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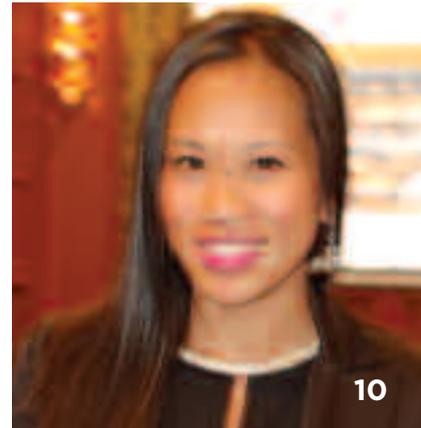


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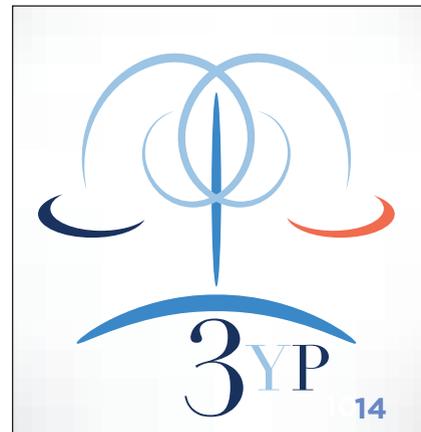
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Message from

## DEAN BRUCE OTTLEY



As I begin my term as interim dean of the College of Law, I want to thank Gregory Mark for his three years of service, both to the law school as dean, and to the broader university community. One notable example is his work with the Health Law Institute and the university's health initiatives to create certificate and Master of Jurisprudence programs for health professionals whose positions require knowledge of the rapidly changing legal issues involving health care. DePaul is grateful for these contributions.

While these are challenging times for legal education, for law students and for graduates, DePaul College of Law continues to innovate and to offer programs that prepare students for the diversity of legal practice. The U.S. News & World Report's 2015 Best Law Schools guide ranks the DePaul's intellectual property law program among the top dozen in the nation. The program is consistently ranked among the best due to the hard work and dedication of our respected IP faculty and the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT).

In keeping with its Vincentian Mission, the College of Law is a leader in providing legal assistance to underserved populations. Programs such as the DePaul Legal Clinic, the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Project, the Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative and the Domestic Violence Courthouse Project not only provide high quality legal services to those in need, but also offer valuable experiential learning opportunities for our law students.

The College of Law recently established a three-track JD program to provide law students with more options and flexibility in planning their legal education. In addition to the JD degree, new programmatic initiatives include a three-year JD/LLM degree and an innovative Third Year in Practice Program (3YP). We will offer both of these programs to our incoming class in August and, initially, will involve a select number of qualified students.

The College of Law also continues its commitment to expanding the awareness and involvement of students in the globalization of the legal profession. The law school currently offers summer programs for students in Beijing, Madrid, Prague, Sorrento and Costa Rica. In addition, DePaul's cooperative program with the University College Dublin Faculty of Law, which just completed its 24th year of operation, permits students to spend the spring semester of their second year studying law in Ireland.

Finally, during the 2014-2015 academic year the College of Law will be preparing for its reaccreditation by the American Bar Association. Every seven years, law schools undergo a thorough review by the ABA. This process provides the opportunity to prepare a detailed self-study that evaluates what the law school has done since the last review and sets forth goals for the coming years. To prepare the self-study, members of the College of Law will be speaking with faculty, staff, students and alumni to seek input about the direction and priorities of the law school. The process will culminate with a three-day visit by ABA inspectors early next April.

Over the course of the next year, I look forward to meeting and working with graduates, supporters and friends of DePaul and to building on more than 100 years of excellence of the College of Law.

Sincerely,

Bruce L. Ottley  
Interim Dean

# In Brief

## Clifford Symposium celebrates 20 years

Scholars and members of the judiciary explored Judge Jack B. Weinstein's impact on a wide range of topics in civil justice at the 20th Annual Clifford Symposium on Tort Law & Social Policy held at DePaul in April. The symposium faculty—representing members of judiciary, some of the country's top law firms and 17 law schools—discussed torts, civil procedure and the law of evidence, as well as broader notions about what it means to be a judge and to seek justice in America's courts. The event also featured a special video interview with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer and Professor Stephan Landsman, DePaul's Robert A. Clifford Chair in Tort Law & Social Policy.

Nominated by President Johnson in 1967, Judge Weinstein serves the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. As a federal judge, he has worked with a number of mass tort cases including those relating to Agent Orange, asbestos, tobacco, breast implants, diethylstilbestrol (DES), olanzapine and handguns.

Leading up to the symposium, alumnus Robert A. Clifford (JD '76) said, "I am excited about celebrating 20 years of presenting stimulating discussion and scholarship in American tort law. Throughout his entire career, Judge Jack Weinstein has been a central figure in that dialogue. We are proud and grateful that he would honor us on this special anniversary by presenting and allowing us to dissect his lifelong work."

The annual symposium and a named faculty chair are supported through an endowment established by Clifford in 1994. He is principal and founder of Clifford Law Offices in Chicago.



*Judge Weinstein addresses attendees on the topic of integration and coordination of U.S. legal systems at the 2014 Clifford Symposium.*

## Pritzker students study cyberbullying case at DePaul



Law students Jim Boland and Michelle Cass help sixth-grade students from Pritzker Elementary School work through questions in a cyberbullying case, *Weber v. Chase*, which is part of the Constitutional Rights Foundation's Lawyers in the Classroom curriculum. The Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative (PBCSI) along with Phi Alpha Delta organized the sixth-graders' visit to the College of Law for the final Donate-A-Day program in 2013-2014. Students also met with faculty members and administrators to learn about the law school environment and had the opportunity to participate in a mock trial.

## NLAP co-founders recognized as "Faces of Justice"

Illinois Legal Aid Online recognized Shaye Loughlin (JD '06) and Cheryl Price for their initiative and creativity in co-founding DePaul's Neighborhood Legal Assistance Project (NLAP), a pro bono legal help desk for the homeless located in Chicago's South Loop. Loughlin, executive director of the Center for Public Interest Law, and Price, director of the Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative, discuss the vision for the project in an interview for Illinois Legal Aid Online's "Faces of Justice" video series.

"At bottom, NLAP is an access to justice project and one that has inspired and touched the lives of many of our students," said Price. "Hopefully they'll go on to become future public interest attorneys as well as pro bono attorneys."

Since its launch in March 2012, NLAP has provided critical legal services to hundreds of homeless individuals.

Read more about NLAP and watch the video interview at [law.depaul.edu/news](http://law.depaul.edu/news).



## OXFORD MOOT COURT

### **DePaul advances to quarterfinals in Oxford IP moot**

Sarah Wilson (JD '14) and Kyle Brennan (JD '14) excelled at the 12th annual International Intellectual Property Law Moot, hosted by the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre at the University of Oxford, England, in March. Participation in the oral rounds was by invitation only, based on the strength of two written submissions. This year, a record-breaking 45 teams submitted briefs, and 24 teams were invited to compete in the oral rounds, making the 2014 competition the largest and most competitive yet. DePaul was one of only two U.S. teams invited to compete in the oral rounds.

The competition focused on copyright and moral rights issues raised in conjunction with the digitization of a contemporary illustration and a photograph of an ancient mosaic from the collection of a fictitious museum. Team Wilson-and-Brennan gave strong performances throughout the four preliminary rounds and advanced to the quarterfinals, where they were narrowly defeated by Boston University. As the first ever participants from DePaul, Wilson and Brennan helped make a name for the law school at this international competition. Lubna S. El-Gendi (LLM '12), associate director of DePaul's Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law, coached the team, and DePaul faculty and alumni served as practice judges during the team's preparation for the competition. The center also provided financial support to the team.



*Brennan and Wilson with coach El-Gendi (center).*

## L. Edward Bryant Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition

DePaul's Health Law Institute organized and coached two student teams to compete in the 2014 L. Edward Bryant Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition at Loyola School of Law in March.

"Being part of the moot court team this year was an absolutely challenging, yet extremely rewarding experience," said second-year student Yesenia Perez. "Although I have enrolled in a number of health law courses, joining the team provided me with practical and transactional experience that I may not have been able to get in the classroom." Perez credits their coach, adjunct professor and HLI Director Kate Schostok (JD '08), with helping team members improve public speaking, writing and persuasive skills. She said the improvement was evident during final presentations, and both teams received very positive feedback on their performance from the competition judges.



*Pictured left to right, Jennifer Chow, William Michael Lauth and Yesenia Perez*



*Pictured left to right, Haley Guion, Yeni Adetola and Tejonne Vinson*

## BLSA mock trial team places second in national competition

DePaul's Black Law Student Association (BLSA) mock trial team placed second at the National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition in Milwaukee, Wis. Team members (pictured below, from left) Katherine Letcher, Samantha Sommerman, Daniel Watkins II and Forrest Sumlar vied against the top 18 teams in the country. The team came in second to Florida State in the final rounds, losing by 7/10 of a point – one of the narrowest margins in the competition's history. Alumni Theodore Thomas (JD '09) and Chalet Brazier (JD '09) coached the BLSA team to the highest finish in its history.



