accountant who chose to stay at home and raise Fox and her two siblings, cooked most meals. Fox soon picked up the skill. In high school, she enjoyed baking oatmeal chocolate chip cookies for students celebrating birthdays. But not just any cookies.

Her creations were giant, plate-sized behemoths of butter, sugar, and chocolate.

And since she excelled at science—Fox was a National Honor Society and National Hispanic Scholar—her trips to Williams-Sonoma, the popular kitchen supply store, were filled with wonder. Unlike most other shoppers examining the newest gadgets, she didn’t just daydream about plugging them in and creating new recipes. She wondered how they worked.

So at the University of Notre Dame, she loaded up on science classes, including physics, microbiology, organic chemistry, cell biology, fermentation and distillation, and other courses. Earlier this year, she earned her bachelor’s degree in science-business from Notre Dame. For a time, it looked like she might pursue a career in health administration. But internships at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Sacramento failed to capture her imagination.
However, a business law course did. That undergraduate course sparked an interest in working as a patent agent. To Fox, the Law School’s Master of Science in Patent Law program seemed like the perfect way to help inventors bring their products to market.

“It’s a really cool way to work with people who have a creative mind,” she says. “I like science enough that I want to stick with it and keep science in my life.”

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Conlin has thrived at the Law School, earning a spot on the dean’s list. She’s a member of the National Moot Court Competition Team, tutors students in legal writing, and serves as student director of the Civil Practice Clinic. As part of that clinic, she worked on a divorce case, an unemployment benefits appeal, and a debt collection case.

Conlin credits Professor Laura Thomas, who directs the clinical program, for empowering students to take charge of cases and engage in experiential learning. “It’s been my favorite part of the Law School,” she says. “I knew it would be a lot of work and take a lot of time, but I didn’t know it would be so much fun.”

Conlin’s clinical experience boosted her confidence as a summer associate working in the trial and employment departments at Briggs and Morgan. After graduation in 2018, she’ll begin work at the Minneapolis-based firm as a civil litigator.

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practice after graduation, he doesn’t plan to run for office or work as a paid campaign staffer. “I went to law school to be a lawyer,” he says. “I didn’t go to law school to go into politics.”

GABRIEL FLAA IS DRIVEN BY purpose. It’s why he joined the U.S. Marine Corps just days after graduating from high school. It’s why he finished college in three years. And it’s why he quit a cushy corporate job in favor of reading legal tomes for three years.

Flaa grew up on St. Paul’s East Side, the son of a warehouse worker and a house cleaner. As a high school senior, he found himself watching YouTube videos produced by the U.S. Marine Corps. The images of sacrifice “tugged at my heartstrings,” he says. So he enlisted. “I didn’t necessarily agree with the war,” he says, “but as an individual I was committed to that kind of sacrifice.” After basic training, his unit was sent to Afghanistan—twice. During that second tour of duty, Flaa’s platoon leader stepped on a roadside bomb and severely injured his legs. Flaa was promoted to corporal on the spot.

He survived the war and returned home to St. Paul, but not without mental scars. Talking to his father helped. So did studying. He zoomed through his undergraduate work at the University of St. Thomas in three years, sometimes taking as many as 24 credits in a semester. Somehow, he also found time to intern at the Citizen’s League, diving into local public policy issues.

Says Flaa, “I was already used to not sleeping much, so I said to myself, ‘Let’s do this.’”

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in political science, Flaa took a job at an insurance company, examining legal contracts. Cubicle life didn’t suit him. The job lacked purpose. So Flaa took the LSAT and scored well. “Since I was 10, I wanted to be a lawyer,” he says.

Flaa, who is married and the father of a baby boy, isn’t sure what type of law he’ll practice. Among the possibilities: criminal defense and international law. At St. Thomas, he studied Mandarin Chinese and enjoyed it.

No matter his path, it’s clear Flaa’s career will be purpose-driven. “I’ve always wanted to help people,” he says.

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

STUDENT NEWS

ABIGAIL HENCHECK (’19) AWARDED HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP
This fall, second-year Law School student Abigail Hencheck (’19) was selected to receive a 2017-18 Benjamin B. Ferencz Fellowship in Human Rights and Law. The fellowship, which is awarded by World Without Genocide, an organization based at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, is named in honor of international human rights advocate Benjamin B. Ferencz. Ferencz, 97, prosecuted members of the Nazi Einsatzgruppen—mobile killing squads responsible for the deaths of more than a million Jews during the Holocaust—at trials in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1947, receiving convictions for every one of the accused. He has dedicated his life to advocating for justice and peace around the world.

As a Ferencz Fellow, Hencheck will work on legislation to address gender discrimination and violence at local, state, national, and international levels. “I am so thankful to World Without Genocide and Benjamin Ferencz for this incredible opportunity,” said Hencheck. “Being able to see firsthand the work that goes into advocating for women’s rights is an invaluable experience. For me, fighting for positive change in my community is what law school is all about. I can’t imagine a more fitting way to live out my passion.”

Minnesota Law students (left to right) Toni Ojoyeyi (’19), Jonathan Jones (’18), and Bailey Metzger (’18)—with Professor Jennie Green—have been working on a policy paper on the right to remedy for Amnesty International in a case heard at the United States Supreme Court earlier this month.

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CHRIS CONWAY (’19): LOCKING IN CAREER PLANS

FOR THREE MONTHS THIS PAST summer, Chris Conway worked alongside homicide prosecutors in the Kings County (Brooklyn, N.Y.) District Attorney’s Office. As a law clerk, he compiled evidence, listened to victim impact statements, and watched trials.

The experience crystallized a desire to pursue a career in criminal law. “It feels meaningful in a way that other forms of law do not,” Conway says. “These are issues of life and death. You feel you can do good in the world and make a difference in people’s lives.”

The summer internship also served as a homecoming of sorts for Conway. He grew up in nearby Ridgefield Park, N.J., playing the piano, accordion, and tin whistle. His parents taught at an Irish dance school and he competed at the Music Festival of Ireland.

“I loved playing Irish music,” he says. “It was a way to feel connected to my culture.”

