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UCLA Professor Hiroshi Motomura
Public Lecture: DePaul Center, Room 8005,
3-4 p.m., reception to follow

January 31
Symposium: The Business & Law of Music
DePaul Center, Room 8000,
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

February 20
Centennial Lecturer:
Professor Susan Bandes

March 7
Law Alumni Awards
Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, 6 p.m.

April 13
Centennial U
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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This year we celebrate and anticipate. We celebrate a century’s association with DePaul University and we anticipate a future that contains untold opportunities for us as an educational institution and for our graduates in their careers.

Let me start by telling you about some of the great people who make up our college. As you will note on the next page, we are bringing in—or in one case, bringing home—several terrific new and visiting faculty. They bring experience and success in the classroom, thoughtfulness in their scholarship, and a deep penchant for engagement, with students and with our profession.

This fall we also will welcome a new class of students. These individuals chose law and DePaul in an economic environment that necessitates greater seriousness in choosing than students have faced in many years. They are a very strong class, exemplifying the school of opportunity we have always been. More than half are women, many are the first in their families to have the opportunity for professional study, and many come from groups not well-represented in our profession. Their sense of purpose in joining us will be amply rewarded as we provide new intellectual and professional opportunities for all our students.

July 2012 also marked the beginning of my second year as dean, and I want to take a moment to convey the continuing excitement I feel for our college. As many of you have heard me say, ‘every day I wake up excited about this job.’ I have had a chance to work with students, for example, in making our DePaul Law Auction a terrific success—it funded more summer stipends for students working in public interest law than have been funded in many years (see story, p. 5).

The auction saw our students at their best—joining together to communicate with our many constituencies to make it possible for their fellow students to serve the community and to learn simultaneously.

I have worked with our faculty—in making calls for students in need of jobs, in thinking of new programs that will assist our students, and in developing a community of faculty who have a genuine vision of DePaul as one of the most exciting places to learn law in the United States. In particular, the junior faculty members, the untenured, merit our special thanks as a community.

I have never seen a group band together in mutual support, commit themselves to professional and intellectual projects, and do so with greater energy than they. The foundation of the next century of DePaul College of Law rests in their hands. And I can tell you with certainty that it rests there safely.

Please join me in the many events of the coming year, the lectures from professionals and scholars, the opportunities to meet and to mentor our students, the talks and activities of our faculty, and, of course, the celebrations of what we have been and will become.
In Brief

2012-2013 New and Visiting Faculty

Cary Martin joins DePaul as an assistant professor. She most recently served as the William H. Hastie Teaching Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School, while pursuing a master’s in law.

Michael Grynberg joins DePaul as an associate professor. Previously, he served as an associate professor at Oklahoma City University School of Law, where he taught Administrative Law, Copyright, Information Privacy Law, Intellectual Property, Legal Analysis, Property and Trademark.

Monu Bedi joins DePaul as an assistant professor. He most recently served as the Bruce R. Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida, from 2010 to 2012. There he taught Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Federal Criminal Law, Military Law and Torts.

Professor Susan Bandes returns to DePaul, having served as professor and dean’s distinguished scholar at the University of Miami School of Law for 2011-2012.

David A. Rodriguez, returning visiting clinical professor

Emily Cauble, visiting assistant professor

Stefania Fusco, visiting assistant professor

Professor Gao Sheng, visiting scholar

Faculty and Personnel Updates

Professor Brian Havel was appointed to a second term as the Keeley Visiting Fellow at Wadham College, University of Oxford.

Joshua Sarnoff was named a full professor with tenure.

William A. Chamberlain joined the College of Law as the new dean of Law Career Services. He most recently served as assistant dean for career strategy and advancement at Northwestern University School of Law.

Francine Soliunas (BA ’70, JD ’73) joined the senior administration as dean for strategic and community alliances.

Former State Department transportation official visits College of Law

John R. Byerly, the State Department’s longest-serving deputy assistant secretary for transportation affairs, engages with students during his visit as the International Aviation Law Institute’s scholar-in-residence in April. He shared his views on international aviation, diplomacy and his long career at the State Department. From 2001 until his retirement from government service, Byerly was the lead U.S. negotiator for air transport agreements, including the landmark U.S.-EU Open Skies agreement and the U.S.-Japan air transport agreement.

Harvard Law Professor Kenneth Mack delivers annual Enlund Lecture

As DePaul College of Law’s spring 2012 Enlund Scholar-in-Residence, Harvard Law Professor Kenneth W. Mack delivered the lecture “A Civil Rights History in the Age of Obama” in April. He discussed ways to reframe the conventional methods of teaching and writing the history of the civil rights movement, with a particular emphasis on the legal history of the African American civil rights movement. He suggested that the “Age of Obama” makes such a reframing imperative at present.

Professor Mack served as co-director of the Harvard Law School Legal History Colloquium for four years, and as co-director of the annual workshop, “Race-Making and Law-Making in the Long Civil Rights Movement,” at Harvard’s Charles Warren Center for American History for the 2008-2009 academic year. His teaching and research areas include American legal and constitutional history, civil rights history, race and the law, and property. He is the author of REPRESENTING THE RACE: THE CREATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER, and co-editor of THE NEW BLACK: WHAT HAS CHANGED—AND WHAT HAS NOT—with RACE IN AMERICA.
“Does Dukes really matter?” I was asked this question by retired Illinois appellate court judge and faculty member Warren Wolfson over lunch in fall 2011. The question gnawed at me, and acted as the seed that became the 22nd Annual DePaul Law Review Symposium: “Class Action Rollback? Wal-Mart v. Dukes and the Future of Class Action Litigation.”

Chicago attorneys, the DePaul law school community and professors from across the country, and even from outside the country—one speaker flew in from London—welcomed the event with great enthusiasm. Professor Suzette Malveaux served as the day’s keynote speaker. Visiting from Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., Professor Malveaux teaches, writes and frequently provides commentary for news organizations including CNN, MSNBC and the New York Times. Professor Malveaux discussed the Supreme Court’s recent procedural opinions, including Dukes, and what these mean for class members’ quests for “empowerment through aggregation.”

University of Illinois Professor Suja Thomas opened the event by suggesting that Dukes is likely an “oddball case” that largely redefined an area of law based on bizarre facts. Mark Perry, nationally renowned partner at Gibson Dunn who represented Wal-Mart in the Dukes case, offered an impassioned defense of—the defense. Perry suggested that Dukes serves to demand better, “crisper” class actions in the future. Perry challenged the audience by suggesting that fewer class actions may actually be a good thing for everyone involved.

The day included three fascinating panel discussions, each illuminating another facet of the Dukes opinion. Professor Wendy Netter Epstein, Chicago-Kent College of Law; Marcia McCormick, Saint Louis University; William H.J. Hubbard, University of Chicago; and Andrew Trask, McGuire Woods, intensely debated whether and how Dukes created “new” rules of class certification. Naomi Schoenbaum, University of Chicago; Lesley Wexler, University of Illinois; and Steven Greenberger, DePaul University, offered three fascinating ramifications of Dukes in the realm of employment practices. Finally, Trask; George Robot, Stowell & Friedman; and Anthony Fata, Cafferty Faucher, offered a series of practical implications of the Dukes case for class action practitioners.

Based on speaker and attendee feedback, the “Class Action Rollback?” symposium was a monumental success. One attendee said, “This was one of best programs I have attended in my 30 years of practice.” It was even suggested that the 12 panelists combine their presentation into a Wal-Mart v. Dukes handbook for practitioners. This suggestion is now in the works: all of the speakers have expressed interest in turning their presentations into articles for the DePaul Law Review’s 23rd annual symposium issue, scheduled to print in early 2013.

Chris Burrichter (JD ’12) served as DePaul Law Review’s 2011-2012 symposium editor.

CIPLIT hosts visiting artist Reginald Lawrence

In April, Chicago director, actor, playwright and arts educator Reginald Lawrence (Shepsu Aakhu) discussed legal issues he has faced in his multidimensional career as the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology’s (CIPLIT™) visiting artist. In particular, he focused on the life cycle of a theatrical production—from dealing with authors, to hiring actors, directors and crew, to mounting the finished production. He shared his perspective on legal questions related to collaboration, intellectual property and production credit. Leading Chicago arts attorney David Adler joined the conversation, and Professor Margit Livingston moderated the discussion.

Multidisciplinary artist Reginald Lawrence (center), Professor Margit Livingston (left) and IP attorney David M. Adler (JD ’97) discuss the legalities of creativity.
By David Zwaska

In an event titled “SCAMMED! Whose Brand is Next?”, CIPLIT and IPLAC presented an afternoon of short lectures by brand managers, legal experts and enforcement officials who shared experiences identifying and shutting down branding scams. The program emphasized shutting down Internet-based scams and included a discussion on the recent 4th Circuit decision in Rosetta Stone v. Google regarding search engine liability for third parties using sponsored links.

CIPLIT and IPLAC also explored IP and antitrust legal issues surrounding collaborative standard setting, which firms frequently participate in to set technological standards for use in designing interoperable products or services. Panelists Patrick Roach of the FTC, Professor Michael Jacobs of DePaul Law, and Dr. Claudia Tapia Garcia of Research In Motion Ltd., addressed collaborative standard setting from a government, academic and industry perspective.