## First DePaul team competes in international aviation moot

LLM Student Patrick Jones (JD '99) and third-year student Lindsay Vanderford were the first team to represent DePaul College of Law and the International Aviation Law Institute (IALI) at the Sarin Leiden International Air Law Moot Court Competition in Bucharest, Romania, in March 2014.

Jones and Vanderford submitted two sets of written memorials and delivered oral arguments four times over two days at the 5th annual competition. Their efforts earned a top-5 score in four of the six scoring categories, including high marks for both sets of their written memorials, as well as overall score when representing the respondent. John Mulligan, the IALI's FedEx/United Airlines Resident Research Fellow, served as the team's coach.

The Sarin Leiden International Air Law Moot Court is organized by Leiden University and the Sarin Foundation.

The 2015 competition will be held in Beijing, China.

## Nationally ranked IP program continues to innovate

By Kortney Moore

DePaul's intellectual property law program is ranked No. 12 in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 Best Law Schools guide. Ranked among the best in the nation for more than a decade, the program continues to thrive under the direction of DePaul's respected IP faculty and the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT®).

Two new initiatives, a first-year lecture series and a mentorship program, introduced by CIPLIT in academic year 2013-2014, build on the strength of DePaul's IP program and support a tradition of student-focused programming.



*Professor Roberta Kwall welcomes first-year students in the IP Legal Writing program during a meet-and-greet luncheon with IP faculty mentors.*

The six-week lecture series, "An Introduction to IP Theory and Practice," is designed to acquaint first-year law students interested in IP law with substantive content and elements of practice. Both full-time faculty members and experienced IP attorneys lecture on various IP subjects, introducing students to the breadth and depth of this area of law.

"It's really a treat to attend the IP lecture series. The speakers are experts in their respective fields, and each session is informative and engaging," student Peggy Liu said. "Equipped with this foundational knowledge, I feel well prepared to take on the challenges of higher-level IP courses."

Through its IP Mentorship Program, CIPLIT pairs students in the first-year IP Legal Writing section with a faculty mentor and an attorney mentor, creating a personalized mentorship experience for the duration of law school. First-year student Philipp Ruben entered law school with an engineering background. "Law school was a major transition," he said. "My faculty mentor provided excellent resources and advice for my course work."

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The mentorship program aims to enrich DePaul's unique first-year IP Legal Writing program, through which qualified students learn the required first-year research and writing skills curriculum in the context of intellectual property law. Together, the legal writing and mentorship programs offer students focused practical skills training as well as connections with IP faculty and the IP legal community at the beginning of law school.

"My attorney mentor has been invaluable during my first year," said student Brittney Cato. "She has not only introduced me to attorneys working in the IP field, but has also encouraged me to go out and make connections on my own by joining bar associations and attending their lectures."

The new initiatives fall in line with CIPLIT's mission "to develop IP professionals of the highest caliber through an all-inclusive learning experience that combines outstanding classroom education, innovative scholarship, first-class training in lawyering skills and an unparalleled range of extracurricular activities." Keeping this charge in sight, CIPLIT has created curricular and extracurricular programs that not only garner national recognition from legal and academic communities, but also enhance students' career development.

"Since its inception, CIPLIT has placed dozens of students in IP jobs, in some instances right after the first year of law school," said Professor Roberta R. Kwall, the founding and current director of CIPLIT. "Many of our early students now occupy prominent positions within their firms and organizations. We find it so gratifying that all of them got their start at DePaul, where they could learn and grow in a supportive yet academically rigorous environment."

The supportive law school environment that Professor Kwall mentions is a contributing factor to the IP program's success and expansion. In fact, it has acted as an incubator for many programs over the years.

One such program is the technology and intellectual property clinic that DePaul opened under the guidance of Professor Barbara Bressler in 2000. The TIP Clinic™,

as it is known, was one of the first law school clinical programs to provide transactional services exclusively in the areas of patent, trademark and copyright law to clients who cannot afford to pay private counsel for such services. Following the clinic's mantra, *Protecting the Creative Works of Creative Minds*<sup>®</sup>, students assist a wide range of clients, including entrepreneurs, musicians, artists, authors and inventors.

Today, DePaul's IP curriculum gives students opportunities to learn first-hand—through classroom theory and skills training—from leading scholars and practitioners in areas that include patent law, copyright and trademark law, art and museum law, entertainment law, cyberlaw and more. In addition to the first-year programs and the clinic, DePaul offers four specialized certificate programs, a joint degree and an LLM degree in IP law.

With its broad and innovative coursework, student-centric programs and respected faculty, DePaul aims to advance IP legal education for years to come. 

## IP student selected for Stanford's Hoover Institute



Faye Butt (JD '14) was selected to participate in the 2014 Stanford University Hoover IP<sup>2</sup> Summer Teaching Institute on the Economics and Politics of Regulation. Butt is one of just 25 students and young professionals invited to Stanford this August.

Hoover IP<sup>2</sup> educates students and young professionals on how to think systematically about regulatory systems and their consequences, equipping attendees with analytic tools that are basic to good policymaking. The intensive, two-week program follows the business school model of executive education programs and is taught by experts in fields as diverse as patent law, antitrust, innovation and finance, and energy and the environment.

"This experience will take me beyond classroom study and into the broader world of patent law policy-making," said Butt. "I intend to learn about how patent policy is made, what factors affect policy, and what outcomes patent policy is designed to facilitate. I hope that this experience will put me on the path toward becoming an effective patent attorney who understands the larger picture of patent law practice and policy."

## IP Faculty Scholarship and Appointments

### Barbara Bressler

Named Associate Dean for Experiential Education in 2014

### Patty Gerstenblith

OBJECTS OF THE PAST (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

### Michael Grynberg

*More than IP: Trademark Among the Consumer Information* WM. & MARY L. REV. 1429 (2014)

*Thick Marks, Thin Marks*, work-in-progress, presented at 2014 Works in Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium, Santa Clara University

### Roberta R. Kwall

FORGING JEWISH TRADITION THROUGH LAW AND CULTURE (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

*Shabbat: A Diverse Perspective on Human Creativity* in PROTECTING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY WITH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (forthcoming, Cambridge U. Press, 2014)

Recipient of a DePaul Spirit of Inquiry Award in 2014

### Margit Livingston

*Copyright Infringement of Music: Determining Whether What Sounds Alike is Alike*, Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. (2012) selected as one of the best law review articles for 2013 edition of ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING & THE ARTS HANDBOOK

Recipient of a DePaul Spirit of Inquiry Award in 2014

### Joshua Sarnoff

Appointed a Thomas Alva Edison Visiting Scholar for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 2014

## Students tweet, post for ABA IP conference

Rachael Dickson (JD '15) and Matthew Zuziak (JD '16, BS/MS '10) were two of 12 students selected to participate in the Annual Law Student Reporters Program of the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL). The two attended the 29th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference in Arlington, Virginia, in April, to report on legal programming via Twitter and blog entries. DePaul was the only school with two representatives selected and the only Chicago school represented in the Student Reporters Program.

## FACULTY PROFILE:

Patty Gerstenblith



**Professor Patty Gerstenblith**  
Director, Center for Art, Museum &  
Cultural Heritage Law

### Above and Beyond

*Patty Gerstenblith is a distinguished research professor of law and director of the Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law. She is founding president of the Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation (2005-2011), a director of the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield (a nonprofit organization committed to the protection of cultural property worldwide during armed conflict) and immediate past co-chair of the American Bar Association's Art and Cultural Heritage Law Committee. In 2011, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to chair the President's Cultural Property Advisory Committee in the Department of State; during the Clinton administration, she served as a public representative.*

*In a recent feature for DePaul's online magazine, Distinctions, Professor Gerstenblith talked about art and cultural heritage law and why DePaul's program is a leader in this area of law.*

The discipline of art and cultural heritage law itself is a relatively new field. I have been teaching at DePaul for 30 years and have benefitted from being in the right place, at the right time: The field and I grew up together.

Perhaps the aspect I like most about the field is its interdisciplinary nature: Teaching it requires some knowledge of art history, archaeology, anthropology, history, international relations and other academic fields. One thing we do well at DePaul College of Law is to look at the big picture. Here, art and cultural heritage law is affiliated with two other areas: intellectual property and international law. Both of these programs at DePaul are nationally recognized. As a result, our students graduate with a broad set of practical skills.

I have been fortunate to serve twice on the president's Cultural Property Advisory committee in the Department of State, currently as the committee's chair. The committee makes recommendations to the assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs as to whether the United States should enter into bilateral agreements with other nations to restrict the import into the U.S. of undocumented archaeological and ethnological materials.

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The legislation under which the committee operates is part of the United States’ adherence to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. When this legislation was adopted in 1983, the United States was, and probably still is, the single largest end-destination country for looted antiquities and stolen artifacts. The work of the committee is, therefore, important in establishing good relations with other countries and in helping to preserve the world’s cultural heritage.

When I say DePaul is “the right place” for exploring cultural heritage, I mean that literally. Here, we appreciate and respect different cultures set against a global environment. I think this is what our mission is all about, and that is what this specialty is all about, too.