At American University in Washington, D.C., he shifted gears, majoring in political science and justice. He found a constitutional law class especially engaging and began thinking about a law career. After graduation, he conducted about 300 investigations over three years for the Civilian Complaint Review Board, a New York City agency that delves into accusations of police brutality.

That work solidified his desire to study law. And this summer’s experience inspired him to become a prosecutor. “The people I worked with enjoyed their jobs,” he says. “They enjoyed getting up and going to work and making society better.”

Conway also felt gratified by the work he did. For a case involving the beating death of a man, Conway monitored dozens of calls a defendant made from inside Rikers Island, New York City’s biggest jail (all such calls are recorded and admissible in court). He wanted to know whether the inmate’s statements contradicted those he made to police.

The biggest motivation for Conway was listening to the sorrow victims’ families expressed in closed-door meetings. “There’s an outcry for justice,” he says. “Some people feel society doesn’t care about them. I want to break that. The law should be blind to the status of the victim.”

By Todd Melby

J.J. PRISTANSKI (’19): SKATING WITH THE SHARKS

IT’S A TRUISM THAT CANADIAN parents start kids skating as toddlers. Still, it happened to J.J. Pristanski. “I was on the ice at three for sure,” he says.

Pristanski grew up in Ottawa within walking distance of two outdoor rinks and spent many winter nights competing in pickup hockey games. In college, he played goalie for the Ottawa West Golden Knights, a junior league squad. Knowing he wasn’t talented enough to play professionally, he quit after his sophomore year to concentrate on his studies.

“I had a blast,” he says of his time deflecting pucks. “But it was a good move to focus 100 percent on school.”

A couple of undergraduate law classes inspired him to take the LSAT. And since hockey still excited him, Pristanski hoped a law degree might lead to an off-the-ice sports career.

After graduating from Carleton University in Ottawa, he chose the Law School because of its excellent reputation and, truth be told, Minnesota’s near-Canadian-level love of hockey and winter. He thought a U.S. school might help him access gigs with one of the dozens of MLB, NFL, NBA, and NHL teams based in America.

This summer, Pristanski’s bet paid off. He snared an internship with the San Jose Sharks, one of the NHL’s most successful franchises. Once he arrived in the California city, he noticed businesses sporting “This Is Sharks Territory” signs.

For his part, Pristanski spent most of his time with the team drafting sponsorship contracts and conducting legal research that touched on trademarks, copyright, contracts, and employment law.

“As students, we were encouraged to choose an internship we were passionate about so we could see if we liked it,” he says. And he loved it. Says Pristanski, “It was so fun to show up at the rink every day.”

As a 2L, he’s enrolled in an array of business law classes—including contract drafting and business associations/corporations—that will help him prepare for a sports-related legal career. “I want to pursue it,” he says. “I’m not applying to law firms.”

When he’s not studying, Pristanski—you guessed it—skates with the Fighting Mondales, the law school’s intramural hockey team.

By Todd Melby
IN 1977, AROUND THE TIME THE Law School was moving into its current Mondale Hall home, then-2L Chuck Lundberg wrote an article for the Minnesota Law Review that would launch his career. In it, he argued that lawyers should have greater liberty to disclose client fraud, especially when they had been duped by the client into assisting in a fraud. The article attracted attention, the argument gained traction, and, in 1985, the Minnesota Supreme Court adopted Lundberg’s argument by incorporating it into Professional Conduct Rule 1.6.

By that time, Lundberg had launched a legal career at the Minneapolis law firm now known as Bassford Remele, focusing his work on defending and advising lawyers in legal malpractice and legal ethics matters. At the recommendation of attorney William Wernz, then director of the Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board, Lundberg began serving on the local ethics committee, and then on the Lawyers Board, including six years as board chair. He has since served in leadership roles in national groups, including as president of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

His career at Bassford Remele would span 35 years, until his retirement in 2015, when he launched a new professional phase as an adjunct professor at the Law School and founded Lundberg Legal Ethics, a consulting firm.

At the Law School, he has been teaching courses on legal ethics and malpractice; this past semester, he began teaching a blended course that’s never been taught in Minnesota before: Professional Responsibility and Legal Malpractice.

His consulting firm, meanwhile, provides services to attorneys ranging from quick advice on a short phone consult to retention as an expert witness to representation in disciplinary proceedings. “The specialty is now called the law of lawyering,”
Lundberg says, “It includes legal malpractice and legal ethics.”

In addition, Lundberg is a frequent speaker at national conferences on legal ethics topics and writes a monthly ethics column for *Minnesota Lawyer*.

“It was a lifelong dream to come back to the Law School as a professor,” Lundberg says. “Some things have changed, but the pursuit of excellence remains strong.”

**BRAD PEDERSEN CLASS OF 1986**

**IN 1976, WHEN BRAD PEDERSEN** was a high-school sophomore in Brookings, S.D., his father, Jim, had a suggestion for him. “He said, ‘You like computers and you like debate. I think you should try to combine the two,’” Pedersen recalls. “The combination of the two, of course, is being a patent attorney. So he set me on this path when I was just a sophomore in high school and I’ve never looked back.”

Today, Pedersen is the chair of the patent practice group at Patterson Thuente Pedersen in downtown Minneapolis, and his career path has not wavered much from the one his father envisioned. He has remained consistently focused on patent law—but his career has also been characterized by actual hands-on high-tech experience.

It started after he got a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from South Dakota State University in 1981. He worked for a Control Data subsidiary called Magnetic Peripherals, where he was on a team that built the world’s second one-gigabyte disc drive, which he describes today as “the size of a large refrigerator.” At the same time, he pulled together scraps from that project to build his own personal computer—which weighed about 60 pounds.

After three years he followed his father’s advice, enrolling at the Law School, where he was one of three students in his class with a technical background and where there were no patent law courses whatsoever. By the time he got his J.D. in 1986, however, things were changing due to the work of the Federal Circuit, which Congress had created a few years earlier to harmonize and improve the patent legal system. Pedersen was hired as an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles, where he launched his career in patent law.

A year later, not enamored of Los Angeles, Pedersen moved back to Minneapolis, where he has continued to apply a heavy dose of hands-on experience to his work. In addition
to his work on behalf of clients, Pederson is the CEO of Bloomington-based QFO Labs, creator of a remote-controlled gaming drone called the Quad Fighter. He’s also worked closely with, and written applications for, inventors of heart defibrillators and the world’s first one-gigahertz supercomputer.