IP experts take on provocative legislature with CIPLIT panel discussions

In April, the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT®) and the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC) hosted a series of panel discussions covering the hot topics of online piracy, branding scams and the collaborative standard setting.

Attorneys Phillip Barengolts of Pattishall McAuliffe; Louis Alex, Cook Alex; and William McGrath, Davis McGrath, discussed the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), a bill introduced by U.S. Representative Lamar S. Smith (R-TX), and the Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act (PROTECT IP Act or PIPA), a similar Senate bill introduced in 2011. The bills generated substantial attention earlier this year, including a service blackout by Wikipedia, Reddit and others, and a massive online petition effort to prevent their adoption. Following the public outcry, the House and Senate postponed the votes on the bills. Moderated by Professor Joshua Sarnoff, the panel discussed the concerns motivating both proponents and opponents of SOPA/PIPA and the possibility of both sides reaching a resolution.

Alumni support brings big numbers to annual DePaul Law Auction

By David Zwaska

What do Bulls tickets, WhirlyBall games with professors, and Cubs rooftop passes have in common? They all helped raise more than $30,000 at the DePaul Law Auction in February. The money raised at the auction helps fund public interest summer fellowships for students pursuing legal careers that benefit indigent individuals and disadvantaged communities. Events like the auction are critical to enabling students to continue the work they came to law school to pursue, as most public interest summer positions are unpaid.

This year, the 16th annual DePaul Law Auction, formerly known as the Public Interest Law Association (PILA) Auction, raised 65 percent more revenue than in 2011 and saw a marked increase in alumni attendance over previous years. Dean Gregory Mark generously hosted this year’s “Sweet 16” Auction at the Union League Club of Chicago, which helped set the tone for the gala event. More than 150 alumni and students attended, along with a large number of professors and faculty.

The “Sweet 16” Auction marks a real upgrade in fundraising for public interest students. PILA public relations chair Bret Bender sees the new format as a positive move. “This was a transition year for the auction as it moved from being a red cup party to a formal affair,” says Bender. “After 16 years, it’s the right time for the auction to mature. With Dean Mark showing such a strong interest in the auction this year, I suspect it will grow and prosper for years to come.”

DePaul follows in the steps of other law schools that hold formal auctions to benefit public interest scholarships. When Dean Mark served at Rutgers, a formal auction raised more than $44,000 and funded summer grants for 12 students to pursue public interest work. PILA and the Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) hope the DePaul Law Auction will eventually raise a comparable amount of funds for DePaul students.

A small group of dedicated students were instrumental in making this year’s auction a success. Auction committee co-chair Sami Silverstein led the planning and worked closely with Dean Mark to create the new format. “The auction is a testament to what students can do if they push the envelope and work together to achieve a goal,” says Silverstein. “Dean Mark constantly reminds us that if guaranteed funding is something we want, it’s something that we need to push for. Consider this year’s auction the first push for guaranteed funding.”

As Silverstein points out, students need to push for the initiatives and funding opportunities that can support public interest career paths. Next year’s auction will likely follow the 2012 format, with high hopes of raising up to $100,000 to celebrate the College of Law’s 100th year.
In Brief

Cultural heritage symposium mines landscape of repatriation claims

Lubna S. El-Gendi (LL.M. ’12)

In October, DePaul’s Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law will host a symposium to address the underlying legal, ethical and moral reasons and policies behind the repatriation of archaeological and ethnographic objects.

In recent years, countries of origin have successfully recovered archaeological and ethnographic objects illegally removed from the country of origin. Indigenous and Native American communities also have successfully recovered cultural artifacts excavated from ancient burial sites. Such recoveries are the result of a patchwork of legal rules, treaties and nonlegal pressure placed on the current possessor. While the museum community and some players within the market community accept that archaeological objects unprovenanced before 1970 should not be acquired without proof of legal export, countries of origin seek to move beyond 1970 as the generally accepted cut-off for repatriation claims and continue to request the repatriation of objects appropriated during imperialist and colonial times or as a result of warfare.

The underlying bases supporting repatriation in such cases are often unclear, and the validity of these repatriation claims is hotly debated.

While repatriation claims are often based on moral rights, many revolve around different laws and treaties, including national ownership laws and the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. U.S. indigenous communities have made repatriation claims for cultural artifacts on the basis of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

NAGPRA, often viewed as human rights legislation, provides a method for Native American and indigenous communities to seek the return of human remains and cultural artifacts found on federal or tribal lands, or held by institutions that receive federal funding.

DePaul’s cultural heritage symposium will bring together lawyers, museum professionals, representatives of indigenous communities, and other scholars and experts in the field to examine the reasons behind the repatriation of cultural artifacts. World-renowned historian Lynn Nicholas will deliver the keynote address. She is the author of The Rape of Europa, a groundbreaking history of the looting of artworks during World War II that has become the fundamental account of this era. Her work exemplifies the best of historical research with relevance to restitutionary justice for victims of the Holocaust.

Symposium panels will address the justification of repatriation requests, evidence concerns and researching provenance. An ethics panel will focus on issues museum attorneys need to consider, in light of the fiduciary obligation to conserve museum resources and assets, before agreeing to repatriate a cultural object, as well as issues that arise when a claim is made against an object consigned to an auction house, which has fiduciary obligations to the consignor.

“Repatriation of Archaeological and Ethnographic Objects” will be held on October 29, at the DePaul Center, 1 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois MCLE, including ethics credit, will be offered for this event.

Please visit law.depaul.edu/art_museum/conference for details and to register.
Clifford Symposium celebrates Wisconsin Law Professor Marc Galanter

In April, academics, attorneys, colleagues and friends from across the country gathered to celebrate Wisconsin Law Professor Emeritus Marc Galanter’s work at the 2012 Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy. Professor Galanter is a longtime friend and contributor to the annual symposium.

Since the 1960s, Professor Galanter has been one of the most insightful and influential analysts of America’s civil justice system. He harnessed the power of social science tools to cast new light on a wide range of topics including access to justice, civil legal practice and the jury trial. And in more than half a dozen books and literally hundreds of speeches and articles, he has analyzed and dissected the adjudicatory processes.

Now in its 18th year, the Clifford Symposium brings the latest scholarship and advances in legal practice to lawyers and scholars who specialize in tort law, civil justice and related fields. In 1994, noted personal injury attorney and alumnus Robert A. Clifford (JD ’76) endowed a faculty chair in tort law and social policy, giving meaningful expression to his belief that the civil justice system serves a number of vital interests in American society. In addition to the symposium, it provides support for faculty research and training. Professor Stephan Landsman currently holds the chair.

Students shadow Cook County judges

Each spring and fall, students have the opportunity to participate in the Institute for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution’s Shadow-a-Judge program. In April, 17 law students experienced a day in the life of several Cook County judges.

Nine students shadowed judges at the Cook County Circuit Court Criminal Division, where they had a question and answer session with Judges Kazmierski, Hill and Fox. Students also observed a variety of evidentiary and status hearings, a 402 conference and a felony jury trial.

“I had a wonderful time during the Shadow-a-Judge trip,” says student Samuel Jackson. “It was the first time that I had the opportunity to talk to a judge in his office about the law and the work that goes on in the courtroom.”

Eight students shadowed judges at the Cook County Circuit Court, 5th Municipal District, in Bridgeview. Students also met presiding Judge Raymond L. Jagielski and representatives from the state’s attorney’s and public defender’s offices.

“I really enjoyed the day,” says student Victoria Ger. “Meeting the judges and hearing their points of view on court proceedings, law practice and even current events was very insightful.”
In Brief

Restauri and Schweers excel in patent law moot court competition

By Kortney Moore

After a demanding six months of preparation, Nicholas Restauri’s (JD ’12) and Rachel Schweers’ (JD ’13) hard work and dedication paid off with a regional first-place finish, two best brief awards and the national title of runner-up at the American Intellectual Property Law Association’s Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition.

Restauri and Schweers formed a team in November 2011, soon after the release of the competition problem. The brief writing process took them through the end of the year, and in mid-January, they finalized their briefs for the regional competition held in Chicago in March. Unlike most moot court competitions that require participants to write one brief, the patent moot requires students to write briefs for both sides of the argument. Schweers, a patent agent with a Ph.D. in biochemistry and recipient of a Robert and Clytia Chambers Endowed Prize for Excellence in the College of Law, says, though this requirement made more work for the team at the onset of the writing process, “it also facilitated our ability to more effectively advocate for either side of the issues.”

“Rachel and I spent a great deal of time going back and forth over our briefs,” says Restauri, a third-year student who received the 2012 Allen J. Hoover Memorial Award. “We scrutinized every sentence and rewrote portions multiple times. The process was long and very tedious, but Rachel and I played off each other’s individual writing strengths and eventually arrived at the final products.” The team received awards for best appellant brief and best appellee brief at the regional level, where they competed against 26 teams to win first place and advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C., in April.

To prepare for oral arguments, the team practiced two days a week for seven weeks before the regional, and after winning, continued to rehearse two days a week until the national competition. They also benefited from the assistance and support of DePaul intellectual property law professors, the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology, and alumni who previously competed in the patent moot.