DePaul’s commitment to art and cultural heritage law is apparent in many ways. For one thing, I am one of the few professors in the country with this specialty who is a full-time faculty member. Also, we are continually enhancing our program. For example, we are introducing two new courses next year—one on customs law, which will address the legal interactions surrounding international trade, and one on art market transactions, which will deal with the commercial law surrounding the business of buying and selling art. Again, our students will gain skills that can be applied in several contexts.

Our conferences attract scholars and practitioners from all over the country—faculty and students from other law schools, lawyers who work for museums, government agencies and auction houses, art dealers and collectors. Our National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition is the only one of its kind. This year, the competition hosted 19 teams from around the country and featured more than 75 volunteer attorney judges, including many nationally renowned cultural property experts (see inset). These events build our prestige, while providing great networking and educational opportunities for our students.

We educate our students in other ways as well. Our Center for Art, Museum and Cultural Heritage Law offers them opportunities for extern/intern placements at The Field Museum, Chicago History Museum, and other nonprofit and government agencies. Students have been publishing our *Journal of Art, Technology and Intellectual Property Law* for more than 20 years, and they contribute research to my work and to our events.

For reasons like these, I think—in fact, there’s no doubt in my mind—that DePaul’s program is the best in the country. Our students get a richer, fuller educational experience in this field than they would at any other law school. I am really proud of that.

## **Cultural heritage law competition focuses on import restrictions**

In February, DePaul welcomed 19 teams from across the nation to the fifth annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition at the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse in Chicago. The competition, co-sponsored by the Lawyers’ Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation, continues to attract teams from law schools with top-ranked appellate advocacy programs, as well as those with established art law programs.

The 2014 competition focused on the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (CPIA), which establishes a framework for imposing import restrictions on undocumented archaeological and ethnological materials. The CPIA issues arose from a fact scenario that centered on the importation of French ecclesiastical manuscripts in violation of a memorandum of understanding between the U.S. and the Republic of Manden. The problem required competitors to address whether an action taken pursuant to delegated presidential authority is subject to review under the Administrative Procedure Act, and to examine whether an intentional violation of the CPIA can serve as the basis for a criminal prosecution.

More than 75 attorneys including many DePaul alumni, DePaul faculty and nationally renowned cultural property experts served as judges during the competition. An esteemed panel of judges presided over the final round, including Judge William J. Bauer (JD ’52) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit; Judge Paul J. Kelly Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit; Judge Mary Mikva, of the Circuit Court of Cook County; and Judge Warren Wolfson, formerly of the Illinois Appellate Court, 1st Circuit. Arguing before this panel, the Chicago-Kent College of Law team defeated the Indiana University Mauer School of Law team to win the competition.

# GRADUATION STORIES

The College of Law celebrated its commencement on May 18, 2014. The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University, conferred degrees upon 313 graduates, and Larry R. Rogers Sr. (JD '83) inducted the new alumni. Student Bar Association President Anna R. Szymczak delivered the student address. Dean Gregory Mark presented an honorary degree to Northern District of Illinois Judge Thomas M. Durkin (JD '78), who delivered a keynote address.



## Uncle and niece unexpectedly become classmates, finish law school together

Kimberly Rios



Armando Rios



Armando Rios (JD '14) and his niece Kimberly Rios (JD '14) had no idea they shared a passion for law. But on the afternoon of law school orientation, Kimberly turned around to find her uncle standing behind her. "I asked him, 'What are you doing here?'" Kimberly recalled, laughing. "Then I saw his name tag and said, 'No way!'"

Armando was equally surprised to learn that his niece was his classmate. “I saw her across the room, and I knew exactly who that was,” he said.

On May 18, their family celebrated when both graduated from DePaul University’s College of Law. Throughout their time at DePaul, Kimberly and Armando found ways to support each other, even though they pursued different paths.

### **Early inspiration drove Kimberly to law school**

Kimberly found her calling while studying for the eighth grade U.S. Constitution test. “I loved social studies and learning how the government works. I knew then that I wanted to go to law school,” Kimberly said.

Growing up in Aurora, Illinois, Kimberly was first generation Mexican-American, and her parents placed a strong emphasis on higher education. “I’ve always been into school; my mom never had to pressure me to do my homework. I always felt an obligation to do it on my own,” Kimberly said. In high school, she interned with the Kendall County State’s Attorney’s office and found her niche in criminal law.

She went on to study political science and English at Aurora University and also worked for a criminal defense attorney. “I thought that I wanted to be a prosecutor, but then I saw what it’s like to be on the other side,” Kimberly said. “By defending someone else’s rights, I’m defending my own. And I’m making sure the Constitution is defended,” she said.

As a law student, Kimberly worked for O’Connor Law Group LLC on personal injury cases and found that being fluent in Spanish has helped her connect with clients. “Being able to speak to the clients in their native language allows me to build a relationship with them and establish stronger client-attorney trust,” she said.

Kimberly said her classmates at DePaul brought a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds to class, which enhanced her learning experience.

“It’s always good to have a diverse population to give various perspectives on different issues in a discussion-based class. DePaul’s diverse student body—from socio-economic status, to age and race—was reflected in my classes,” said Kimberly.

### **Armando combined love for aviation with interest in law**

Flying is Armando’s first passion. He holds a private pilot’s license and earned a bachelor’s degree from Lewis University in aviation maintenance management. “There’s nothing like flying in the clouds, the instruments telling you you’re right there on course,” Armando said. However, a difficult time in Armando’s family life took him in an unexpected direction.

“My dad came to America searching for better job opportunities and then later started his own mattress manufacturing business,” he said. “In the beginning, I was planning on going to Florida to finish my commercial pilot’s license,” Armando said. “But then my father got sick, so I had to stay in Aurora to help take care of him.”

When his father became ill, Armando faced legal challenges in managing his father’s end of life care. “Then I knew I wanted a law degree to help other people in the same situation.”

Returning to school several years after completing his undergraduate degree, Armando was drawn to DePaul. “I grew up watching Blue Demon games—the men’s and the women’s—and I have always been really familiar with DePaul.”

Armando took two aviation law courses at DePaul that connected with his real life experience from the field. Armando had interned with the Federal Aviation Administration and assisted in investigating airplane crashes. Being back in the classroom was much different than working on an airplane. “It was hard to get back into the swing of things,” Armando said.

However, Kimberly and Armando were able to be there for each other throughout their studies. “Occasionally we would have lunch together and always made sure we reached out to one another,” said Armando.

“We only took two classes together,” said Kimberly. “We wouldn’t sit together or anything; I like to sit in the very front and my uncle liked to sit in the back. In the classes we took together we would help each other with homework, send each other references and give support to one another in class,” she said.

Armando smiled and laughed as he remembered when two of their professors found out that he and Kimberly were related. “None of our professors really knew that we were related, but a couple did figure it out. After that, one professor used us in hypothetical, which is similar to an in-class scenario. And the other just started to call me ‘uncle’ whenever he saw me.”

Both Kimberly and Armando have high hopes for after graduation. Kimberly will be starting a full-time position with O’Connor Law Group and dreams of one day working for a public defender’s office. Armando is pursuing a position that will incorporate his studies in aviation and his law degree. 



## Social justice mission inspires Jaharis Scholar

DePaul's mission of social justice resonates on a personal level with Votey Cheav (JD '14) whose parents survived the Cambodian genocide in the 1970s.

"Their childhood was ripped from them, but education was always important to them," she explained. "My parents didn't have the opportunity to get as far as I did, so they are living vicariously through me." Cheav made the most of her College of Law experience, acting as managing editor of lead articles for the *Business and Commercial Law Journal*, serving as vice president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and participating in American Bar Association negotiation competitions.

Cheav also was a recipient of a 2012 Jaharis Family Foundation scholarship. "When I got the scholarship letter, I was very surprised and very happy," said Cheav. "It was nice. I mean, that's like a lottery letter. It was nice."

Cheav said she was attracted to the diversity at the law school and the market in Chicago.

"Where I came from, you don't meet people who have lived a totally different life than yourself, and I crave that," she explained. "If everyone is the same it doesn't make for a rich conversation inside the classroom and outside of it too, so [that was] a big factor for coming here."

Currently, she works for a boutique law firm in Chicago.

"I'm hoping that what I've learned and cultivated during my experience at DePaul is something that I can foster into a real, meaningful legal career," she said. After graduation, Cheav hopes to be a positive influence in Chicago's legal community. "I do hope that I can make a difference in future [DePaul] students' lives," she added.

Cheav believes strongly in the continuum of giving, carrying with her a lesson she learned during law school orientation her very first week at the College of Law. "[Chaplain] Tom Judge said something that almost brought me to tears," she recalled. "It was essentially that the profession of law is one of service. It's easy to forget that ... but our role in society is to use our resources in a positive way to help people wherever we can."

She feels that includes giving back to the university by supporting scholarships. "Financial support is just another message that conveys the pride of DePaul," she said. "It shows that [the DePaul community] has faith in their students and what they can achieve in law school and the community.

"Even though pro bono hours are required, it's just a tenet," Cheav said. "The foundation of law is to serve and help, so the fact that I'm in this position to be on the recipient end is very special. I encourage other donors to really think about the people that they are impacting." 