“I feel that as a patent attorney, I’m much more able to help new entrepreneurs and startups to understand the challenges and issues that they’ll go through,” he says.

Pedersen is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and frequently returns to the Law School to talk with students about patent-law issues and potential careers.

**BY THE TIME SHE WAS A 3L AT** the Law School, Hamra Ahmad was certain of the career path she intended to follow. The immigration law course she had taken as a 2L, coupled with her work in the school’s Asylum Clinic during her second and third years, had made a lasting impression. “I realized that human rights work and immigration law were my passion,” recalls Ahmad, whose parents emigrated to the U.S. from Pakistan when she was a young child. “So that’s what I pursued after graduation.”

Ahmad’s career since then has remained consistently on course. In early 2017, she became the legal director of Her Justice, a New York City nonprofit that provides pro bono legal services to women who can’t afford lawyers in Family Court. It’s the fourth organization she’s worked for since getting her J.D.

Following law school, Ahmad was a staff attorney working on a newly launched project at the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis to assist Somali and Ethiopian immigrants. After two years, Ahmad and her husband moved to New York, where she joined My Sister’s Place, a social services agency that had just received a grant to help immigrant victims of domestic violence. When the grant expired, she became the organization’s legal director.

Ahmad stayed at My Sister’s Place for 12 years before taking a job as executive director of the Hudson Valley Justice Center, an organization that provides a range of legal services to immigrants and other New Yorkers. She stayed there for two years before joining Her Justice.

In her new job, Ahmad oversees a 13-lawyer staff and a broad-based volunteer program that enlists the pro bono services of lawyers working in 32 partner law firms plus dozens more.

Although Her Justice doesn’t focus on immigration law per se, many of the firm’s clients are immigrants who have been facing increased uncertainties and risks as the result of policy changes under the Trump administration.

“It’s a very challenging time,” Ahmad says. “There’s more of an ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] presence in family courts, and that’s affecting our clients, who are fearful of going to family court to file petitions.”

It’s also added to the workload, she

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**ANDREA WALSH (’88) NAMED CEO OF HEALTHPARTNERS**

Andrea Walsh (’88) was named chief executive officer of HealthPartners, a Minnesota-based nonprofit with 1,700 physicians, seven hospitals, 55 primary care clinics, 23 urgent care clinics, and numerous specialty care clinics. Walsh replaced Mary Brainerd, the previous CEO, who retired in June.

“I’ve been fortunate to work closely with Mary for much of my career,” said Walsh. “I look forward to leading HealthPartners and continuing our focus on providing the best and most affordable care and coverage for our patients, members, and the community.”

Walsh has worked for two decades at HealthPartners, first as senior vice president and corporate counsel and more recently as chief marketing officer. Ruth Mickelsen, chair of the HealthPartners board of directors, said the Law School graduate “has deep experience and will capably lead HealthPartners as its next president and CEO. The organization is positioned well for the future.”

Revenue at HealthPartners topped $5.7 billion in 2015, more than triple its revenue in 2002. Walsh is a native of Rochester, Minn. Her father, grandfather, and great-grandfather worked as physicians, and she previously served as assistant commissioner
says, because the volunteer lawyers need guidance and advice on how to deal with clients who are afraid to proceed with their cases.

The job is demanding, but Ahmad says she loves it. “It’s an interesting and varied spectrum of work and I enjoy that,” she says. “I’m really happy and proud to be where I am.”

“.As an attorney myself who has had a nontraditional career, it brings into focus the fact that Minnesota Women Lawyers is not a one-size-fits-all,” she says. “Many of us have career paths that are different than traditional practice.”

Brodin need look no further than her own career to provide a good example. Since receiving her J.D. in 2003, Brodin has worn many hats. She has practiced law, held administrative positions in nonprofit and academic settings, worked as an executive coach, and, most recently, worked for law firms as a client developer and lawyer recruiter.

She began her career in traditional fashion, as an attorney in the Coon Rapids, Minn., law firm Helgen & Helgen. She would remain there for more than seven years, working mostly part-time as she raised children and served as administrative director of the Plymouth Center, a nonprofit regional organization connected to her church. In 2007, she took on a new role as a consultant, providing professional development and career development coaching to individuals and guidance on strategic planning for nonprofits and law firms, a side venture that she continued for another nine years.

She left the Helgen firm in 2011 to become the director of career and professional development at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where she stayed for three years until taking a job as executive director of the Twin Cities office of Special Counsel, a legal staffing agency. In 2016, she joined the law firm of Merchant & Gould as the client development manager in its Minneapolis office, and in October 2017 she started a new job as director of lawyer talent at Briggs and Morgan in downtown Minneapolis, overseeing the firm’s lawyer recruiting and associate training and development.

Brodin says that she enjoyed practicing law, but has found that her true professional practice is helping the people who practice law. She also wants other women lawyers in Minnesota who have followed similar nontraditional courses to know that the 1,300-member Minnesota Women Lawyers welcomes them.

“We want it to feel like a place where every woman attorney in the state of Minnesota can find value and community,” she says. “It’s not exclusive in any way.”

By Dick Dahl, a freelance writer/editor based in St. Paul

KENDRA BRODIN
CLASS OF 2003

KENDRA BRODIN ASSUMED THE presidency of Minnesota Women Lawyers on July 1 with an expansive theme: “Welcome to the Big Tent.”

The theme, Brodin explained recently, is meant to suggest that for women lawyers in Minnesota, the legal profession can mean many things.

at the Minnesota Department of Health. Before attending the Law School, she earned business and English degrees at the University of Kansas.

JESSICA J.W. MAHER ('99) APPOINTED JUDGE IN MINNESOTA'S 1ST DISTRICT

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton appointed Jessica J.W. Maher ('99) to serve as a district judge in the state’s 1st Judicial District, which encompasses Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley counties. In making the appointment, Dayton praised Maher for her “exceptional commitment to public service” and said, “Minnesotans will be well served by her sound judgment and legal expertise.”