“Our professors and other mooters were indispensable for this portion,” says Restauri. “While we had many mooters that came and helped out on various days, Professors Bressler, Sarnoff and Volini were regular players. Each had their own style as a judge and added an invaluable component to the overall process.”

Schweers adds that the feedback provided during practice sessions was vital to the team’s growth and success.

“Faculty members and alumni posed challenging questions and topics, which allowed us to prepare our arguments to address the issues, as well as to obtain excellent suggestions for oral presentation styles and how to professionally demonstrate effective advocacy for a client.” She considers this interaction one of the most valuable aspects of her overall experience.

At nationals, Restauri and Schweers spent the majority of their time preparing for the head-to-head competition. Still, they found a little time to take in the accomplishment of advancing to the national level and the grandeur of arguing in front of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

“Many attorneys go their entire careers without ever arguing a case in this court, and I felt extremely privileged to be in the Federal Circuit arguing in front of Judge Prost and Judge Reyna,” says Restauri. “That in itself was worth the entire six months of work.”
ABA Client Counseling Competition
Brandon Baseman and Zariah Udeh placed first in the ABA Client Counseling Competition, Midwest Regional. They defeated John Marshall Law and the University of Illinois in the finals to move on to the national championship in North Carolina, where they finished third overall. Professors Sarah Klaper, Deborah Pergament and Andrew Cunniff coached the team.

Moot court competition focuses on Theft of Major Artwork Act
Seventeen student teams from across the country addressed issues concerning the Theft of Major Artwork Act in the third annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition, held at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in downtown Chicago in February. The competition, organized by the Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law, the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology, the Appellate Moot Court Society and the Lawyers’ Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation, featured judges William J. Bauer (JD ’52), Diane P. Wood and Mary Mikva, of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and former Illinois appellate judge Warren Wolfson on the final round judges’ panel.

Whittier National Juvenile Law Competition
Patrick Viktora and Kelly Olivier are the champions of the 17th annual National Juvenile Law Moot Court Competition, which was held at Whittier Law School in February. They defeated a team from UC Hastings in the final round, and argued in front of former DePaul professor and founding dean of UC Irvine School of Law, Erwin Chemerinsky. The team’s first-place award included a $1,000 academic scholarship.

The competition problem focused on “child health through the lens of the foster care system.” Teams explored legal issues relating to children’s health and upbringing, including poverty and access to community resources. Legal writing instructor Allison Ortlieb coached the team.
DePaul students win IP LawMeet

DePaul third-year students Michael Comeau and Julie Krupa won the inaugural national IP LawMeet held at Drexel University in February. The team defeated Northwestern Law in the final round and received an award for the best term sheet drafted on behalf of the client.

The IP LawMeet is an interactive competition that focuses on transactional skills and negotiation. Each participating team represented one of two parties in a proposed transaction involving the transfer of intellectual property rights to a portfolio of social network games.

The students started preparing for the meet during the College of Law’s winter break. Comeau says participating in the IP LawMeet was a great experience and credits his coursework and coaches for the team’s success. “Our coaches really helped us understand the complex issues involved in an international IP licensing agreement,” he says. “The time we put in was well worth it as it allowed us to confidently negotiate with the other teams in each round of the competition over the two-day meet.”

DePaul alumni Anne Jordan (JD ’80), of counsel at Mandell Menkes LLC, and John Paniaguas (JD ’82), partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, coached the team.

“The competition involved a critique by the judges after each negotiating session, and the comments were in many cases just over the top in describing how well [Comeau and Krupa] had done,” says Jordan. “My informal conversations with some of the judges were consistent with the view that the DePaul team had a better understanding of what they were supposed to accomplish in the mock negotiation, and that they put forward a number of creative solutions to try to move the mock deal forward that other teams had not proposed.”

Comeau graduated with a JD/MBA this spring and accepted a position with Dykema Gossett in Michigan. Krupa, a 2012 JD graduate, will sit for the Illinois bar and is seeking an associate position in the area of general corporate or intellectual property law.

PBCSI honors 100 students and alumna Kellye Fabian for volunteer work

DePaul College of Law’s Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative (PBCSI) presented awards to more than 100 law students and to one outstanding alumna for volunteer work at its annual service awards reception in April.

Students who completed and reported at least 50 hours of volunteer work during their time at DePaul received awards. Graduating students who completed at least 200 hours of service and who best exemplified the Vincentian commitment to service and social justice received Benjamin Hooks Distinguished Public Service Awards. This year 35 students received the award, which is named for 1948 law alumnus and civil rights activist Benjamin Hooks.

In addition to the students, PBCSI recognized alumna Kellye Fabian (JD ’00) for her deep commitment to pro bono work and service to the poor with the 2012 Pro Bono Alumni Award. Fabian, a partner at Freeborn & Peters where she practices commercial litigation, is co-founder of Willow Creek Legal Aid Ministry. Launched in 2009 and housed in a food pantry in Hoffman Estates, the ministry provides free legal services every Tuesday in the areas of family law, consumer debt, immigration law, and foreclosure, among others. Approximately 20 pro bono attorneys, including Fabian, assist clients, and to date, have served more than 3,000 people.

Fabian is also the vice president and a board member of Shama Ministries, a nonprofit organization serving Chicago’s inner-city communities and men and women recently released from prison. She is a former board member of Housing Opportunities for Women, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women, children and families to break the cycle of poverty to homelessness.
DePaul project offers legal assistance to the neighborhood

By Margaret Duval

Every Saturday morning, dozens line up outside Grace Place Episcopal Church in the South Loop, many before the doors open at 8:30 a.m., to ensure they are at the front of the line for the free breakfast served by volunteers from Temple United Methodist Church. In March, breakfast guests had a new reason to queue up early: the launch of the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Project (NLAP).

The project, a collaboration between DePaul’s Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative (PBCSI) and Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL), provides legal assistance on issues related to criminal records and state identification, both common problems for many of the breakfast guests.

PBCSI Director Cheryl Price says, “NLAP is an effort to bring the law school’s resources to bear on the needs of people who are quite literally our neighbors.” Most of the breakfast guests (there are more than 150 on an average Saturday morning) live at the nearby Pacific Garden Mission or on the streets near the law school. For many, their criminal records or lack of state IDs pose significant barriers to finding stable housing and employment.

Student volunteer Sam Keen had only positive things to say about the new project. “This is the most excited I’ve been about anything since I started law school. It’s great to be able to listen to the complicated and tragic problems these men and women are facing, and to be able to offer solutions, however minimal, to their difficult legal problems. NLAP is great for the volunteers as well, because it allows us to witness how energized and empowered people feel when given even just some representation in our legal system.”

Given the level of support and enthusiasm from student volunteers and partners such as DePaul’s Loop University Ministry, the Chicago Temple, Cabrini Green Legal Aid and the Franciscan Outreach Association, NLAP is likely to grow. Its current funding, from a combination of generous sources including the College of Law, the Vincentian Endowment Fund, the Chicago Temple and private donors, will keep the legal help desk running through May 2013. If student volunteers and the hungry guests at Grace Place have their way, NLAP will be a permanent addition to the neighborhood.
At its May 2012 commencement, the College of Law welcomed John B. Simon (JD ’67), partner at Jenner & Block and a DePaul trustee, as the graduation speaker and honorary degree recipient. The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul president, conferred degrees on the graduates, and Vice Dean David Franklin and Donald Mrozek (JD ’73), chair of the Law Dean’s Council, inducted the new alumni during the ceremony held at the Akoö Theatre in Rosemont, Illinois.

1. SBA President Chastidy Burns carries the DePaul University mace.
2. John Simon delivers commencement address.
3. Vice Dean David Franklin announces faculty and staff awards.
When Gwen Daniels (JD ‘99) enrolled in DePaul University College of Law in the mid-90s, she thought she would eventually become a tax attorney. Having majored in accounting with a minor in computer science, the career path seemed like a natural fit.

But shortly into her legal education, things took an unexpected turn. Congress defunded national support for legal services, which hampered the efforts of legal aid agencies. In order to continue to provide legal services to their constituents, these agencies began developing websites that would eventually be able to provide legal resources to the general public.
“After law school, I ended up working for the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law,” Daniels says. “I came in at a time when they were just thinking about digitizing their body of court pleadings. Because of my technology background, I got involved with that and ended up creating the organization’s first website.”

In 2001, Daniels continued to straddle the legal and technology worlds as part of the team that helped create Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO), a nonprofit that delivers legal resources to lower-income Illinois residents, pro bono attorneys and other legal aid organizations through the innovative use of technology.

“Illinois Legal Aid Online is a great place to be because I always get to innovate new technologies,” says Daniels, who currently serves as the organization’s director of technology development. “Technology changes every five years, so we are always building something new and finding new ways to deliver legal information and services over the Internet.”

Virtual Legality

The movement to provide legal services and resources via the Internet is, to some extent, a natural evolution of the profession. But there are other factors that have made law’s digital shift more of a necessity than a novelty.

For one, society has become more dependent on digital technology than ever. According to the Pew Institute, 44 percent of American adults own a smartphone. Meanwhile, there are now more than 800 million active Facebook users and more than 100 million Twitter users.