**Votey Cheav**



### Judge Durkin's 10 tips for new graduates

1. Remember the habits you learned at DePaul, among them concentration and excellency.
2. Keep up your health and happiness.
3. Be nice.
4. Be agile, don't limit yourself, embrace the unexpected.
5. Be thankful. As long as your mind works, you can still be a lawyer.
6. Get over yourself!
7. Don't ever regret the choice you made to go to law school.
8. Run a little scared. Excellence and effort will be rewarded, hard work is rewarded with opportunities.
9. Never give up dreaming about your dream job.
10. Remember why the legal profession exists: to help those in need.

*Adapted from Judge Thomas Durkin's 2014 commencement address.*

## Equal Justice Works Fellow supports children's educational rights

Lee Robbins (JD '14) is the recipient of a 2014 Equal Justice Works Fellowship, which will fund her legal advocacy in support of children's educational rights.

Equal Justice Works, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, honors lawyers who have developed new and innovative legal projects that serve communities in need of assistance. Robbins was selected for her plan to provide direct legal representation and outreach to ensure that low-income, elementary school-age children with mental health needs have the necessary educational and behavioral services. She will receive a salary, loan repayment assistance and training, and will work from the offices of local disability rights group Equip for Equality during her two-year tenure.

"In many schools across the country, the promise of our federal special education law is not being realized, and many children with disabilities are not receiving the education that they deserve," Robbins said. "Even though we have a robust federal special education law, children's legally mandated special education services are frequently not provided or are inappropriate to meet their needs."

As part of her project, Robbins will provide legal assistance to families during negotiations at school-based Individualized Education Program meetings and administrative due process hearings. She will also conduct legal rights trainings for families and local organizations, and will host office hours at community-based mental health providers in order to reach families who are seeking assistance.

Robbins enrolled in the College of Law with an interest in education advocacy. She received a Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center scholarship and worked as a research assistant to Professor Mark Weber, exploring special education law. Prior to law school, she taught high school special education through Teach for America in Washington, D.C. As a second-year student, Robbins secured an internship with Equip for Equality through DePaul's Field Placement Program and, when she learned that the organization was seeking candidates for an Equal Justice Works Fellowship, she took on the challenge.

"Equip for Equality receives numerous phone calls from families of young students with mental health issues who are concerned about the lack of appropriate behavioral and social-emotional supports at school," Robbins said. "News reports discuss on a daily basis how violence in Illinois communities detrimentally impacts children and can cause mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder

Lee Robbins



and depression. These reports, coupled with cuts in state funding for mental health services, supported the need for the project."

Robbins worked closely with Equip for Equality supervisors to develop her project proposal and solicited feedback from current and former fellows, mentors, friends, professors and former internship supervisors. Following several rounds of edits, she submitted her application to Equal Justice Works during finals of the fall 2013 semester and received the fellowship in January. Her project will be funded by the Chicago Bar Foundation, a sponsor of Equal Justice Works. In addition to remaining involved with DePaul's Family Law Center, Robbins has served as a student advocate in the Special Education Advocacy Clinic and the Poverty Law Clinic. "During my time at DePaul I have had many opportunities to hone my legal skills that will serve me well in my future work," she said. 

# Introducing a three-track JD model at DePaul



*Earlier this year, the College of Law announced the creation of a Third Year in Practice Program (3YP) and a three-year JD/LLM degree. The new programs build on DePaul's strengths in practical skills training as well as several specialty areas, while offering incoming students new opportunities to tailor their education to meet the needs of a changing legal market.*

*Dialogue interviewed Professors Zoë Robinson and Allison Tirres, two faculty members who were involved in crafting DePaul's three-track JD model, to learn more about the initiative.*

WITH PROFESSORS

**Zoë Robinson**  
and  
**Allison Tirres**

## **Q. What inspired the three-track program concept?**

**Robinson:** I am fortunate to be part of a small group of faculty who have been working to develop programmatic initiatives that both give our students more choice in how they pursue their legal education while at DePaul, and also help develop skills that will set them apart from other graduates in the job market.

The three track-track concept was a way of meeting the various demands from students and employers for practical legal education, increased faculty contact and mentoring, more opportunities to engage in in-depth legal writing and analysis, and focused training in a specialized area of the law. By offering a traditional JD option, a third year in practice option, and a three-year JD/LLM option, we can meet these demands and offer students a choice about how to conduct their legal education.

## **Q. How will the new JD options appeal to students?**

**Robinson:** I think that the three-year JD/LLM will appeal to those students who wish to practice in one of DePaul's areas of specialty: health law, tax law, international law and IP law. The program offers students the chance to graduate with two degrees in the time it usually takes to complete the stand-alone JD. Yet, more than that, it offers students the chance to work intensively in one specialized area alongside uniquely qualified faculty members who will act as mentors to those students.

The 3YP option will appeal to those students that wish to experience the practice of law prior to graduation, and who want to experience a handful of practice areas before deciding where they will ultimately end up after graduation.

## **Q. What has been the response to the announcement of the new programs?**

**Tirres:** The response to these initiatives from our various constituents—prospective and current students, alumni, and faculty—has been overwhelmingly positive. During our admitted student events, for example, students asked lots of questions about the 3YP program and seemed very excited about it. Current and prospective students are happy about the opportunity to specialize further by pursuing an LLM without having to devote an entire year to the endeavor. I think students are interested in programs that allow them to structure their law school experience in light of their professional goals.

## **Q. How is the program unique to DePaul?**

**Tirres:** No school that I know of has this particular combination of offerings. Some schools offer intensive field placements, but not with the structure and organization of our 3YP program. Some offer the combined JD/LLM, but not necessarily in the reduced time frame that we are providing. DePaul is also fortunate to be located in a wonderful, thriving city with plentiful educational opportunities for our students. Over the years, we have built strong networks throughout the city. Our Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic, for example, has partnerships with more than 25 community-based organizations. Such links provide excellent opportunities for our students and I think they are part of what makes us unique.

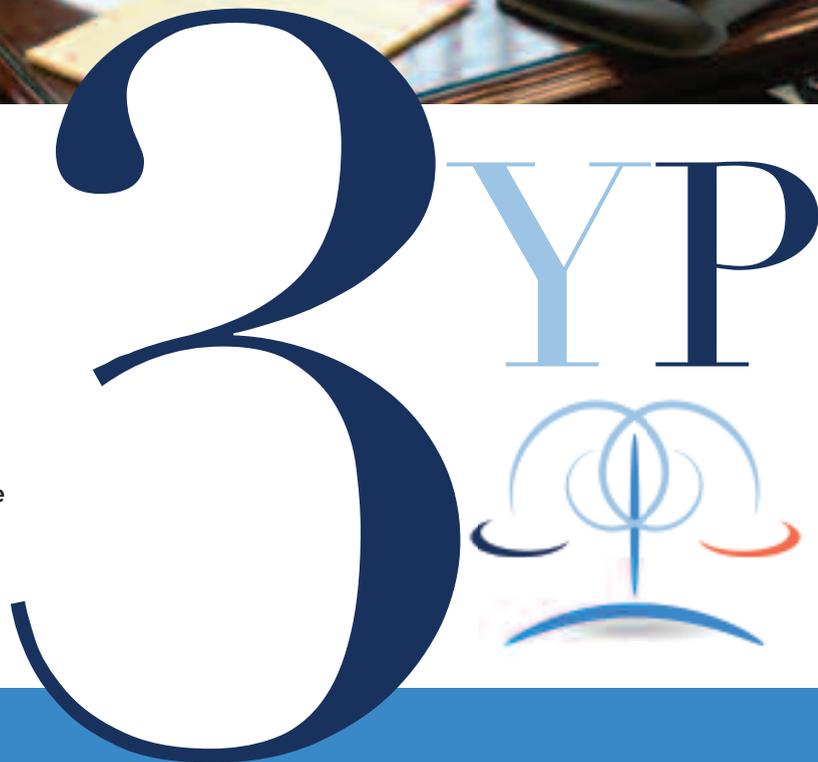
For more information about the JD, 3YP and JD/LLM, visit [law.depaul.edu](http://law.depaul.edu).



## DePaul is taking practical training in a new direction.

By Elizabeth Ramer

The College of Law is enriching its JD curriculum with the Third Year in Practice Program. Known as 3YP, the program gives students an opportunity to complete general law school course requirements in two years and spend their third year immersed in the practice of law.



Launching in fall 2014, 3YP will combine clinical, simulation and professional skills courses with an intensive externship program. Participating students will spend a significant part of their third year working in select government agencies, nonprofit organizations, law firms or judicial chambers under the close supervision of a practicing attorney or judge.

The 3YP option enhances DePaul's experiential learning curriculum by allowing for more out-of-classroom credits and a more intensive field placement experience, with an ultimate goal of better preparing students for the realities of the profession.

## A call for change

The program responds to the changing demands of the legal field and reflects recent practices by law schools and attorneys aiming to reinvigorate instruction and the profession.

In 2013, the American Bar Association (ABA) Task Force on the Future of Legal Education conducted a review of legal education. Its report—for consideration by institutions, the legal world and the public—called for sweeping changes. Among them, the panel requested increased innovation in law schools and a greater shift from doctrinal instruction toward development of the day-to-day skills and competencies required by lawyers.