At the time of her appointment, Maher was a shareholder at Minneapolis-based Berg, Debele, DeSmidt & Rabuse. Previously, she clerked for Judge Gary Crippen, Minnesota Court of Appeals, and in the Office of the General Counsel at the University of Minnesota. Before attending the Law School, Maher earned her B.S. from Minnesota State University Mankato. She serves on the Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Protection Procedure Committee, is vice chair of the Hennepin County Bar Association Juvenile Section, is an American Academy of Adoption Attorneys fellow, and is a founding member of the local chapter of a charitable group.

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SHAN C. WANG ('02) APPOINTED JUDGE IN MINNESOTA’S 7TH DISTRICT

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton appointed Shan C. Wang ('02) to serve as a district judge in the state’s 7th Judicial District, which encompasses Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, and Wadena Counties. In making the appointment, Dayton praised Wang for the “diverse professional and volunteer experience he will bring to this important role.”

Wang had been assistant chief of the Criminal Division in the Stearns County Attorney’s Office, where he supervised the adult criminal division. Previously, he was an assistant Stearns County attorney and clerked for Judge Regina M. Chu. Before attending the Law School, Wang earned his B.A. from Chicago State University. He is president of the St. Cloud Public Library Board of Trustees, serves on the board of directors of the Stearns-Benton Bar Association, and is a past president of the John E. Simonett American Inn of Court.

JUDGE NICOLE STARR ('03) RECEIVES RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION DIVERSITY AWARD

Starr, a judge on Minnesota’s 2nd Judicial District bench since 2015, has been actively involved in human rights, diversity, and inclusion issues at local, national, and international levels for many years. Locally, she has organized tours of law offices for students of color. She served as vice chair of the St. Paul Human Rights Commission from 2005 to 2010 and has been a legal consultant for the Indian Child Welfare Center.

Starr served as president of the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2009 and on the Minnesota State Bar Association Assembly from 2005 to 2008. She was a volunteer with the Lambda Legal Defense Fund from 2001 to 2011. She also was a member of the Twin Cities-based PFund Racial Equity Initiative Leadership Program.

In addition to her service to the local community, Starr has made an impact on national and international human rights. In 2013, she was a legislative fellow with Partners of the Americas in Haiti. In 2010, through Rotary International, she participated in a group study exchange in India in which she examined the Indian legal system and presented to professionals throughout the southwestern part of the country. In the early 2000s, she served as a judicial law clerk in the Constitutional Court of South Africa and worked for the country’s Institute for Democracy as well.

ALEIDA ORTEGA CONNERS ('13) NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE MINNESOTA HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

Aleida Ortega Conners ('13) was named president-elect of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, which was founded in 1991 to organize Hispanic attorneys, judges, law students, and other concerned members of the Hispanic community into a force for professional and community benefit. Conners is an associate with the Minneapolis law firm of Fredrikson & Byron, where she specializes in corporate law and helping businesses expand into Latin American markets. Her MHBA term will extend through 2018.

Conners has been an active member of MHBA since 2011. She has served on the MHBA board of directors for three consecutive terms, most recently as vice president. During that time, Conners worked with MHBA members to prepare a winning bid package to host the 2020 Hispanic National Bar Association annual convention in Minneapolis. Since 2013, she has been a volunteer attorney for Volunteer Lawyers Network Spanish Legal Services. Conners is also a professional development committee member of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, a nonprofit whose mission is to create an inclusive legal community that strengthens the efforts of member organizations to attract, recruit, advance, and retain attorneys of color.
PAUL G. FEINMAN (’85) APPOINTED TO NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS

PAUL G. FEINMAN (’85) was unanimously confirmed in June as a judge on the New York Court of Appeals after serving two decades in the state’s intermediate appellate and criminal and civil trial courts. Yet back in law school, he says, “if someone had told me I would be a judge, I would have laughed.”

Public service was his goal, however, and a judicial externship with Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Susanne C. Sedgwick influenced his path. “She was very encouraging,” he recalls. “We worked on a case in which she chose to dissent, which was important to learn and has played a role throughout my judicial career. It was also my first exposure to how courts operate on the inside.”

Feinman began to see a judicial career as possible during stints as a public defender and trial lawyer in Manhattan. He often appeared before Judge Angela Mazzarelli, whose work he admired so much that he became her law clerk. “I began to realize that a judge, in many instances, particularly in trial courts, is someone who has a great deal of sway over how a case takes shape and progresses. Juries have the ultimate say, but judges often affect results.”

Described by colleagues as thoughtful, approachable, keenly analytical, and funny, Feinman is the first openly gay jurist on New York’s highest court. He’s had no special role in highlighting LGBT issues as a litigator or judge, although his activism in LGBT organizations is longstanding. “It doesn’t change how I decide cases, but it is important for the community to the extent that courts and government rely on the buy-in of the citizenry. When people see themselves reflected back in the people making decisions, they have greater faith in that decision-making,” he says. “And sometimes we make progress.”

What is most exciting about his new role, he says, “is how this court sets precedents for the entire state. We help answer questions that haven’t been decided yet, and we do sometimes decide policy. On the flip side, as the court of last resort, what we say is final. “That is a tremendous responsibility,” Feinman adds. “I am very, very humbled by the whole endeavor.”

By Cathy Madison

MINNEAPOLIS NAMES MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR ALAN PAGE (’78)

DISTINGUISHED (AND ATHLETIC) alumni such as Alan Page (’78) seldom get blindsided. Accolades often accompany achievements such as becoming the first African-American justice elected to the Minnesota Supreme Court, being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and handing out more than 6,750 Page Education Foundation scholarships. But the honor of having his name attached to the former Alexander Ramsey Middle School caught Page by surprise.

Justice Page Middle School was formally dedicated in Minneapolis on Sept. 1. “It came absolutely out of nowhere,” says Page, who had no prior connection to the 86-year-old school. “It would never have occurred to me. It’s not the kind of thing you go out and seek.”

Asked in early 2017 if he would agree to be considered, Page says he didn’t hesitate. Ramsey students, who study Minnesota history in sixth grade, have frequently objected to the legacy of their school’s namesake. (Alexander Ramsey, Minnesota’s governor during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 and the subsequent hanging of 38 Dakota men, called for the extermination of thousands of Dakota and Sioux Indians.) Last year’s students didn’t just object; they researched the name-change process, held community meetings, raised more than $17,000 to cover signage and record costs, and produced a list of potential candidates.