“Look at younger people now,” Daniels says. “They expect text messaging; they expect social media; they expect collaboration and a strong Web presence. If you are not there, they are not going to find you.”

ILAO currently provides its services via several online portals: illinoislegalaid.org, illinoislegaladvocate.org, illinoisprobono.org and the Spanish-language ayudalegalil.org. Resources include downloadable legal articles, multimedia content, online referral services, digital directories and cutting-edge interactive automated forms.

“With the digital environment, you don’t have to worry about opening and closing business hours; technology spans geography so we can serve even those located in very remote areas; and the nature of the technology makes our services very scalable, which is a benefit you don’t get with the delivery of one-on-one legal services,” says Teri Ross (JD ‘06), ILAO’s program director.

One of the organization’s most popular online tools is its interactive uncontested divorce interview. In all, there are around two dozen forms that could be applicable to an individual’s uncontested divorce. Many people do not have the income to pay for a lawyer to assist with the process, nor do they have the knowledge to understand which forms apply to their case. ILAO’s guided tool makes the process manageable by prompting users with simple questions. The tool then uses the respondent’s answers to automatically generate only the necessary forms.

From left: Stephanie Villinski, Teri Ross and Gwen Daniels.

Daniels is at the forefront of a major paradigm shift in the practice of law, one that embraces technology and uses it in innovative ways to deliver legal information and services. She, along with a number of other DePaul law graduates, are capitalizing on their technological and entrepreneurial skills to usher the legal industry into the future.

Virtual Legality

The movement to provide legal services and resources via the Internet is, to some extent, a natural evolution of the profession. But there are other factors that have made law’s digital shift more of a necessity than a novelty.
**Self-Starters**

Besides altering the delivery of legal information, technological innovation has provided new opportunities for those entering the legal profession, particularly those with an entrepreneurial mindset.

Alumnus Nick Annese is one of these entrepreneurs. When Annese graduated in 2010, he faced an uncertain job market. At the time, open associate positions were a scarcity, particularly in contrast to the deluge of newly christened lawyers entering the field. In addition, the long hours and notorious work-life imbalance of corporate law did not appeal to him.

“I wasn’t really much into the idea of getting into ‘big law’ because of the lifestyle, nor did I have the option,” Annese says. “So doing something different was really out of necessity.”

Annese, along with Ryan Aprill (JD ’10), came up with an idea to deliver legal services to the broad consumer market using a model perfected by other online professional service providers and do-it-yourself legal document providers such as Legal Zoom. Six months after graduating, they founded Ally Law, an online portal (allylaw.com) that provides legal services and collaborative legal counsel to individuals and small businesses.

“I feel the legal industry has been incredibly traditional, especially compared to other service industries such as the finance and tax industries,” Annese says. “I see the legal industry changing. It is more efficient to use an online model. A lot of firms are going to have to find a way to compete with that.”

Ally Law primarily assists with documents related to estate planning, real estate, and business formation and operation as well as company annual reports. The virtual firm’s clients are able to collaborate with a licensed attorney to develop personalized legal documents for their family and business needs. Once finalized, the client can download and sign the completed legal document with the peace of mind that an attorney has thoroughly reviewed the document to ensure its legal validity.

Annese credits his success, in part, to his entrepreneurial thinking. Unlike in the past where law students may have had a clear career track, the current job market benefits those who can think outside the box.

“Being entrepreneurial within the legal industry is going to be more important than it has been,” Annese says. “There are fewer and fewer legal jobs than there are law students graduating every year. It’s already competitive as is. I think being a self-starter will certainly be a benefit.”

**Educating Yourself**

As Daniels and Annese demonstrate, legal career paths are not always a straight line. In this digital age, it certainly helps to build up your business and technology skills to maintain an edge. While law schools start to incorporate business and technology education into their curriculums, there are a number of other resources law students and practicing lawyers can use to educate themselves.

The American Bar Association provides a number of resources through its Legal Technology Resource Center, while some local bar associations have begun to build out their own technology sections. For example, the Chicago Bar Association has a Law
The evolution of virtual legal services has coincided with the widening use of mobile applications. This has been especially fruitful for Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO), which has seen its constituency shift from relying on laptops and desktops to exclusively relying on mobile devices.

“Doing anything for the mobile environment is important because for more and more people that is their primary point of access to the Internet,” says Teri Ross, ILAO’s program director. “It’s only going to become more important as the technology improves, cheaper devices hit the market and application development becomes easier.”

Mobile application development has become a high priority for ILAO. To better serve its constituents, the organization recently developed two free applications for iOS (Apple) and Android devices and is in the process of developing a third:

- **Illinois Legal Aid App**
  Designed for lower-income residents who need legal assistance, this app provides legal information and referrals to courthouse legal self-help centers and specialized legal aid agencies.

- **Illinois Pro Bono App**
  This app provides Illinois attorneys and legal professionals with a volunteer opportunity search tool as well as instructional legal content.

- **Ayuda Legal Illinois**
  Currently in development, this app will provide a Spanish-language version of AyudaLegalIL.org.
Reverend John T. Richardson

With the recent publication of his memoirs, “The Playful Hand of God,” Father John T. Richardson, C.M., has recalled highlights that span nearly half of the university’s 114-year history. Fr. Richardson, who returned to DePaul in 2010 following a 13-year mission in Kenya, East Africa, was DePaul’s ninth president. He had also served as executive vice president, dean of faculties, dean of the graduate school, member of the Board of Trustees, and now chancellor of the university. Almost six decades ago, Fr. Richardson even found time to teach a course at the College of Law. Dialogue recently sat down with the chancellor to discuss this unique chapter in his career.

“This respect between students and faculty is most important in a law school.”

Q. As an adjunct professor in the College of Law (from 1955 to 1970), you taught a course in jurisprudence. What was your approach in developing and teaching this course?

My basic purpose was to teach the class how our U.S. legal system was the outcome of the best of Anglo-American juridic thinking, a treasure of Western civilization that traced its origins back to such Greek masters as Plato and Aristotle. The major text I used in the course was “The Higher Law Background of American Constitutional Law,” written by Edward S. Corwin and first published in the Harvard Law Review, supported by the study of a few very influential decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. This exposed our law students to the seminal thinking of great minds, to enfranchising the inalienable dignity and rights of the human person, a rule of law not of persons—and to a democratic system of government to protect and expand these rights.

Q. How did your students engage with you based on this method of teaching Constitutional law?

The students reacted quite favorably. Those from Catholic colleges and universities may have studied natural law in courses in ethics and been somewhat familiar with “objective” norms of law and morality. For the other students these ideas were new and intriguing, and they showed more interest.

I had some misgivings when, at our first class, I introduced myself as a Catholic priest. I worried that my students would think, ‘Is this going to be a course to proselytize us or otherwise convince us of some Catholic teaching?’ I carefully showed my students that the sources of our study were scholarly, religiously unbiased. This was a course in jurisprudence, not theology. Many students later told me how much they appreciated the respect I showed for their personal beliefs.

Q. How did your experience teaching at the College of Law influence your career?

My classroom contact with thousands of young women and men who later became attorneys created a personal relation with members of a profession that protects personal rights, justice in many forms, good public order, and prepares many of our political leaders. These persons have enriched my life and my career. On a personal level, I came to a deeper conviction of the dignity and rights of each human person, a conviction essential to trusted leaders in a community.

The genius of common law thinking also left a deep impression on me. The basic thinking underlying the Magna Carta has for 800 years inspired new formulations of justice. As the old order is always changing, we need new, fresh thinking that can build on the past without denying its value. Precedent and creativity are basic to all areas of leadership, private as well as public.
Q. What do you see as steadfast qualities of the law school and its community?

From its earliest days the law school was open to students of all backgrounds. Equal opportunity was the practice long before federal law mandated this openness in its civil rights legislation. The school never applied an admission quota to any group of people. Its location in Chicago’s Loop symbolizes its service to all working people.

While applying rigorous academic standards, the law faculty showed great personal concern for the students. A prime example of this was Professor Lawrence Daly, who was a godfather to countless students.

The school has contributed greatly to community leadership. Its alumni are well-represented on the bench and in noteworthy public positions across the country as well as in Chicago.

Q. In your memoirs, you speak highly of former College of Law colleagues, specifically dean and alumnus, Dan Ward (’41). What do you admire about him?

Dan was an exceptional person in many respects. He was highly intelligent, religiously devout, a humanist who read deeply and broadly, an engaging speaker who was greatly sought after to grace public occasions by his very presence, if not by his words. At the same time, he was always humble and considered himself a servant of the people.

Q. You served as chief academic officer of the university. What are some highlights from this position?

In the late ’60s students across the country were demanding their rights and becoming more vocal in doing so. DePaul’s College of Law had recruited a number of young faculty members who brought new ideas with them and gained great respect from the law students. The senior law faculty voted against granting tenure to two of them, in effect, calling for their dismissal. When the students learned of this they all walked out of their classrooms and gathered in protest in the student cafeteria. As chief academic officer of the university, I met with the students.

They made some valid points, so I bargained with them. I said, ‘I’ll call a special meeting of the law faculty and dean before the end of the day to review this tenure decision. All of the full-time faculty will vote on this issue. The secret ballots will be sealed and brought to the president of the university, for his final decision. Now, you get back to your classrooms.’ And they did.