“Legal education embraces new forms of pedagogy, but not always along the same timeline as other areas of study,” said Associate Professor Allison Tirres, co-creator of the 3YP program. “Law schools and law professors have for a long time done things that are innovative, including using the Socratic method of question and

answer in the classroom— rather than mere lecture—and providing clinical opportunities. I think many law schools are just now moving forward with further pedagogical innovation.”

At a retreat in October 2013, DePaul College of Law faculty members discussed the structure of the law school’s curriculum. The dialogue, Tirres said, was “informed by a growing recognition that experiential learning is an important and valuable part of legal education.”

The 3YP concept originated with Associate Professor Zoë Robinson, who conceived of it as part of a three-track program at DePaul, allowing students to pursue a traditional JD, a joint JD/LLM or a third year in practice. Faculty members acknowledged its benefit for a certain subset of students, as well as for the university in deepening ties with legal practitioners and nonprofits in Chicago.

Tirres took on the responsibility to build the program and enlisted the help of senior faculty member Professor Leonard Cavise, director of the Center for Public Interest Law and Chiapas Human Rights Practicum, to craft the basics and guide it through the faculty approval process. They also convened an informal working group to further hone the proposal.

Clinical Instructor David Rodriguez soon emerged as program director. His experience in nonprofit and

for-profit sectors, and enthusiasm for legal education and innovation stood out to Tirres and the 3YP program committee, comprised of faculty, staff and alumni.

Rodriguez took the committee’s momentum even further, researching pedagogical theory and consulting contacts at other law schools and legal clinics. He also reached out to local practitioners to discuss the most promising externships for 3YP students.

The end product allows students to apply following their first year and, if accepted, combine the classroom work for the second and third years. The third year will be open for externships, clinics and professional skills courses.

To create even more time for experiential learning, DePaul is increasing the allotted out-of-classroom credits from 12 to 21, still within ABA regulations. The combination of clinics and externships will give students an unprecedented opportunity to work directly with actual clients and one-on-one faculty mentors.

Clinics and professional skills courses will expose students to litigation and transactional work, focusing on legal drafting, negotiation and client counseling. In addition, the program will include a capstone seminar designed to help students retain the skills learned in 3YP.

Rodriguez says that the range of approaches will create a powerful dynamic for program graduates.

## Addressing new needs

Advocates of 3YP also see the full-immersion approach as a step toward addressing the national imbalance between market underemployment and unfulfilled legal needs.

“The legal profession needs to serve more people in more places, not just those in big cities and not just those with high incomes,” explained Tirres. “This is increasingly true in recent years, since the big firm model of legal service delivery has pulled most lawyers out of rural areas and out of the price range of most clients. We should be preparing our students to be able to open their own practice and to take that practice wherever there is a need.”

In addition to the market shifts, Rodriguez points out that law students are changing. Institutions are responsible for addressing the developments in communication, professional dynamics and even cognitive processing on account of technological innovations, he says.

Some colleges are adjusting to the change by looking to existing or emerging models. Harvard Business School’s spherical “hive” classrooms help students close the gap between school and career by replicating the crowdsourcing approach of corporate learning circles and allowing students to educate themselves using laptop computers.



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Law schools are taking a more conservative approach, looking to models used in professions like teaching and medicine, which require extensive on-the-ground training.

“Medical schools utilize the residency as a way to train students,” said Tirres. “The government funds different programs to ensure that doctors go to areas where there is a high need. We don’t have this training structure in law. But we can expand our curriculum to provide intensive fieldwork for students. 3YP is one way to build on our current offerings and provide that kind of training for fledgling lawyers, while also serving the needs of clients in the greater Chicago area.”

The effort to produce great lawyers—and a greater number of practicing lawyers—is gaining momentum beyond the institutional realm. As an article in the March issue of *National Jurist* pointed out, California’s state bar task force has proposed a competency training requirement en route to law licensure.

### Continuing an experiential approach

The 3YP opportunity is merely the latest chapter in DePaul’s commitment to skills-based training—an extension of the educational philosophy the school has maintained for decades. The Field Placement Program, established in 1974, still thrives today, offering nearly 200 externship placements with private firms, corporations, and public interest and government agencies.

“Experiential education is not new at DePaul,” explained Professor Barbara Bressler, newly named associate dean of experiential education, who has served in leadership roles with the Field Placement Program, the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology, and founded the Technology/Intellectual Property Clinic.

In her role as associate dean, Bressler will carefully manage the College of Law’s experiential learning efforts.

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“I know that with the support of the university and our wonderful alumni and with the participation and

assistance of our dedicated and enthusiastic faculty, the law school will be able to offer innovative experiential programs that will be well received by our students and the practicing bar.”

By all accounts, 3YP is designed to accommodate diverse career paths by providing students with comprehensive, legal training in an organized fashion.

“We’ve had a number of students who, because of the confidence they gained participating in our experiential learning programs, were able to establish their own practices, or immediately contribute to a small or midsize firm,” Bressler added. “The number of our graduates who work in solo, small or midsize practices is likely to increase given the need for lower-cost legal services and the changes in the way that larger firms are operating.”

Recent alumna Renee Gross (JD '13) says she benefited from the College of Law’s experiential approach. At DePaul, she participated in the misdemeanor and poverty law clinics, both of which exposed her to the process of preparing a case, interacting with clients and appearing in court. She also interned with the housing practice group at the Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF).

“At LAF, I researched cases, interviewed clients, and drafted motions and legal memos on different housing law topics,” Gross said. “All of these experiences helped build my confidence and developed my understanding of the legal system. They provided greater insight into the health struggles of some of our society’s most vulnerable populations.”

As coordinator of legal initiatives at the Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity at Yale University, Gross now provides analyses and support for national, state and local public health policy options concerning food marketing. She notes that many of her peers are interested in pursuing careers where they can apply their degrees in a nontraditional manner and says 3YP makes sense for law students in today’s legal environment.

“Every specialization within the legal field requires ample experience,” she said. “The classroom component is essential, but it’s important to balance this traditional aspect of law school with time spent learning from seasoned attorneys and working on solving real legal problems.”

*David Rodriguez meets with students  
in the Poverty Law Clinic.*



### **DePaul's greater mission**

Strengthening student career preparation and supporting creativity in teaching are fundamental to the experiential education program at DePaul.

The program places faculty in closer contact with students, which Rodriguez hopes will encourage creativity in instruction.

He believes the program could soften transitions not only for students entering the legal market, but for the College of Law and its professors as the larger academic community incorporates new approaches to teaching law.

"[Professors] are able to give virtually instantaneous feedback to the student, but they are also forced to continually assess the efficacy of their own teaching models," he said.

As an instructor in DePaul's Poverty Law Clinic, Rodriguez said he makes a conscious effort to impart the fundamentals of good counseling.

"In our clinics, we teach students not only how to represent real clients in real cases," he said, "but also important intangibles, like the unique struggles of clients, and the common humanity with those who come from many different walks of life. In this way, a good teacher is also a good Vincentian teacher."

Rodriguez points out that the 3YP program aligns with DePaul University's Vision 2018 strategic plan. The first objective calls for curricular innovation and program development to adequately prepare students. While this may seem like a traditional goal, the plan acknowledges a broader institutional commitment to student outcomes.

"Ultimately," Rodriguez suggested, "we always need to be mindful of our approach so that we can help our students become more mindful of their own." 

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[law.depaul.edu/fieldplacement](http://law.depaul.edu/fieldplacement).*

## Students bring legal literacy program to Mercy Housing



On an early morning in April, third-year students Arielle Einhorn and Courtney Redman previewed a new legal literacy training program for employees at Mercy Housing Lakefront, a nonprofit affordable housing development and management company in Chicago's South Loop.

The Legal Literacy Program provides Mercy's more than 3,900 residents with an overview of housing-related laws. A training video filmed and presented by law students offers in-depth descriptions of federal and local housing topics such as the Fair Housing Act, Resident Landlord Tenant Ordinance, security deposits, abandonment, habitability, and utilities and leases. For example, the "Understanding Your Credit" module presents information on the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Fair Credit Reporting Act. Once residents complete the video, they assess their knowledge through an online quiz and reinforce this information in a group game of Jeopardy.

*Arielle Einhorn explains the process behind creating the legal literacy program.*



*Courtney Redman distributes training materials to Mercy Housing staff members.*

“The training program is designed to provide residents with a platform to gain skills and obtain and maintain self-sufficiency to eventually move to the private market,” said Assistant Professor Julie Lawton, director of the College of Law’s Housing & Community Development Legal Clinic. Under her direction, the clinic partnered with Mercy Housing to develop the Legal Literacy Program.

The project was created by students who participate in the clinic, in addition to their regular course load. The template took about a year to develop, Lawton said, and an additional year to refine.

Clinic students Taylor Goulbourn (JD ’14) and Victor Price (JD ’13) drafted the Legal Literacy Program curriculum with guidance from Professor Lawton and Mercy Housing. The following year, Einhorn and Redman refined it, directed the video and presented the final product to educators, staff and residents of Mercy Housing.

Lawton said the concept was conceived in her consultation with former president of Mercy Housing Lakefront, Cindy Holler. Holler had shared some of the challenges residents were having during their transition to facilities operated by Mercy. Residents arrived with diverse housing backgrounds; some were homeless and some were moving from other public housing facilities. New residents sometimes

found the lifestyle at Mercy more regimented than what they had previously experienced.