“In a sense, this process validates the things I believe in, and what I have sought to accomplish in the area of education,” says Page, citing the diligence required to navigate a complex system and effect change. “It wasn’t as though I thought I’d be the one.”

In fact, their choice caught him off guard. “Among those names was Prince. It was a student-driven process, and his name was by far the most recognizable on the list,” he says. “And sometimes we make progress.”

The students also chose to use Justice rather than Alan, a selection Page applauds. “To me, that adds special significance and meaning. As [late Law School professor] Don Marshall used to say, ‘Never whisper justice.’ Their entire process was about justice,” says Page. “It is indeed a singular honor. My sense is that having a school named after you is a pretty rare thing—for anybody.”

By Cathy Madison
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Danyll W. Foix (’88) 2017-18 Partners in Excellence national chair
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James Stewart of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick in Duluth, Minn., was named a 2017 Minnesota Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine.

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Joseph Dixon of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2017 Minnesota Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine. He was also recognized by The Best Lawyers in America for 2018.

1971
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1973
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1975
Kathryn Baerwald was awarded the Alumni Service Award by Valparaiso University.

1976
Stuart Gibson has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Schiff Hardin as tax counsel. He is a former editor of Tax Notes International and a former attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice and the IRS.

1977
Judge Edward Cleary was recognized as an outstanding alumnus by the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts.

1978
Alan Page, a retired Minnesota Supreme Court justice, received a lifetime achievement award from the University of Minnesota Office for Equity and Diversity as part of its Polaris Awards. This award recognizes leaders who provoke change throughout Minnesota and who have made extraordinary contributions to equity and diversity.

1980
Mary Foarde joined Stinson Leonard Street in Minneapolis as a partner in the firm’s health law practice. Previously, she was general counsel for Allina Health.

1981
Gregory Fontaine joined Stoel Rives in Minneapolis as a partner in the firm’s environmental, land use, and natural resources group.

1983
Stephen Gabrielson was chosen by the Expert Network as a distinguished lawyer, based on peer reviews and ratings as well as achievement throughout his career. The Expert Network is an invitation-only service for distinguished professionals.

1984
Kathryn Graves of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was ranked by Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top 50 women attorneys in Minnesota for 2017. She was also recognized by The Best Lawyers in America for 2018.

Paul Kilgore of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick in Duluth, Minn., was named a 2017 Minnesota Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine.
1985
Elizabeth Bransdorfer was elected treasurer of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Gregory Brooker became the acting United States attorney for the District of Minnesota. He previously served as first assistant U.S. attorney.

Paul Feinman, former associate justice of the appellate division of the Supreme Court in Manhattan, was confirmed as a judge on the New York Court of Appeals. He was nominated by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Jeff Saunders rejoined Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis as of counsel in the firm’s corporate group.

Patrick Seiler was selected Lawyer of the Year in Baton Rouge, La., in the health care law category, in the 2018 edition of Best Lawyers in America. This is the third time he has received this recognition for the representation he provides his health care clients.

Bruce Wojack joined Northern Trust in Chicago as senior vice president/wealth strategist.

1986
Benjamin Dille was appointed executive director of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of African Affairs. His Washington, D.C.-based office provides support to 47 embassies in sub-Saharan Africa. He previously ran the administration of the U.S. Embassy in Astana, Kazakhstan, and was a visiting professor at George Washington University.

Paul Heiring joined Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis as of counsel in the firm’s trial group. He has more than 30 years of experience and practices exclusively in the area of ERISA litigation and other employee benefits disputes.

David Johanson was named a Lifetime Achiever by Marquis Who’s Who, the world’s premier publisher of biographical profiles.

1987
Gary Debele joined Messerli & Kramer in Minneapolis as a shareholder in the family law group.

1988
Stephanie Ball of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick in Duluth, Minn., was ranked by Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top 50 women attorneys in Minnesota for 2017.

Andrea Walsh became the president and CEO of HealthPartners in Bloomington, Minn. She has been with HealthPartners since 1994 and has held various leadership positions.

1990
Deborah Amberg was promoted to chief strategy officer of regulated operations at ALLETE Clean Energy in Duluth, Minn., and to president of its subsidiary Superior Water, Light & Power in nearby Superior, Wis. She joined the company in 1990 as an attorney.

Keith Ellison, U.S. representative for Minnesota’s 5th Congressional District, received the Polaris Award from the University of Minnesota Office for Equity and Diversity in recognition of his work in government and public policy.

1991
Chad Baruch was a finalist for the presidency of the State Bar of Texas, along with Joe K. Longley. He is a shareholder in Johnston Tobey Baruch in Dallas and is board-certified in civil appellate law.

Jim Cownie was appointed deputy chief counsel for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

1992
Patricia Beety was appointed general counsel of the League of Minnesota Cities board of directors.

1993
Gina DeConcini has joined Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis in the firm’s business law and mergers, acquisitions, and corporate finance teams.

Lee A. Lastovich has been appointed managing principal of the Minneapolis office of Jackson Lewis. His practice focuses on employment defense litigation.

1994
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Joseph Selbka joined Plymert, MacDonald, Hargrove & Lee in suburban Chicago as an attorney.

Keiko Sugisaka of Maslon in Minneapolis received the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s Women in Business Award for 2017.

1998

Saud Al-Muraished has joined King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as senior legal counsel. KAPSARC was founded as a nonprofit global institution for independent research into the economics of energy in order to contribute to societal well-being and prosperity.

Nicole Johnson-Hoffman has been elected vice president of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.

Jason Lien is a new member of the governance committee at Maslon in Minneapolis. His litigation practice focuses on representing clients from the construction, real estate, and financial services industries.

Clara J. Ohr has joined East Coast Power & Gas in New York. She will be acting as general counsel for the energy service company.

Liwanag Ojala received the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s Women in Business Award for 2017. Ojala has been the CEO of CaringBridge, a global nonprofit social network, since 2016.

Rinky Parwani was honored by the Florida 13th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee for exceptional service to the community for her pro bono work on a domestic abuse case. She was also the winner of the 2010 Greater Brandon (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award in the Minority and Women Business category.