The faculty meeting later in the day went well. After hearing my report on the incident and counting the ballots, the president decided that tenure should be granted.

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Q. What did you enjoy about teaching at the College of Law?

As a faculty member, I was flattered by the number of law students who turned to me as a professional advisor. For example, a bright young student told me the problems he foresaw in pursuing the practice of law for the rest of his life. I was strongly supportive of the legal profession, and tried to convince him that this profession could bring him deep satisfaction. I lost the case, and he left the law school.

In a similar situation a law student who was doing quite well in her studies told me that she seriously questioned whether she should continue. After several sessions with her, during which I tried to convince her of the good she could bring to many people as an attorney, she decided to continue her legal studies. She has been quite successful in her practice of law to this day.

This respect between students and faculty is most important in a law school. At the same time, as a faculty member, I was often gratified by the high ideals many of our law alumni pursued in serving clients pro bono and working gratis in legal clinics. If students have a type of social purpose in mind, law is a wonderful area in which they can improve people’s lives. A law school education provides this foundation.
Powered by a connection

DePaul law alumni create legacy of leadership at ComEd

By Carmen Marti

It is remarkable that the outgoing and incoming CEOs of ComEd both broke ground as minority corporate leaders at the giant Illinois utility—a fact that underscores the company’s longstanding dedication to diversity. Equally notable is the fact that both also graduated from DePaul’s College of Law.

Frank Clark, who retired as chairman and CEO of ComEd in March, earned an undergraduate degree in business in 1972 and a JD in 1976. Anne Pramaggiore, who succeeds Clark as president and CEO, earned her JD in 1989.

“If I draw a thread, it would connect the people orientation of law, DePaul’s human element and mission to serve, and Frank, who is very much oriented toward people and relationships. That’s really been an important element of his leadership at ComEd,” says Pramaggiore, who has been with ComEd since 1998. “Similarly, ComEd provides a critical service that’s tied to the fabric of communities. It’s really all about people at the end of the day.”

Clark began working in the ComEd mailroom in 1966, after completing high school on Chicago’s South Side and finishing a tour in Vietnam. He attended night class at DePaul while raising a family and rising through the ranks at ComEd, yet finished his degrees on time.

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Pramaggiore moved with her husband to Chicago in 1986, ready to change her career from retail to law. As a theater major at Miami University in Ohio, Pramaggiore specialized in set and costume design. After graduation, she used that training to land a job as a buyer in the retail industry. “Each store was like a little business,” she says of the experience.

But Pramaggiore was fascinated by law, so when her husband got a job in Chicago, she went back to school full time.

Clark never practiced—and never intended to practice—law. It was his perception of the case study method and desire to think analytically that attracted him to law school. “Skilled lawyers are good thinkers,” he says. “That skill has served me well in the corporate world. More than anything else that has influenced my career.”

Pramaggiore, on the other hand, did practice law. After graduation, she clerked for Judge Charles Kocoras, also a DePaul graduate (COM ’61, JD ’69), and “an amazing man,” she says. Following, she spent eight years with McDermott Will & Emery before joining the law department at ComEd.

At that point, Pramaggiore entered the “Frank Clark MBA School,” she says. “He definitely saw this future for me long before I saw it for myself. He picked areas that would help me develop a more broad perspective on the company, gave me advice and got me focused on the things you need for these kinds of roles. That’s the greatest gift. They don’t leave a guidebook behind in the desk; there’s no roadmap. That’s what Frank was for me, and I can’t thank him enough.”

Pramaggiore also followed Clark into service for DePaul; both CEOs serve on the university’s board of trustees. “DePaul actually gave me a chance,” Clark says. “I didn’t qualify for admission, but they showed me a way to meet the standards and helped me demonstrate I could do the work. I believe in that mission. I’ve always stayed connected with DePaul because of the relationship we established 40-plus years ago.”

Pramaggiore adds, “What I think DePaul does well—and is important for us all to take away—is its focus on people and the value you can bring socially. Whether it’s a business or a not-for-profit organization or whatever, ask yourself what social value you’re bringing. Just find that element in what you do. I think DePaul stands for that in a very strong way.”

Pramaggiore and Clark assess damage from a storm in July 2011.
The College of Law celebrated the 18th annual alumni awards dinner at the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower in March, honoring alumni who have given back to DePaul as well as the community. Honorees included, from left: Sallie G. Smylie (JD ’89), partner, Kirkland & Ellis - Outstanding Service to the Profession; Paula S. Kim (JD ’05), associate, Polsinelli Shughart PC - Outstanding Young Alumna; Richard C. Dunsay (JD ’64), owner, Law Offices of Richard C. Dunsay - Outstanding Service to DePaul University; Philip H. Corboy Jr. (JD ’77), partner, Corboy & Demetrio - Distinguished Alumnus; and William E. Ryan (JD ’75), partner, Ryan & Ryan - Outstanding Service to DePaul University.

2011 grads head to D.C. as Presidential Management Fellows

By Alisa Rosales

One year after graduation, Jack Spittell and Ella Yeargin are rising professionals at the White House and on Capitol Hill. In 2011, Spittell and Yeargin were named finalists in the prestigious Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program, a competitive leadership development program for entry-level, advanced-degree candidates. To become fellows, finalists are required to secure a position within an agency and serve for two years, with rotations to provide breadth and depth of experience. In addition, they must participate in training with fellows from other agencies to broaden their networks and further develop their leadership and management skills.

“Every day, I am working on different pieces,” says Yeargin, now a fellow with the Food & Drug Administration’s center for tobacco products, and on track to becoming a Freedom of Information Act expert. She has served a rotation working on national drug control policy at the White House. “It has been a complete change from representing my own individual clients in law school to working on large scale policies that create best practices for the federal government and can also influence state-level policies and programs,” she says. “It has opened my eyes and expanded my thinking of what it means to use my law degree and be a lawyer.” Yeargin describes herself as a chameleon, constantly engaging her skills as a writer, researcher, and advocate for various audiences and in different mediums and situations.

Spittell is a fellow with the Department of Energy Office of the Chief Financial Officer. “I hit the ground running,” he recounts. “The agency was already in the thick of the budget finalization and roll-out process when I started. Working with a senior analyst enabled me to contribute immediately as I learned the lexicon of energy and appropriations law. While I am not in a courtroom, I have been able to put my classroom training into action on a daily basis, whether in policy meetings or attending hearings on Capitol Hill.” Spittell says he has contributed to agency decisions through his skills in analysis, writing, advocacy and liaising, all of which he sharpened at DePaul.

Both felt that a key to success in securing a position was their ability to articulate the agency’s mission and the goals of the units in which they were interviewing. Spittell advises, “Do your due diligence, it will really pay off in being able to advocate why you are the right candidate for the job.” While tailoring cover letters is key to any job search, further refinements to their resumes also aided them each in securing interviews.

How does the future look? “Since becoming a fellow, I have been able to network with fellows in various agencies, while networking within DOE and the private sector,” says Spittell. “I am developing my own expertise in energy, with the long-term possibility of joining the Senior Executive Service.”

Yeargin corroborates this, “Already I have seen how PMF is a successful retention tool for recruiting really bright people into the federal government. PMF alumni have been generous in sharing their experience and expertise and I can see how this cohort can help advance my career.”
Double Demon Mark McNabola knows what it takes to succeed both on the court and in the courtroom.

In his youth, McNabola was a member of the state champion rugby team, the city pole vault champ and a point guard on Loyola Academy’s 1976 basketball team. He also was a preferred walk-on under DePaul’s legendary basketball coach Ray Meyer. “I was a multisport guy,” he says. “Sports taught me about the connection between hard work and strategies to achieve results you can be proud of, but also that when you’re out of shape and not confident, how it can be very frustrating.”

McNabola, an avid Blue Demons fan and supporter, feels a sense of gratitude and pride for DePaul athletics. His father William (LAS ’47) played under then-new head coach Meyer, on the 1945 team that won the National Invitation Tournament. His father’s experience influenced Mark’s decision to attend DePaul, and eventually the College of Law. Though he transferred to Northern Arizona University to see more playing time on the court, McNabola returned to DePaul graduating with degrees in English and communications.

Yet, DePaul athletics is not the earliest connection in this Blue Demon’s blood. Today, McNabola lives in the row houses just down the street from the St. Vincent de Paul Parish, the eventual home of St. Vincent’s College in Lincoln Park. His great-great-uncle, Rev. Edward Smith, C.M., helped build the church in the late 1800s. “There’s the idea of being connected to a community,” he says. “I didn’t realize the extent of this when I was a student, but it’s important today.”

Now a leading plaintiff’s personal injury lawyer at McNabola Law Group in Chicago, McNabola’s successes in the courtroom outshine his more youthful victories on the court. He recently received the Jury Verdict Reporter’s 2011 Award for Trial Excellence, and as the youngest attorney to receive this honor, he joins an elite group of only 10 attorneys in the past 25 years to receive five jury verdicts of $5 million or more.

In a 2009 Leading Lawyers article, McNabola’s colleagues describe him as having a passion and belief in his cases that comes through in the courtroom. On living up to this reputation, McNabola says, “It’s a blessing and curse that I want to do things the right way, and I’ve worked hard to achieve that. The results I’ve had in the courtroom are not by luck, but by fear,” he laughs, adding, “And hard work.”