Lawton said that Mercy Housing sought an environment that was “more proactive than punitive,” with the idea that helping residents understand their rights and obligations from the start might make the transition a little easier.

“I applaud Mercy for trying to create a program that will be helpful to their residents,” she remarked.

As part of the development of the video training, senior management at Mercy requested that DePaul include Mercy Housing property managers and case managers in the review and editing process. Overall, employees were pleased with the program and offered a few minor suggestions, such as making the language easier to understand and more reader-friendly for residents.

“We want to make sure the information is accessible to the residents, helpful and, as an educator, I want to make sure the process is a valuable educational experience for students.”

In a session later that month, Einhorn and Redman presented the program to Mercy Housing residents. The program will be rolled out to all residents this summer. 

## Real-world experience inspires real change

By Mary M. Flory



A ticket to a Rolling Stones concert led Linda Friedman (JD '85) to a chance taking of the LSAT, which set the stage for her to discover a love of litigation and enthusiasm for civil rights law.

As the story goes, Friedman planned to attend the show with a group of friends who were scheduled to take the test right before the concert. The group had purchased field

tickets for the floor of the stadium. In an effort to avoid separation, Friedman decided to sit in on the exam with her friends. She signed up for the LSAT on the day of the exam—and did well.

Oddly enough, she said, none of those friends ended up going to law school.

Friedman, however, embraced her natural legal ability and enrolled at DePaul. She found herself primarily drawn to the students attending evening classes, “because they had careers and lives, and had made a deliberate choice to go back to law school.” She split her time between day and evening classes to accommodate jobs that let her experience different areas of law—a move that, in retrospect, she credits with helping her find her way. “I think it’s what every law school student should do: Use law school as an opportunity to figure out what makes your heart tick, what makes you happy in law.”

Through the College of Law’s externship program, Friedman worked under James B. Parsons, the first African-American federal district court judge in the country, who drew out her fervor for civil rights. That externship continued on a voluntary basis after the semester was over because a law clerk was going on maternity leave. Later, Friedman moved into a federal clerkship of her own under Judge Harry D. Leinenweber.

“Between the extern experience and the clerkship, I watched dozens and dozens of trials, participated in jury instruction conferences, conducted legal research and prepared bench memoranda for the judges: I had a full apprenticeship,” she said.

Through Friedman’s next job, she met Mary Stowell and Richard Leng, both of whom had previously worked at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Together, they started Leng Stowell & Friedman, Ltd. in 1989, when Friedman was 29 years old. Leng and Stowell, she explained, were both experienced trial lawyers who brought with them

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corporate and criminal experience, respectively, and Friedman knew civil rights law. Leng left after about 10 years and Stowell just recently retired, so Friedman runs the Chicago-based civil rights law firm, now called Stowell & Friedman, Ltd.

“If you attend DePaul Law you get a wonderful education. There’s no question that the educational experience taught me the skills I needed to think like a lawyer. Because the law school is located in downtown Chicago, I also had the opportunity to spend three years figuring out what I liked and what I didn’t like, and where I could really see myself contributing [as] a lawyer.” In other words, “I knew what I detested, what I could tolerate and what I loved,” she added.

“I just felt a pull to do something, on a personal level, that would be meaningful,” Friedman said, explaining why she felt passionate about becoming a civil rights lawyer. “I love to be part of change. To learn about it, to study it, to work with the experts who are at the top of their fields trying to understand how to make the world a better and more fair place.”

Friedman credits the practical experiences she pursued while at the College of Law with providing an advantage over her peers. She tries to recreate this for law students, recent grads and lateral hires that apprentice with her, so they not only learn to be effective lawyers but also how to run a law firm. Many have moved on to open up their own firms or become partners at her firm.

For Friedman, success is defined by the amount of change she and her colleagues are able to inspire. “It makes me happy to know that we’ve changed a lot of peoples’ lives. That we’ve taught people how to stand up and change their own life experiences, and teach their children, nieces, nephews and neighbors to do the same.”

Friedman points to *McReynolds et al. v. Merrill Lynch* as a case she is quite proud to have worked on. It was a nine-year legal battle that ended in an appellate decision, and achieved certification of a nationwide class of approximately 1,400 African-American financial advisors and trainees to determine liability and injunctive relief for claims that the firm’s policies had a racially disparate impact. Friedman’s firm recovered \$160 million, the largest common fund ever achieved in a settlement of a race employment discrimination class action.

“Sometimes it isn’t always fun to be chef, cook and bottle wash of a firm,” Friedman said. “But I do [have a sense of] pride when I walk through the door and I know that there are 25 people who come to work every day at a place that I, along with my partners, created.”

# Class Notes

## 1954

**Andrew J. McKenna** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is chairman of Schwarz Paper Co.

## 1960

**Joel M. Carlins** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is co-CEO of Joel M. Carlins & Associates Ltd.

## 1967

**Patrick T. Driscoll Jr.** has been appointed administrative law judge at the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings.

**The Hon. Allen S. Goldberg** is an arbitrator with JAMS Chicago Resolution Center.

**John S. Munday** retired after 50 years of practicing intellectual property law. He has published seven books over the years, including a novel MARLYS IN HEAVEN.

## 1968

**The Hon. Edward M. Burke Sr.** (LAS '65) was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is alderman of Chicago's 14th Ward.

**The Hon. Richard M. Daley** (LAS '65, LLD '90) was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is of counsel at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

## 1972

**Dominic P. Gentile** (BUS '68) was appointed honorary consul for the republic of Italy. He is chairman of Gordon Silver's government investigations and business crimes department.

## 1974

**Albert M. Friedman** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is president and CEO of Friedman Properties Ltd.

## 1975

**The Hon. Michele F. Lowrance** is a family law mediator with JAMS Chicago Resolution Center.

## 1976

**Robert A. Clifford** (BUS '73, LLD '03), principal of Clifford Law Offices, was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business and was ranked first on the top 10 list in the 2014 Illinois Super Lawyers magazine. Clifford Law Offices also was selected by Trial Lawyer magazine as a 2014 member of The Forum: America's 30 Most Influential Law Firms.

## 1977

**Margaret H. "Peggy" McCormick** has assumed the presidency of the Federal Bar Association's Chicago chapter.

## 1978

**Mary A. Bak** retired as director of planning and economic development for Glenview on Dec. 13 after serving more than 28 years with the village.

**Miguel A. Valdes** (MST '74) joined WTAS as managing director in its New York office. He has more than 35 years of experience in U.S. and international tax planning, particularly with respect to Latin American and Caribbean tax matters.

## 1979

**John J. Buttita** (BUS '76) joined Greenberg Traurig LLP as a shareholder in its trusts and estates practice in the Chicago office.

**Thomas P. Duffy** is a partner with Hamilton Thies & Lorch LLP in Chicago, where he represents developers in all aspects of real estate development.

**Thomas E. McClure** was awarded the Hibbert R. Roberts Teaching Excellence Recognition Award by Illinois State University. He also received the university's 2013 Impact Award, which recognizes faculty for their individualized attention and impact on new students.

## 1980

**Kevin P. Durkin**, a partner at Clifford Law Offices, has been appointed to the executive committee of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

**Mark S. Ernst** is the new corporate vice president of human resources for the Meruelo Group, a privately held holding company with vested interests in gaming, construction, restaurant, food production, commercial real estate, banking and broadcast media.

## 1981

**Norman B. Berger** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, for the 10th consecutive year.

**David M. Goldman** is a partner at Davis Friedman, a Chicago-based family law firm.

**Ira N. Helfgot** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers. He also was sworn in as treasurer of the Lawyers' Assistance Program at its annual dinner in November 2013.

**Gregory S. Thomas** was promoted to senior licensing manager at Crocs Inc. His responsibilities include sports and entertainment licensing, and he recently expanded the Crocs footwear collection to include fashion, urban, artist, music, outdoor and limited edition styles.

## 1982

**Thomas W. Tuohy** (BUS '79) was awarded the highest possible rating by Martindale Hubbel, A/V Preeminent, for legal and ethical standards for an 11th consecutive year.

## 1983

**Thomas A. Corfman** is the assistant managing editor of government and politics at Crain's Chicago Business.

**Keith A. Hebeisen**, as partner on behalf of Clifford Law Offices, accepted an award for induction into the National Law Journal's Hot List Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C., in December 2013.

**David L. Liebman** is managing broker of Merit Capital Partners in Chicago.

## 1984

**The Hon. Joseph W. Nega** (BUS '81) was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as judge on the U.S. Tax Court for a term ending September 2028.

**Sandra B. Weiss** is senior IP counsel at AkzoNobel in Chicago.

## 1985

**Thomas P. Lally** retired as a battalion chief from the Chicago Fire Department. A chief warrant officer and 23-year veteran in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, he serves on active duty as FOIA legal officer for the Gulf Coast Incident Management Team in New Orleans.

**Janet A. Stiven** was named vice president and general counsel at Moody Bible Institute. She will oversee all legal matters, including contracts, regulatory compliance, employment matters, corporate governance, real estate and litigation.