2001

Katie Aune was appointed the development director at Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C. In this role, she will lead fundraising efforts and help build relationships with foundation, corporate, and individual supporters.

Joseph Ortiz, a partner at Best Best & Krieger in Riverside, Calif., has been appointed to the California Fair Employment and Housing Council.

2002

John Boelter has rejoined Mayer Brown in New York as a partner in its corporate and securities practice.

OCTOBER 14, 2017
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DAY OF SERVICE

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

The Law School hosted two sites in the Twin Cities: painting at Southern Minnesota Legal Services and a cleanup with the Mississippi Park Connection.

1 Jennifer Cresti (‘07), a Bay Area alumni ambassador, led the volunteers at St. Anthony’s Foundation in San Francisco.
2 Kenzie Gerber (‘20), Kendra Fleming, Caleb Smith (faculty), Caroline Sell (‘20), and Emily Thornton (‘20) painting at Southern Minnesota Legal Services
3 Lauren Bergstrom (‘13), middle, with UMN alumni in New York
4 1L students joined Professors John Matheson and Jessica Clarke for a fall cleanup at Coldwater Spring Park in Minneapolis.
Nate LaCoursiere has received the 20 Under 40 Award from the Duluth News Tribune. The annual award goes to local leaders who are recognized as young “do-gooders” in the Duluth, Minn., community.

Margaux Soeffker was named a Minnesota Rising Star for 2017 by Super Lawyers magazine. She practices family law at Terzich & Ort in Maple Grove, Minn.

Shan Wang has been appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton as a district court judge in Minnesota’s 7th Judicial District.

Court Anderson has been selected as a Minnesota Rising Star for 2017 by Super Lawyers magazine. He is a litigator with experience in contractual disputes, business torts, employment, construction, and more.

Dan Augustyn of Augustyn Law Office in Lincoln, Neb., has been certified as a contract advisor (agent) for the NFL Players Association. He is one of fewer than 800 certified agents.

Rebecca Bernhard was named diversity co-chair at Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis. She will oversee the firm’s efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in its offices around the world. Her practice includes labor and employment, immigration, federal contract compliance, and audits.

Nicole Narotzky was appointed to serve as co-chair of the litigation practice group at Maslon in Minneapolis.

2003

Catherine Berryman joined the Philadelphia office of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughty as senior counsel. She focuses her practice in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, employment law, and education law.

Jaime Driggs of Henson & Efron in Minneapolis was named a 2017 Minnesota Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine. He was also recognized by The Best Lawyers in America for 2018.

Zachary Mushkatel of Mushkatel, Robbins & Becker in Phoenix has served as an instructor at the Arizona

1. Hannah Nelson (’17), Roxanne Thorelli (’17), Sanaa Assa (’17), Emily Hendricks (’17)
2. Family members and friends gathered to support and salute the newly admitted members of the Minnesota Bar.
College of Trial Advocacy, an intensive five-day workshop that serves as the flagship program of the State Bar of Arizona’s Trial Practice Section.

Aleava Sayre has joined Stoel Rives in Minneapolis as a partner in the firm’s environmental, land use, and natural resources group.

2005
Laura Coates is hosting a live, two-hour talk show on SiriusXM. The Laura Coates Show features her analysis of the trending news of the day and interviews with entertainers, politicians, Washington insiders, and game changers on the topics of politics, pop culture, and everything in between.

Michelle Horovitz, co-founder of Appetite for Change, received the prestigious Jaffee award for AFC’s innovative and successful efforts around grass-roots community-led food programs in north Minneapolis.

Bart R. McIlonie has joined Philadelphia-based Steiker, Greenapple & Fusco. His practice focuses on employee stock ownership plans.

Anne Paape joined Meristem Trust Company in Minnetonka, Minn., as director of estate planning, vice president, and general counsel. She will work alongside Meristem’s advisory team to provide internal expertise in the areas of estate, gift, trust, and wealth transfer.

Katharine Woomer Deters graduated from Leadership NC, a leadership development program in which leaders are selected from across North Carolina from a variety of sectors, including business and education. She is a staff attorney at the North Carolina Justice Center in Raleigh. She also received the 2017 Gwyneth B. Davis Public Service Award from the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys.

2006
Matthew Krueger was nominated to serve as United States attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

2007
Andrew Borene won the FBI’s Director’s Award for Exceptional Service in the Public Interest for coming to the aid of a woman who was being violently assaulted. Borene is a Marine combat veteran and current member of the U.S. intelligence community supporting the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity as a senior advisor from Booz Allen Hamilton.

Joshua M. Greenfield was promoted to counsel at Riker Danzig Scherl Hyland & Perretti in Morristown, N.J. He practices in the firm’s real estate group, focusing on complex commercial real estate matters.

Jessica Johnson has joined Punch & Associates in Edina, Minn., as a managing partner of the firm and head of the wealth strategies group. She will be involved in all aspects of the design and delivery of wealth planning services for private clients.

2008
Adam Ballinger was honored by Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal on its 40 Under 40 list of prominent leaders.

Jesse Berglund was hired as the city prosecutor for Eden Prairie, Minn.

Beth A. Jenson Prouty joined Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala in Minneapolis as an attorney.

Amanda Reinitz was selected to be the assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania’s criminal division.

2009
Noreen Sedgeman was elected to the board of directors of the Children’s Theatre Company in Minneapolis, the nation’s largest and most acclaimed theater for multigenerational audiences. She is currently a corporate attorney at Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis.

2011
Rachel Herder joined the faculty of Penn State Law as director of the Intellectual Property Clinic and assistant professor of clinical law.

2012
Ellie Bieł joined Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis as an associate with the product liability team.

2013
Peter Doely joined Maslon in Minneapolis as an associate in the litigation group.

Theresa Bea Halverson joined Messerli & Kramer in Minneapolis as an associate in the family law group.

Joshua P. Oie joined Moss & Barnett in Minneapolis. His practice focuses on litigation and accountant law.

Aleida Ortega Connors was named president-elect of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association. She is an associate at Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis.

2014
Kirk Carter is part of Hall Booth Smith’s new Jacksonville, Fla., team. He represents insureds in all phases of liability litigation.