As a hard-working law student at DePaul, McNabola says he benefited from the teaching of highly accomplished and brilliant lawyers and judges who were his professors. He thrived in the small class setting that night school offered and appreciated the experience of listening to professors like Judge William Bauer, Dan Webb, Len Cavise and Cherif Bassiouni. While at the College of Law, McNabola worked as sheriff’s deputy at the Daley Center, which introduced him to litigation and attorneys’ courtroom styles. “I was able to watch some of the best courtroom lawyers in the city,” he says. McNabola interned at the U.S. attorney’s office after graduation, working in the federal prosecutor’s office for less than a year before landing a job at a personal injury trial firm.

McNabola says he had no idea when in school that he would get into personal injury law—but it’s clear he relishes its challenging nature. “There is nothing that comes close to looking in the eyes of your clients after a successful jury verdict. When the foreman steps over and delivers the final verdict, which you have been working with your clients for years to achieve, and it’s a favorable verdict. In that moment time almost stands still. It’s the best feeling in the world.”

However, he acknowledges that the stakes have changed since his youth. “The reality of my practice is that I deal with people that are devastated in almost every way imaginable—emotionally, financially, physically, mentally,” he says, “and the reason that I continue to have drive in this type of practice, which is all consuming, is that I know that I’m giving back to less fortunate people.”

Even when he isn’t so successful, McNabola perseveres down the path of continuous improvement. He credits his colleagues and jurors for giving him the feedback necessary to improve. “I surround myself with people who contribute and criticize my work product until I get it right,” he says. “I always call myself an aspiring trial lawyer because I have a lot to learn, and I learn every time out at trial.”

Particularly in McNabola’s area of law practice, he recognizes an element of sportsmanship. “Lawyers in Chicago know each other and trust each other,” he explains. “And, contrary to popular belief, we have civility towards one another. The types of professional relationships that develop and the mutual respect we have for each other will carry on for decades.”
The College of Law lost two pioneers with the passing of Odas Nicholson (BA ’46, JD ’47) and William J. Hibbler (JD ’73), both high-profile Chicagoans, African American justices and proud graduates of DePaul. Dialogue reflects upon their career achievements and commemorates their character with the help of former colleague and friend to both, Dean for Strategic and Community Alliances Francine Soliunas (BA ’70, JD ’73).

Odas Nicholson served as judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County for 14 years until her retirement in December 1994. Despite being the only African American to graduate from her section in 1947, and the first African American woman to graduate from the College of Law, Judge Nicholson seemed wholly comfortable with her place in time. A 1999 Dialogue interview with the justice reveals a woman with calm conviction who pursued success on her own terms, yet easily recalled the encouragement of others.

The youngest of seven siblings, 13-year-old Nicholson left rural Mississippi to join her brother in Chicago, attending John Marshall High School and then Wilson Junior College (Kennedy-King). At Wilson, she won second place in a speech contest held by the Herald-American newspaper, and thusly gained a supporter in philosopher, politician and University of Chicago professor Thomas Vernor Smith, who urged her to utilize her written and oratory talents as an attorney. Prominent African American attorney, activist and general counsel of Supreme Life Insurance, Earl B. Dickerson, for whom Nicholson worked as a secretary, also insisted that she apply her skills to the field of law.

After earning a bachelor’s in philosophy from DePaul University, Judge Nicholson pursued a legal career. She first enrolled at the University of Chicago, but swiftly transferred to DePaul; a pragmatist, she intended to work her way through law school and knew that DePaul would accommodate these principles. She was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1948.

Nicholson’s passion for the constitution carried over with her election as secretary of the Illinois Constitutional Convention in 1969, a milestone she often referred to as her proudest achievement. Nicholson participated as a fellow for the National Endowment for Humanities’ “Law & Justice in American Society” at Harvard in 1977 and was appointed judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1980, elected to a full term two years later. As justice, she claimed more firsts: the first African American woman assigned to the law division of the court and the first woman assigned to the motions section, where she served for eight years. She was also the first woman assigned an individual calendar.

At her solo practice in the Loop and in her role as head counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Judge Nicholson took many DePaul law graduates under her wing, including future alderman Latasha R. Thomas (‘94) and Dean Francine Soliunas. “My first impression of Judge Nicholson was that she is a woman who is clearly in charge,” remembers Soliunas. “I was three years out of law school, and had applied for a position with the EEOC. She was the head of the office and interviewed me on the final round and offered me the position as a trial attorney. Her first conversation with me went something like, ‘You are a young African American woman and I expect great things from you, because others expect great things from me!’ My response was, ‘Yes, ma’am!’ Over the years, she became a generous and gracious mentor who I shall remember always with great fondness and gratitude.

She continued to give her time to organizations like the National Bar Association of Women Judges and Women’s Bar Association of Illinois (where she served as president), NAACP and Chicago Youth Centers. In 2005, DePaul honored Judge Nicholson with the Outstanding Service to the Profession Award, which acknowledges alumni with outstanding achievements in their field.

William J. Hibbler was a member of the federal bench in Chicago for nearly 13 years, appointed by former President Bill Clinton in 1999, and one of just four African Americans on the bench. Remembered by colleagues as a man of compassion and sound judgment, Hibbler was also active with the Just the Beginning Foundation, a nonprofit group devoted to nurturing interest in the law among youth from underrepresented backgrounds. Judge Hibbler recently made news in August, with his sentencing of the former head of the Chicago distribution network of a trafficking cartel.

Judge Hibbler moved to the Chicago area from Kennedy, Alabama, attending and graduating from St. Mel High School. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and served four years as an assistant Cook County state’s attorney before leaving in 1977 to partner in the firm of Belmonte Kagen Hibbler & DePalm a. In 1981, he rejoined the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, under future Mayor Richard M. Daley, staying on until 1986, when he became an associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. Judge Hibbler’s additional accomplishments include working as a felony trial judge in the
Hibbler continued

criminal division, presiding as assistant supervising judge of the Chicago Traffic Court and acting trial judge in the First Municipal District.

In response to the news of Hibbler’s death, U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald issued a written statement honoring Hibbler as a “wonderful judge and wonderful person, who treated everyone who appeared before him with great respect.” Chief Judge James Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois praised him as “an outstanding jurist who cared deeply about our system of justice and displayed an unparalleled sense of fairness.”

“Bill unquestionably was viewed as one of the kindest souls one could have the privilege to know,” says Dean Soliunas. “There was a gentleness about him that permeated everything that he said or did. Yet, even his gentleness could not mask the fact that he also was an exceptionally learned jurist. He was beloved and respected not only by his peers on the bench, but also by all those who appeared before him. He was patient, deliberative and always the gentleman.”

News of Hibbler’s passing also sparked concern for the lack of diversity on the U.S. District Court in Chicago. In an editorial in the Chicago Defender, Judge Diane M. Shelley, chair of the Illinois Judicial Council, pointed out that Hibbler was one of just three African Americans on the federal bench and referred to the “indescribable lack of diversity” on the U.S. District Court and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Shelley appealed to Sen. Dick Durbin to recommend the appointment of qualified African American judges. It was a gesture, Dean Soliunas adds, both would have applauded.

Judge Hibbler is survived by his wife, Regina; his son, William II; daughter, Aviv; and his father, Arthur Foster.

College of Law colleagues remember Professor Kiely

Distinguished Research Professor Terrence F. Kiely (JD ’67) passed away on July 8, following a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Professor Kiely taught at the College of Law for 39 years. In 1994, he was named to the College of Law’s first endowed professorship, the Robert A. Clifford Chair in Tort Law and Social Policy. He also founded the Center for Law & Science, and was a recipient of the DePaul University College of Law Faculty Achievement Award. Beyond his extensive leadership and writing in the areas of evidence and discovery problems, Kiely will be remembered for his uncompromising and down-to-earth approach.

Early mentor Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni taught Kiely as a freshman in criminal law, and oversaw him as supervisor of the DePaul Intramural Moot Court. Bassiouni remembers Kiely successfully arguing his moot court case in the Chicago Federal Building in 1965—shortly before it was replaced by the Kluczynski Federal Building. “He liked to point out that he was the last one to win before they tore it down,” Bassiouni recalls with a smile.

Kiely was an effective litigator, and a crucial part of the prosecution team in the Indiana v. Pinto case. Following his career in insurance law, he developed an interest in teaching and, with counsel from Professor Bassiouni, pursued his LL.M. in Foreign and Comparative Law from New York University School of Law. In 1972, Kiely joined the faculty at DePaul.

“He was very principled,” Bassiouni says. “At faculty meetings you could be sure he would see the moral principle in the issue, as opposed to the pragmatic approach, which most people take.”

Professor Kiely’s hands-on experience quickly established him as a student favorite. “He was kind of a rock star,” says friend and colleague Professor Leonard Cavise. “He was a young guy, from the city; he’d worked in prisons and in litigation. He had what, today, we’d call street credibility.” His teaching style favored open discussion.

“He gave a sense of democracy to students,” Cavise explains, “he was never straight-jacketed by the so-called Socratic method.”