**Stacey Thomas** is vice president of real estate and public affairs at Clear Channel Outdoor in Chicago.

## 1988

**Brian P. Swift** published UP: GETTING UP IS THE KEY TO LIFE, an inspirational story about the extraordinary life of a man living as a C6 quadriplegic. He shares his personal paradigm for mental, emotional and spiritual recovery facing the challenges of life as quadriplegic.

## 1989

**Kerry M. Lavelle** (MBA '85) was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers. She is the founding partner of Lavelle Law Ltd. in Palatine, Ill., and focuses in taxation.

**Dennis D. Fitzpatrick** is president of Clausen Miller PC, where he handles first-party property insurance, cyber risk coverage, environmental litigation, professional liability defense, construction litigation and subrogation matters.

**Anne R. Pramaggiore** (DHL '11), president and CEO of ComEd, was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. She also was named Utility Industry CEO of the Year by Energy Central, publisher of EnergyBiz magazine, at a gathering in Washington, D.C.

**Richard J. Salter**, CPA (BUS '77, LLM '89) was promoted to shareholder at Steinberg Advisors Ltd.

## 1990

**Michele M. Jochner** (LLM '92) was featured as one of the "Women Making an Impact" in Chicago Lawyer magazine's 2013 Women in the Law edition. She was recently appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a member of the MCLE Board.

**Timothy P. Knight**, CEO at Wrappports LLC, was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business.

**Jeffrey J. Kroll** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, for the 10th consecutive year. A partner at Salvi Schostok & Pritchard PC in Chicago, he concentrates his practice on personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death.

## 1991

**Matthew G. Gloss** was appointed general counsel of AtHoc Inc., where he will oversee the company's worldwide legal affairs, including customer and reseller contracts, IP matters, labor law, OEM agreements and corporate and board legal issues.

## 1993

**Monica T. Sullivan** is founding partner at Nicolaidis Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP.

**Gary H. Yamashiroya** will take part in the 2014 Japanese American Leadership Delegation program, which brings 10 prominent Japanese Americans to Japan for a weeklong trip dedicated to building people-to-people connections with Japanese leaders. He is detective commander for the Chicago Police Department.

## 1994

**Lawrence W. Falbe** was appointed to the board of directors of the Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals. He is a partner at Quarles & Brady and as a member of the firm's environmental practice group.

**Leslie A. Morse** was promoted to chief operating officer at Alper Services. She was previously director of claims.

# Class Notes

**Lisanne M. Pugliese** was recently sworn in as a newly appointed Cook County assistant state's attorney.

## 1995

**John M. Geiringer** is on the Lake County Community Foundation's board of directors. He is a partner at Barack Ferrazano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg and a member of the firm's financial institutions group.

**Timothy E. Kronquist** recently relocated to Washington, D.C., to join Holtzman Vogel Josefiak PLLC, where he provides service to officeholders, candidates, businesses and other political committees in all aspects of campaign finance regulation, ethics and lobbying compliance, and general operational matters. He also served as counsel to the 2012 Republican Vice President nominee Congressman Paul Ryan.

**Stephanie J. Pritzker** is a director of development at American Jewish Committee Chicago.

**Andrew S. Ryerson** is counsel at Chicago's Polsinelli Shughart PC, where he focuses his work on real estate lending.

## 1996

**Lesley E. Cohen** was appointed to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law by the Nevada Legislature. Lesley practices in Henderson, Nevada, and represents Assembly District 29 in the Nevada State Legislature.

**David M. Lutrey** (MBA '96) was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers. He is managing partner of Lesser Lutrey McGlynn & Howe LLP in Lake Forest, Ill., and focuses his practice on trust, estate and guardianship law.

**Michelle M. Paveza** has been promoted to partner at Langhenry Gillen Lundquist & Johnson, where she focuses her practice on medical-malpractice defense, construction litigation, general civil litigation and consumer fraud defense.

**Kimberly A. Ross** joined Butler Pappas Weihmueller Katz Craig LLP as a partner. She specializes in employment law defense, and also counsels employers in employment matters, drafts handbooks and policies, and provides employment training.

## 1997

**David M. Adler** founded Adler Law Group, a boutique law firm located in Chicago formed with the mission of safeguarding ideas, relationships and talent.

**Robert D. Boyery** (LLM '97) joined independent health management service provider OurHealth as executive vice president of client engagement. He will focus on short and long-term growth objectives, including working with various strategic channel partners to expand OurHealth's client portfolio and geographic footprint.

**Coreen M. Dicus-Johnson** was named president of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare's Central Market, which includes Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Franklin and St. Francis; Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital; and Wheaton Franciscan Medical Group in the Central Market.

**Steven J. Erffmeyer** joined Arthur Chapman Kettering Smetak & Pikala PA as an associate. He focuses in construction law, insurance coverage and general liability litigation.

**Jonathan E. Hawley** is federal magistrate judge at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois in Peoria.

**Timothy J. Quinlivan** (LLM '97) was appointed vice president, managing senior deputy general counsel at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, where he will have daily oversight for all attorneys, paralegals and administrative assistants in the legal department, as well as have the responsibility of coordinating outside counsel and handling all legal matters.

## 1998

**Scott Drumheller** was named executive administrator of Lions Club International, where he will oversee operations at the International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., for the association and Lions Clubs International Foundation, the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. He has been the association's secretary since 2006.

**Fred Nickl** started Williams & Nickl LLC, a firm concentrated on representing professionals who are licensed and regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

## 1999

**Robert R. Duda Jr.** joined Faegre Baker Daniels in Chicago as counsel.

**Dina M. Hayes** joined Kaye Scholer LLP as of counsel. She focuses her practice on patent and trademark litigation.

**Charlene M. Kelly** joined Quarles & Brady LLP as a partner in the firm's labor and employment practice group.

**Ray J. Koenig III** was elected to Clark Hill PLC executive committee.

**Arthur J. Reliford Jr.**, partner at Swanson Martin & Bell LLP, has been named to the Chicago International Charter School (CICS) board of directors.

**Jason K. Schmitz** has been named shareholder at Vedder Price, where he joins the firm's Chicago office in the intellectual property group. His comprehensive global intellectual property practice includes transactional and litigation experience.

## 2000

**Raiomand G. Krishnayya** is the founder of the Center for Victim and Human Rights, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit that provides legal aid to victims of crime and human rights violations at little to no cost.

**Beth L. Schwarz** opened her own Chicago-based law practice, Beth L. Schwarz Family Law & Litigation, which focuses on domestic relations law.

## 2001

**Anitra D. Androh** joined Bryant Miller Olive PA as of counsel in the Washington, D.C., office. She will support real estate, housing, banks and developers in the public finance group.

**Brady L. Rasmussen** joined Jones Waldo, where he is part of the firm's litigation practice group.

**Trisha K. Tesmer** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers. She is a litigation and appellate partner at Cassidy Schade.

## 2002

**Mary E. Mc Cahill** (LAS '99) was promoted to partner at Daley Mohan Groble PC, where she represents self-insured companies in casualty and commercial litigation.

**Juan C. Linares** was named executive director of LUCHA in December 2013. LUCHA owns and develops \$18 million in affordable housing and serves approximately 3,000 families annually with affordable housing, housing counseling, foreclosure prevention and other supportive services in the Chicagoland area.

**Gregory M. McMahon** was promoted to equity shareholder at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney.

**Michael R. Radak** was promoted to partner at Langhenry Gillen Lundquist & Johnson, where he focuses his practice in personal-injury and insurance defense law including automobile accidents, construction, premises liability, wrongful death and medical-malpractice defense.

**Jeffrey M. Stein** has been elected chairman of the Municipal Prosecutors Group of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association. He also was recently promoted to partner at Tressler, where he concentrates his practice in local government law and litigation.

**Ruthleen E. Uy** was installed as co-president of the Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego board of directors. She is a partner at Sughrue Mion.

## 2003

**Michael L. Gallagher** was promoted to supervisor of the torts and federal civil rights section of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. He is responsible for the supervision of 16 attorneys and more than 415 state and federal lawsuits against Cook County and its employees.

**Michael J. Gilmartin** joined Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC. He focuses his practice in the financial sector, representing regional financial

institutions, community banks and private equity firms in transactional and litigation matters.

**Michael S. McGrory** has been elected to the board of directors for Mental Health America of Illinois. He is a partner at SmithAmundsen, focusing his practice in aviation law and commercial litigation.

**Alexander Rozenblat** joined Eligo Energy as general counsel and director of legal and compliance.

**Anthony P. Steinike** (LAS '99), a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP, was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars.

## 2004

**Jeffrey S. Becker** is chair of the newly formed entertainment and media law practice group at Swanson Martin & Bell LLP in Chicago.

**Benjamin S. Berman** was promoted to general counsel of Kayak.com.

**Moira K. Dunn** is running for judge in the Will County Second Subcircuit. Currently, she is an assistant state's attorney for Will County.

**Jori B. Krischke** has joined Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate in the firm's Chicago office and is part of the intellectual property practice group.

**Christine Abuel Pompa** was recently elected equity partner at Fitch Even Tabin & Flannery in Chicago, where she focuses on patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright litigation and opinion counseling.

**John A. Stefani** (LAS '97) was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars.

# Class Notes

**Kathleen M. Waitzman** is an associate with Arnstein & Lehr LLP in Chicago. She brings nearly 10 years of experience, most recently counseling large corporations on litigation matters with a focus on contract matters, tort claims and insurance coverage issues.