James Castle joined Bowman and Brooke in Minneapolis as an associate.

John A. Sullivan joined Best & Flanagan in Minneapolis as an associate in the firm’s litigation, intellectual property, construction, and employment practice groups.

2015
Caitlinrose Fisher joined Greene Espel in Minneapolis as an attorney.

2016
Erik Haslam joined Borden, Steinhauer, Krueger & Knudson in Brainerd, Minn., as an associate. His practice focuses on family, real estate, landlord/tenant, estate planning, and probate law.

Will Orlady joined Fish & Richardson in Minneapolis as an associate.
2017 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 during 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.

Sam Diehl ('01)
Melvin Welch ('07)
Kristin Zinsmaster ('10)
Melissa Muro LaMere ('12)
Jamie Buskirk ('13)
Kelsey Rae Kelley ('13)
Eikoku Ikeno ('14)

2017 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION HONOREES

These Law School alumni were recognized with Minnesota Lawyer’s Diversity & Inclusion Award, which honors those in the legal profession that go above and beyond in their efforts to create a more diverse and inclusionary community.

Justice Paul Anderson ('68)
Senior Judge Michael J. Davis ('72)
Senior Judge Salvador Rosas ('76)
Justice Alan Page ('78)
Joan Bibelhausen ('83)
Ann Anaya ('93)
Robin Ann Williams ('93)
Chang Wang ('06)

2017 ALUMNI BOOK PUBLICATIONS

TODD M. JOHNSON ('79)
Fatal Trust (Bethany House Publishers, 2017)

DAVID KEMPSTON ('92)
That’s Why They Call It Practicing Law (Self-published, 2017)

JON K. LAUCK ('00)
From Warm Center to Ragged Edge: The Erosion of Midwestern Literary and Historical Regionalism (The University of Iowa Press, 2017)

JONATHAN ROSE ('63)

ROBERTA WALBURN ('83)
Miles Lord: The Maverick Judge Who Brought Corporate America To Justice (University of Minnesota Press, 2017)

For more alumni news or to submit a class note, go to: https://www.law.umn.edu/alumni.
More than 500 alumni returned to the Law School for the Spring Alumni Weekend, April 21-22, 2017, for a variety of all-alumni events as well as individual reunions for those classes celebrating milestone anniversaries.

www.law.umn.edu/spring-alumni-weekend

1 Class of 1997 gathered at the Minneapolis Woman’s Club
2 Taylor Stippel (’17), Katie Steffanides (’17), Bob Krizmanic (’16)
3 James Perez (’18), Tiffany Saez (’19), Dan Guerrero (’18)
4 Amy Bergquist (’17), Dianne Heinz (’73)
5 Professor Francis Shen
6 Ellen Yee (’97), Iris Lebowitz (’97), Kaitlin Hallet, Cecily Murray (’97), Scott Ihrig (’97), Susan Snyder (’98)
THANK YOU, PARTNERS AT WORK

Thank you to all volunteers, organizations, and firms that participated in the tenth annual Partners at Work challenge, which ended on June 30, 2017. Overall, 63% of alumni at 36 organizations made a gift to the Law School. This year, nine participating firms 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.

Special thanks to those organizations that finished at the top of each respective group!

GROUP 1 (UNDER 15 ALUMNI)

- Gaskins Bennett Birrell Schupp 100%
- Greene Espel 100%
- Hellmuth & Johnson 100%
- Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan 100%
- Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson 100%
- Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben 100%
- Vantage Law Group 100%
- Zimmerman Reed 100%

GROUP 2 (15-25 ALUMNI)

- Nilan Johnson Lewis 100%
- Bassford Remele 94%
- Maslon 73%
- Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren 65%
- Henson & Efron 57%

GROUP 3 (MORE THAN 25 ALUMNI)

- Winthrop & Weinstine 88%
- Gray Plant Mooty 82%
- Dorsey & Whitney 76%
- Lindquist & Vennum 68%
- Stinson Leonard Street 62%

For the full results of the Partners at Work challenge, go to www.law.umn.edu/give/partners-work
DAVID RYRIE BRINK
CLASS OF 1947

David Ryrie Brink, a former president of the American Bar Association and a nationally recognized expert in trusts, estates, and probate law, passed away on July 20. He was 97.

Brink was born in Minneapolis in 1919 to Newbery Award-winning author Carol Ryrie Brink (Caddie Woodlawn) and Raymond W. Brink, a University mathematics professor and author. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University in 1940 and enrolled at the Law School, but interrupted his legal education to serve as a Navy cryptographer in World War II. Returning in 1946 to finish his J.D., he served as editor of the Minnesota Law Review.

He joined the Minneapolis firm that would later become Dorsey & Whitney in 1947 and worked in trusts and estates under Harry Blackmun, the future U.S. Supreme Court justice. In 1953, Brink became a partner at Dorsey, succeeding Blackmun as head of its trusts and estates department. As he built his reputation in probate law, Brink was also taking on leadership roles in the profession. He served as president of the Hennepin County Bar Association (1967-68), Minnesota State Bar Association (1978-79), and the ABA (1981-82), after years of work on the ABA Board of Governors and many of its sections and committees. Brink remained a vigorous and successful practitioner during this period as well, becoming a fellow and later a regent of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the American College of Tax Counsel. He was a prolific writer and a frequent speaker on numerous legal topics.

Throughout his long career, Brink found time to pursue painting and sculpture. Following his retirement in 1989, he became active in the ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse and an advocate for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, an organization in which he mentored many other lawyers dealing with substance abuse problems. In his 80s, Brink became a poet, and in 2016, at the age of 96, he made his literary debut, publishing a collection entitled Beyond the Delta.

E. RICHARD LARSON
CLASS OF 1969

E. Richard Larson, a pioneering civil rights lawyer with the ACLU and the NAACP, among others, died July 22 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 73.

Born and raised in Minneapolis, Larson was a gifted student and athlete. After graduating from Dartmouth College, he followed his father—Earl Larson (’35), a federal judge and founder of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union—into the legal profession. After graduating from the Law School, Larson clerked for Judge Gerald W. Heaney (’41) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, who furthered his interest in civil rights. Indeed, Larson spent the rest of his life advocating on behalf of racial minorities and the poor.