Kiely introduced courses in evidence and forensics at DePaul, and was an early adopter of word processing and technology. As director of the Center for Law & Science, Kiely created a forum for sharing and collecting scientific literature, related trials and appellate reviews of criminal and civil cases with science issues as important components. The center also hosted conferences for lawyers in all aspects of forensic science. “He was never satisfied to just sit back and teach and write,” adds Cavise.

Professor Kiely also taught a course in law at the University of Dublin. By all accounts, Kiely loved Ireland and its culture, particularly Irish novelists. Kiely also enjoyed writing, and as a legal writer he published several books.

He is survived by his wife, Sidni, his sons, Damon and Collin, and his four grandchildren. Damon Kiely is a faculty member of the DePaul Theater School.
1952
Judge William J. Bauer, 17th Circuit Court of Appeals, and Bob Woodward, journalist and author, collaborated for “Truth and Justice in America,” part of Elmhurst College’s Democracy Forum yearlong lecture series on the democratic process and civic life.

1953
Judge Alan Jaffe’s new book, *Goodbye, American Dream? How We Got Here and What To Do About It* (Happy Warrior Press 2012) analyzes the nation’s current cultural and political predicament. His co-author, Marda Dunsky, teaches in DePaul’s Islamic World Studies program.

1973
Mark J. Horne was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Star edition. He also was named a 2012 BTI Client Service All-Star in Real Estate by The BTI Consulting Group Inc. He works in the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLP, specializing in real estate, construction/surety and land use/zoning.

Edward G. Willer, an attorney at the Chicago personal injury law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, has been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to the Committee on Character & Fitness, which evaluates the moral character and general fitness of applicants of the Illinois bar exam.

1978
Thomas M. Durkin, a partner at Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago, has been nominated by President Obama to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

1979
Alphonse C. Gonzales was awarded an executive education program certificate for completing the inaugural National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials’ Economic Policy Institute’s public finance program conducted by Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

1980
Cynthia (Cindy) R. Hirsch took a three-month leave last winter from the Wisconsin Attorney General’s office, where she is assistant attorney general, to work as an advocate against human rights violations in southern India with the American Jewish World Service.

Charles Lynn Lowder of Naperville, Ill., was named director of Military and Veteran Services at the University of Central Missouri. Lowder’s many duties will include administration of the new Military and Veterans Success Center, which officially opened in November.

Jeffrey A. Rabin was elected to the board of directors of the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County.

1981
William W. Crossett was inducted as a fellow of the College of Workers Compensation Lawyers. He is a founder and vice president of the Injured Workers Bar Association of New York and is the immediate past chair of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section, Workers Compensation Division, of the New York State Bar Association.

Joseph A. Drazek was elected to a second term on the Arizona Technology Council’s board of directors. A partner at Quarles & Brady in Phoenix, he focuses on regulatory and litigation matters within the environmental practice in a variety of industries including manufacturers, high technology companies, financial institutions and real estate developers.

Sherry Holland was appointed vice president, general counsel and secretary of ESSROC Corp. Reporting directly to the president and CEO, Holland will provide counsel to the management of ESSROC and its subsidiaries on all legal matters. She also will serve as secretary of the board of directors.

Rachel L. Simmons was appointed assistant general counsel/director of hearings and appeals by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). In this position, she will provide legal advice and analysis to RRB staff and oversee reviews of unfavorable claims determinations by hearings officers in the agency’s Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.

1982
Janet S. Baer, a partner at Baer Higgins Fruchtmann LLC, was appointed a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Robert E. Douglas was appointed an associate judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit. He is currently affiliated with the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office in Wheaton, Ill.

Jerome S. Hanner was appointed a corporate vice president of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. He is responsible for coordinating and providing guidance on all transactional matters including mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts, real estate and insurance regulatory matters. He joined the company in 2004, and served as deputy general counsel since 2010.

Christopher R. Johnston was elected to the board of directors at Querrey & Harrow Ltd. in Joliet, Ill. With the firm for nearly 30 years, he concentrates his practice on premises liability, insurance fraud investigations, automobile, construction and commercial litigation.

Charles P. Rose was nominated by President Obama to the board of trustees of the Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Foundation. A partner at the law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, he focuses on representing businesses, educational institutions, and Native American tribal governments in labor and employment matters, education law and regulatory compliance. Rose was general counsel of the U.S. Department of Education from 2009 until 2011, where he also served as the secretary’s designee to the board of trustees of the Udall Foundation.

Joanne Schochat is the new assistant superintendent of human resources for District 97 in Oak Park. She also will serve as the district’s first general counsel.

Robert W. Smyth Jr. was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, a recognition he has received consecutively since 2004. He concentrates his practice at Donohue Brown Matheson & Smyth LLC in defending catastrophic injury and high exposure cases.
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1983
Steven A. Betts joined the Arizona State University Foundation for a New American University as senior vice president and managing director of assets. He is former president and chief executive officer of SunCor Development Company.

Keith A. Hebeisen was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. A partner at Clifford Law Offices, he was recently recognized by U.S. News' Best Lawyers for excellence in medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation, named an Illinois Leading Lawyer and selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers.

1985
Mark E. McNabola, a founding principal at Cogan & McNabola, was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers. He was featured in the February issue of Chicago magazine.

Leslie Schermer was unanimously appointed as regional superintendent of schools in McHenry County. She previously served as assistant principal at LaSalle Language Academy in Chicago.

Bradford J. White was appointed associate director at the Alphawood Foundation Chicago. He has more than 25 years of professional and volunteer experience in community and economic development, affordable housing, preservation, public policy and advocacy.

1986
Stephan D. Blandin received a Trial Lawyer Excellence Award from Law Bulletin Publishing Company for the highest reported verdict in an Illinois chiropractic malpractice case for 2011. He is a founding principal and partner in the Chicago law firm of Romanucci & Blandin LLC.

1987
Allison L. Wood started her own firm, Legal Ethics Consulting PC, to provide preventative ethics counseling, research for ethics inquiries, disciplinary and malpractice defense and expert evaluations. Previously, she served the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission as hearing board chair and litigation counsel.

1988
Martin Castro, who was appointed by President Barack Obama as chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, was the keynote speaker at the Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association Inc. (IMHRA) and the Illinois Department of Human Rights’ annual statewide conference, “Bullying and Discrimination: An Institutional Correlation?”

Richard H. Gellerstedt, a volunteer attorney for Lake Bluff-based BENNU Legal Services, a nonprofit legal aid agency that provides assistance to immigrants transitioning into the United States, recently served as a judge in the opening round of the American Mock Trial Association competition.

Deborah Nelson, Pulitzer Prize winner and former Daily Herald reporter, received a statewide community college distinguished alumni award from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. Nelson is a senior lecturer and director with the University of Maryland’s journalism program.

Franklin U. Valderrama was assigned from the Circuit Court of Cook County chancery division’s mortgage foreclosure/mechanics lien section to general chancery.

1989

Diane K. Corbett was elected to the partnership of Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen PC in Chicago.

Ron Sandack, former mayor of Downers Grove, appointed state senator for the 21st District and a partner at Gaido & Fintzen, is the Republican nomination in the 81st Illinois House District.

Norman D. Vinton was appointed first assistant at the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office. Previously, he was a founding partner at Michling Hofmann Vinton Plaza & Wick PC, primarily handling civil and business litigation.

1990
Aurora Austriaco was sworn in as president of the Chicago Bar Association in June. She succeeds DePaul alumnus Robert Clifford ('76).

Timothy P. Knight was named chief executive officer of Sun-Times Media Holdings Inc., owner of the Chicago Sun-Times. In the past, he served as publisher of Newsday.

Jeffrey J. Kroll, principal of the Law Offices of Jeffrey J. Kroll, was selected as a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Kroll also was recognized for the second consecutive year by the Best Lawyers in America for his practice in plaintiff personal injury law, and, for the eighth consecutive year, he was named one of the top plaintiff personal injury attorneys by Leading Lawyers.

Bill Williams was appointed company-wide chief financial officer for H.D. Smith, one of the nation's largest pharmaceutical wholesalers.

1992
Peter V. Mierzwia has been promoted to group vice president of the newly formed legal information group at Law Bulletin Publishing Company in Chicago. Previously, he served as a general manager for the company, overseeing Jury Verdict Reporter, Sullivan's Law Directory, Law Bulletin seminars, and Index Publishing Corporation.

1993
Thomas F. Gibbons was elected president of the University Continuing & Professional Education Association for 2012-2013 in Washington, D.C.

1995
Tanya J. Stanish, a Chicago divorce and family law attorney, was promoted to senior partner with the nation’s largest matrimonial law firm, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP. She joined the firm in 2008 as a partner.

1996
John R. Gorey has founded the Gorey Law Group PC, a plaintiff’s personal injury firm located in Chicago.
Brendan H. Kevenides opened the Law Office of Brendan H. Kevenides PC, a personal injury practice with a strong emphasis on bicycle law. He also is the creator of the Chicago Bicycle Advocate, a popular blog on bicycling and the law.

Meg A. Larrea, a commander in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, recently returned from a nine-month deployment to Baghdad, Iraq, where she served as the chief of the Rule of Law Division. She is now executive officer for Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Va.