## 2005

**Jeremy R. Bridge**, a patent attorney with Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren SC in Rockford, Ill., was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars. This is the second time he has been included on this list.

**Jeffrey C. Ditmar** was promoted to senior corporate and litigation counsel with Atain Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills, Mich.

**Todd M. Glassman** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, for the third consecutive year. He is a partner at family law firm Ladden & Allen in Chicago.

**Jason S. Greis** is a partner at McGuireWoods LLP, where he focuses his practice on providing solutions for complex business and legal issues impacting healthcare and life sciences providers and supplies.

**John C. Hammerle** is a partner in the litigation practice group at Freeborn & Peters LLP.

**Paula S. Kim** was recently appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee. She is a shareholder at Polsinelli Shughart PC.

**Eric J. Maiers** was promoted to shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, where he focuses on patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition, Internet and domain name matters, with an emphasis on patent litigation and patent prosecution.

**Jeremy D. Protas** was promoted to partner at Marshall Gerstein & Borun.

**James J. Saul** was promoted to partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Chicago, where he is member of the firm's intellectual property practice group and focuses on trademark and copyright enforcement, including anti-counterfeiting and anti-piracy matters.

## 2006

**Anne E. Brown** joined Roetzel & Andress LPA as an associate. She focuses her practice on drug, pharmacy and health care law.

**Devon J. Eggert** is a partner in the bankruptcy and financial restructuring practice group at Freeborn & Peters.

**Lawrence E. James Jr.** is a partner at Neal Gerber & Eisenberg.

**Lisa M. Sterneck Katz** joined Polsinelli as a counsel in firm's Chicago office, where she will work in health care transactions and regulatory compliance in health care and the financial services industries.

## 2007

**Katherine S. Alvarez** is an attorney-advisor in the Office of Policy and International Affairs for the U.S. Copyright Office.

**Phillip N. Coover** has been promoted to principal and director of marketing at Schenk Annes Tepper Campbell Ltd., where he first began working as a clerk while a second-year law student in 2005. He currently concentrates his practice in commercial litigation.

## 2008

**Guinevere M. Moore** (LAS '03) an associate at Holland & Knight in Chicago is a recipient of the ABA section of Taxation 2014 Nolan Fellowship.

**Frank Muller** is an attorney-advisor in the Office of Policy and International Affairs for the U.S. Copyright Office.

**Michael D. Sevin** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, for the third consecutive year. He is an associate practicing family law at Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove LLP in Chicago.

**Lance C. Ziebell** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars. He is an associate at Lavelle Law Ltd., working in the firm's litigation group.

## 2009

**Avanti Bakane**, an associate with Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, has been elected president of the Indian-American Bar Association of Chicago.

**Kristina B. Regal** was recognized in the 2014 edition of Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars. She is an associate at Lavelle Law Ltd., focusing her practice on gaming issues.

**Evan D. Whitfield**, an attorney at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in Chicago, was recently named to the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40. He joins an elite group of attorneys from Illinois as a new member of this professional organization comprised of America's top young trial attorneys who exemplify superior qualifications, trial results and leadership.

## 2010

**Cintha L. Bassig** (LAS '06) was recently sworn in as a newly appointed Cook County assistant state's attorney.

**Monica-Kaye Gamble** was recently sworn in as a newly appointed Cook County assistant state's attorney.

**Charles M. Rizzo** joined WongPartnership in Singapore as a foreign lawyer. He is part of the firm's equity capital markets practice.

**Jason G. Shore** is an associate with Mevorah Law Office LLC. He will lead the new downtown office, and focus his practice on immigration, personal injury and family law.

## 2011

**Joseph G. Bucci** was recently sworn in as a newly appointed Cook County assistant state's attorney.

**Sarah King**, an associate at Clifford Law Offices, has been appointed fundraising chair of Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project. She also serves on the project's planning committee as the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association delegate.

**Tanvi B. Patel** is an associate attorney at Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP in Chicago. She focuses her work in the intellectual property and technology transactions practice group.

**Joshua P. Smith** is an associate with Quarles & Brady in Chicago, where he focuses his practice on patent prosecution, counseling, post-issuance proceedings and IP litigation.

**John H. Spittell** joined the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, as an attorney-advisor.

**Heather H. Stephens** is director of the Meadowlands Museum in Rutherford, NJ.

## 2012

**Emily Casey** is an attorney at Tobin Carberry O'Malley Riley & Selinger, where she practices in the areas of workers' compensation, employment,

intellectual property and cultural property law.

**Lamis G. Eli** has been named an associate at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.

**Sierra M. Falter** was admitted to the Nebraska Bar and joined Sattler & Bogen, where she is part of the firm's railroad litigation practice.

**Laurie M. Hamen** will serve as the ninth president of Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was previously vice president for enrollment management, athletics and student affairs at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., where she served for the past 18 years.

**Kathryn E. McGough** is an account executive at the Trust Company of Illinois.

**Joanne Moon** has been named an associate at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.

**John J. Vitanovec**, an associate at Cassiday Schade in Chicago, recently had an article published by Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel.

## 2013

**Samuel B. Chae** was recently sworn in as a newly appointed Cook County assistant state's attorney.

**Matthew J. Dostal** joined Stellato & Schwartz Ltd. as an associate.

**Tracy Lin** has been admitted to the New York State Bar. She is an associate at Goldberg Segalla in the firm's business and commercial practice group.

**Joseph T. Moran** is the new assistant state's attorney for Hancock County in western Illinois.

## In Memoriam

Morton S. Abt (JD '48)  
Colette Bailey (JD '87)  
The Hon. Vincent E. Bentivenga (JD '60)  
Selwyn Blum (JD '53)  
Victor J. Cacciatore Sr. (BUS '52, JD '55)  
Dr. Robert R. Chambers (JD '51)  
George R. Clark (JD '53)  
William A. Donato (JD '49)  
The Hon. Nello P. Gamberdino (LAS '50, JD '59)  
William G. Gardner (LLB '59)  
John S. Gaughan (JD '62)  
Henry M. Grannan (JD '62)  
John J. Griffin (JD '58)  
Stanley J. Gros (LLB '46)  
George L. Gucker (LLB '59)  
Richard A. Hendershot (JD '93)  
Robert S. Krockey (JD '66)  
Richard W. Lacher (JD '50)  
Joseph J. Librizzi (LLB '53)  
Thomas J. O'Donnell (LLM '81)  
William H. Powell (LAS '40, JD '46)  
William R. Power (JD '81)  
John J. Reidy Jr. (BUS '64, JD '66)  
Fredric N. Richman (JD '60)  
Joseph O. Rubinelli (BUS '38, LLB '40)  
Arthur M. Samuels (JD '35)  
Seymour L. Sulzbacher (LLB '51)  
Albert A. Warnke (JD '82)  
Norman L. Wilson Jr. (JD '47)

## Marriages, Births & Adoptions

**Kathryn S. Clark** (LAS '02, JD '06) and **John Schietinger** (JD '06) welcomed their second child, Abram Levon Schietinger, on June 4, 2013. Abram joins big sister Ella.

**Genevieve C. Morrill** (JD '04) and her husband Nathan Kay welcomed Roland Edward Morrill Kay on Feb. 17 in the middle of a snowstorm.

**Megan J. Claucherty** (JD '08, MBA '08) and her husband Kevin Marx welcomed their first child, Andrew John Marx, on Jan. 11.

## DePaul tops law school list in Illinois Super Lawyers

DePaul University College of Law is ranked first on the law school list for the largest number of graduates recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers® in 2014. This is the fifth consecutive year that DePaul has topped the list. The latest edition of Illinois Super Lawyers magazine includes **320 DePaul law graduates**, listing 13 in the top 100 and one in the top 10, as well as three in the top 50 for women attorneys.



### Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers



(pictured above, from top left, clockwise)

**Anthony J. Ashley** (JD '92), shareholder, Vedder Price

**Miles N. Beermann** (JD '58), partner, Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove

**Joseph G. Bisceglia** (JD '73), partner, Jenner & Block

**Stephan D. Blandin** (JD '86), principal and partner, Romanucci & Blandin

**Robert A. Clifford** (JD '76), partner, Clifford Law Offices – **Ranked No. 1 in the Top 10**

**Philip Harnett Corboy Jr.** (JD '77), partner, Corboy & Demetrio

**Steven B. Towbin** (JD '75), member, Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin

**John P. Scanlon** (JD '89), member, The Healy Law Firm

**Robert J. Palmersheim** (JD '96), partner, Schopf & Weiss

**Shawn S. Kasserman** (JD '90), partner, Tomasik Kotin Kasserman

**Keith A. Hebeisen** (JD '83), partner, Clifford Law Offices

**H. Michael Hartmann** (JD '76), partner, Leydig Voit & Mayer

**Kevin P. Durkin** (JD '80), partner, Clifford Law Offices

### Top 50 Women Illinois Super Lawyers

**Adria East Mossing** (JD '88), partner, Mossing & Navarre

**Catherine L. Steege** (JD '82), partner, Jenner & Block

**Anita M. Ventrelli** (JD '89), partner, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck



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