Larson began his career in New York City with the newly created National Employment Law Center. In 1974, he became a national staff counsel with the ACLU, where he brought cases to integrate police departments around the country. In 1986, he joined the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund as its vice president for litigation. His work there included leading the litigation of Garza v. County of Los Angeles, a voting rights case that resulted in the creation of a predominantly Latino supervisorial district in the county. In 1997, Larson joined the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, where he led a team implementing the consent decree in Labor/Community Strategy Center v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Over two decades, that case resulted in billions of dollars of additional buses and service improvements for LA bus riders, who were mostly minorities.

Over the course of his career, Larson argued four cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and authored four books, including The Rights of Racial Minorities (1980) and Sue Your Boss (1981). He was an aficionado of the New York City Ballet, enjoyed attending classical music concerts at the Hollywood Bowl, and delighted in overseeing renovations to his home under the Hollywood sign.
## CLASS OF 1940
### Leo Wolk
- May 7, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### Edward I. Haligman
- March 19, 2017
- Greenwood Village, Colo.

### Ralph S. Tillitt
- September 8, 2017
- Alexandria, Minn.

## CLASS OF 1946
### Richard L. Post
- June 30, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### James H. Martin
- March 6, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### Paul W. Lohmann
- August 1, 2017
- Sacramento, Calif.

### Yoshio Nakamura
- March 25, 2017
- Wahiawa, Hawaii

### CLASS OF 1947
### David R. Brink
- July 20, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### John M. Robinson
- February 18, 2017
- San Diego, Calif.

## CLASS OF 1948
### Hosmer A. Brown
- October 3, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### Robert S. Krause
- April 24, 2017
- Mill Spring, N.C.

### CLASS OF 1949
### David R. Milton
- January 30, 2017
- Austin, Texas

### Edward I. Haligman
- March 19, 2017
- Greenwood Village, Colo.

### John P. Karos
- August 27, 2017
- Mound, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1950
### Richard H. Plunkett Sr.
- June 9, 2017
- Rochester, Minn.

### William R. Koenig
- April 18, 2017
- Granite Bay, Calif.

### CLASS OF 1951
### Robert W. Gislason
- January 22, 2017
- Oro Valley, Ariz.

### Jack D. Gage
- September 13, 2017
- Maple Grove, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1952
### George L. Mitchell
- July 5, 2017
- Clemson, S.C.

### CLASS OF 1953
### James Giller
- April 18, 2017
- Granite Bay, Calif.

### CLASS OF 1954
### Dwight H. Lindholm
- September 4, 2017
- Thousand Oaks, Calif.

### CLASS OF 1955
### William L. Devitt
- July 3, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1956
### Paul W. Lohmann
- August 1, 2017
- Sacramento, Calif.

### Ronald H. Schneider
- July 10, 2017
- Spicer, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1957
### Michael J. Galvin Jr.
- September 21, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1958
### John P. Karos
- July 8, 2017
- Wayzata, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1959
### Ronald O. W. Ylitalo
- March 30, 2017
- Grantsburg, Wis.

### CLASS OF 1960
### Leo J. Harris
- January 25, 2017
- St. Paul, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1961
### William E. Kretschmar
- August 17, 2017
- Venturia, N.D.

### CLASS OF 1962
### W. Scott Herzog
- May 23, 2017
- Alexandria, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1963
### Randall E. Kroening
- July 24, 2017
- New Ulm, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1964
### Harry T. Neimeyer
- May 23, 2017
- St. Paul, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1965
### Theodore K. Furber
- September 3, 2017
- Eden Prairie, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1966
### Dennis L. Olson
- September 23, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1967
### Faith L. Ohman
- April 8, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1968
### J. Steven Bergerson
- June 20, 2017
- Hermantown, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1969
### Howard L. Kaibel
- January 20, 2017
- Albuquerque, N.M.

### CLASS OF 1972
### E. Richard Larson
- July 22, 2017
- Los Angeles, Calif.

### CLASS OF 1974
### Ronald H. Schneider
- July 10, 2017
- Spicer, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1976
### William S. Keller
- May 10, 2017
- Tracy, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1978
### Frederick R. Koplin
- May 24, 2017
- Minneapolis, Minn.

### CLASS OF 1982
### Jay L. Grytdahl
- September 24, 2017
- Las Vegas, Nev.

### CLASS OF 1983
### Peter J. Scheuer
- September 21, 2017
- Cloquet, Minn.

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WHY I GIVE...

PHYLLIS REHA CLASS OF 1972

Phyllis Reha remembers the day she started law school and her conversation with a new friend as they walked away from their first classes.

“I confessed that I hadn’t even known what a tort was,” she recalls. “I was feeling very intimidated and I knew it would be a challenging three years.”

She describes her professors—including William Lockhart, Carl Auerbach, and Robert Stein (‘61), all future deans of the Law School—as “the legends.” Her classmates were overwhelmingly male; in Reha’s class, there were 12 women out of 220 graduates. Now, approximately half of 1Ls are women.

Reha decided in high school that she wanted to be a lawyer. “I wanted to be involved in changing the culture and helping the poor and disadvantaged,” she says. Reha served as one of the student directors of the Legal Aid clinic; after graduation, she moved to Michigan and provided legal services for migrant workers.

She currently runs her own consulting firm and donates her time to energy-related matters, including the Midwest Energy Storage Alliance, which is part of the Energy Transition Lab at the University of Minnesota.

HOMETOWN: Eagan, Minn.

CURRENT JOB: Owner of PAR Energy Solutions, a consultancy that provides strategic advice to clients about energy policy and utility regulation.

GIVING: Reha is a longtime supporter of the Law School. At first, she earmarked donations to the Legal Aid clinic where she served when she was a student. But as tuition rose, she pivoted her gifts toward scholarship funds.

WHAT YOU WON’T FIND ON HER RESUME: Reha enjoys skiing in northern Minnesota and attending plays at local theaters.

ADVICE TO FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS: “Try to soak up the knowledge and the experience of law school. You will learn about a different culture—the legal profession—but you’ll also learn about the wide variety of opportunities in the legal community. Try to keep an open mind. There are still great opportunities for public service.”
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—Alex Walsdorf (‘18)