Paul D. McGrady Jr. joined Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago as a partner in the firm's advertising, marketing and entertainment law practice. He also serves as an adjunct professor of law at DePaul, teaching cyberlaw.

Jeremy W. Robinson is the senior legal advisor/instructor for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College located at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Gracia M. Shiffrin was appointed chief operating officer of Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation, where she oversees the real estate development of affordable housing in Cook County.

Vincent M. Auricchio, of the Auricchio Law Offices, was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition. This is the third year that he has received this honor.

Jeffrey A. Hesser was elected to partner at Cassiday Schade LLP. He works in the firm's Chicago office and concentrates his practice in the areas of general negligence and medical malpractice defense.

Andrew L. Plattner has joined Sherman & Howard LLC in Scottsdale, Ariz., as a member of the firm's health care practice. He advises physicians, group practices, medical clinics and ambulatory surgical centers on corporate and business transactions and on the impact of local and national regulations.

1999

Ray J. Koenig III was named the managing member of Clark Hill PLC's Chicago office. He is a member of the firm's litigation practice group and is a well-known civic activist and leader in the Chicago community.

Patrick M. Jones joined the law firm of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Practice Group as an officer in Chicago.

Micah E. Marcus, a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition.

Ray J. Melton has been named partner at the law firm of SmithAmundsen LLC. He works in the firm's Rockford, Ill., office in civil litigation, personal injury defense, product liability defense, commercial litigation and insurance coverage.

Arthur J. Reliford Jr. was recently elected to the equity partnership in Swanson Martin & Bell LLP. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation and business disputes, professional malpractice and general litigation, is a member of the firm's recruiting committee and co-chair of the diversity committee.

2000

Colby A. Kingsbury, a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, received the 2011 Charles L. Whistler Award. Presented annually since 2006, the award honors a lawyer or consultant at Faegre Baker Daniels who has excelled in pro bono service or made outstanding contributions to the firm's pro bono program.

Frank A. Sommario, an attorney at the Chicago personal injury law firm of Romanucci & Blandin LLC, has been selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition. He is a member of the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association, the 2011-2012 secretary of the Justitian Society of Lawyers and the vice president of the Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association.

James M. Vasselli was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition. He chairs the real estate and public finance practice group at Del Galdo Law Group LLC.

2002

Patrick A. Clisham, was promoted to partner at Engelman Berger PC in Phoenix, Ariz.

Jason P. Eckerly was named shareholder at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney. He works in the firm's Chicago office as a litigator whose practice focuses on the defense of toxic tort, asbestos and general liability litigation.

2003

Brian M. Begley was elected to the position of shareholder at Querrey & Harrow Ltd. in Joliet, Ill. He concentrates his practice in municipal and premises liability.

Michael J. Borree was elected to the partnership at Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth LLC in Chicago, where he focuses on professional malpractice defense, products liability defense and commercial litigation.

Alexander Rozenblat was named a partner at Jenner & Block in the litigation department of the firm's Chicago office.

Anthony P. Steinike was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition. He works in business litigation as a partner at Quarles & Brady in Chicago.
2004

Robert J. Domol, an attorney at Chicago personal injury law firm Levin Riback Law Group PC, was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition.

Kelly C. Elmore joined Chicago-area law firm Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit as a principal in its community association law practice group. Previously, she was a partner at Penland & Hartwell.

Amol A. Parikh was promoted to partner at McDermott Will & Emery LLP in Chicago, where he focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, counseling and prosecution. He also was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition.

John Redlingshafer was named to the 2011 class of the Peoria-area 40 Leaders Under Forty by InterBusiness Issues magazine. He was honored for his leadership in various professional, philanthropic and political organizations.

Dustin H. Shunta was named partner at the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP in Grand Rapids, Mich. He concentrates his practice in technology and intellectual property law, with a focus on patents, patent prosecution and portfolio management.

John (“Jay”) A. Stefani was recently selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition. Stefani is an attorney with Joseph Lichtenstein & Levinson in Chicago.

Christina Toto Lynch was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition.

2005

Anna Chapman and Constance R. Murdock Sherrod recently opened their new law firm, Sherrod Chapman LLC, a Chicago personal injury and plaintiff’s law boutique.

Christopher M. Dely joined the Chicago firm of Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP in January. He focuses his practice on asbestos litigation, product liability and toxic tort litigation.

Jennifer K. Maconochie and her husband, Ryan, created a modern baby journal, This Is Your Book (Stewart, Tabori & Chang; Spi edition 2011).

Mathew T. Siporin was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition.

2006

Laura B. Bacon recently joined O’Hagan Spencer LLC as a litigation associate in the firm’s Chicago office. She focuses her practice in the areas of employment, professional liability and condominium association law.

Anthony DeJohn is the director of managed review services for LDiscovery LLC, an international leader in end-to-end e-discovery solutions. He oversees LDiscovery’s document review solutions in McLean, Va., offshore review services and integrated predictive coding services.

Szymon M. Gurda was named partner at Cherskov Flaynik & Gurda LLC. The firm specializes in intellectual property issues for small- and medium-sized clients.

Jamie L. Pfeiffer joined Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, a nationally recognized business and complex litigation law firm with five West coast offices, as an associate in the Portland, Ore., office.

2007

Jiyeon Choi is staff attorney for Lake Bluff, Ill.-based BENU Legal Services, a nonprofit legal aid agency that provides assistance to immigrants transitioning into the United States, as well as to entrepreneurial small businesses in their growth. Choi recently obtained an investor visa for a Singapore-based investor to establish a new company in Chicago.

2008

Cortney S. Closey was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition. She concentrates her practice at Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth in product liability, professional negligence and commercial litigation defense.

Bryan Wilson was selected for inclusion in 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars edition.

2009

Jessica Arbour devotes her law practice to representing victims of sexual abuse. In November 2011, she won a landmark multimillion-dollar verdict from a Miami-Dade, Fla., jury in a sexual abuse case involving a member of the clergy. According to Bloomberg, it was the 18th largest verdict in the country in 2011.

2010

Conn Q. Davis joined the law firm of Jenkins & Kling PC in Clayton, Mo., as an associate attorney. He specializes in commercial and business litigation, including complex construction, leasing and banking litigation.

Alexander W. Konetzki is an associate in the FEC Compliance and Vetting Department of President Obama’s re-election campaign.

2011

Ginny Casco joined McMillan Metro PC, in Rockville, Md., where she assists clients with business, employment, intellectual property and artist’s rights issues.

Jackson C. Cooper is a legal analyst and underwriter at Intellectual Property Insurance Services Corporation in Louisville, Ky.

Anthony D. Danhelka is an associate at Swanson Martin & Bell LLP in Chicago.

Sarah King is an associate attorney at Clifford Law Offices in Chicago.

Joshua J. McIntyre joined the law firm of Lane & Waterman LLP as an associate in the Davenport, Iowa, office.

2012

Leila Sayed-Taha works as a translator for A.C.E. Languages Institute, where she aids asylum seekers at the Immigration Advisory Service. She recently published the article “Uncertainty for Iraqis as Troops Withdrawal and Private Contractors Remain” on the University of Pittsburgh School of Law’s JURIST news website.
In Memoriam

George B. Foley (JD ’33)
Milton A. Greenstein (JD ’33)
Irene C. Turner (JD ’33)
Harold T. Berc (LLB ’37)
Joseph L. Breger (LLB ’38)
Nello V. Ferrara (JD ’42)
Catherine N. Yangas (JD ’42)
Peter J. Gilligan (JD ’45)
Hon. Odas Nicholson (JD ’47)
James P. Kenny (JD ’48)
Theodore A. Lapka (JD ’48)
Raymond J. Carroll Sr. (JD ’49)
Harvey W. Keller (LLB ’49)
C. Frederick Leydig (JD ’50)
Francis E. Youssi (JD ’50)
Elliot H. Gage (JD ’51)
Martin C. Ashman (JD ’53)
Alvin W. Schuman (JD ’53)
Bernard C. Arkules (LLB ’54)
Leroy W. Mitchell (JD ’54)
Jack W. Rosen (JD ’55)
Steve P. Bintinger (LLB ’56)
Robert J. Mogley (LLB ’56)
Billy K. Delph (JD ’57)
Earl L. Washington (JD ’58)
Charles E. Tannen (LLB ’59)
William F. Rickelman (LLB ’60)
Joanne C. Shea (LAS ’58, JD ’60)
Jay Bishov (JD ’61)
Rev. George F. Klepec (JD ’62)
Carl J. Madda (JD ’62)
John P. Dunne (JD ’64)
Jeremiah S. Shannon (JD ’64)
David B. Jensen (LLB ’66)
John M. Meyer Sr. (JD ’66)
Robert E. Farrell (JD ’71)
Brian C. Silverman (JD ’71)
Hon. William J. Hibbler (JD ’73)
Robert B. Spencer (JD ’73)
Richard P. Eickhoff (JD ’75)
Redina D. Friedman (JD ’77)
Janet E. Hicks (JD ’80)
Earl P. Fisher (JD ’81)
Virginia M. Dowling (JD ’83)
Paul E. Piwinski (JD ’87)
Rupert O. Brockmann (LLM ’91)
John E. Depke (JD ’94)

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