Changing Conceptions

College of Law discusses fertility preservation
Message from
Dean Warren Wolfson

The College of Law’s spring 2011 semester flourished with activity. Our calendar included the annual Law Alumni Awards dinner, symposia that explored a wide range of current issues, several alumni receptions and student scholarship events, and a national moot court competition. Bringing the semester to a close, we honored our newest law graduates during the 113th commencement at the Civic Opera House in May. This issue of Dialogue highlights many of these activities.

Also featured are cutting edge legal topics recently addressed by the *DePaul Law Review* and the health law program, as well as the stories of several alumni who support the law school through their service and generosity. In addition, our highly respected and accomplished new law dean, Gregory Mark, shares his thoughts about the deanship and the law school.

Under Dean Mark’s leadership, the College of Law will continue to build on the successes of our alumni, students, faculty and staff, upholding the college’s vision of preparing leaders, promoting justice and shaping policy.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as interim dean at DePaul. Though my term is ending, I will continue to teach and to work with our Institute for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution, proudly supporting the efforts of this extraordinary law school.
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In Brief

**College of Law climbs 14 spots in U.S. News rankings**

DePaul University College of Law placed 84th, up 14 places from last year, in the latest U.S. News & World Report “Best Law Schools” rankings. This is the sixth consecutive year that DePaul has been ranked among the nation’s top law schools by U.S. News.

Two of DePaul’s specialty programs—health law and intellectual property—also consistently rank among the best in the country. In this year’s specialty rankings, the health law program placed 15th and the intellectual property program placed 17th in their respective categories.

In the area of diversity, DePaul again was identified among those law schools that offered a racially and/or ethnically mixed student body. U.S. News cited diverse schools based on the total proportion of minority students, not including international students, and the mix of racial and ethnic groups on campus.

DePaul also placed 28th among the 80 accredited law schools surveyed that offer a part-time option. New to the survey this year is a category in which lawyers ranked nearly 100 law schools. DePaul placed 67th among the schools on this list.


**IALI hosts China’s civil aviation administrator**

DePaul’s International Aviation Law Institute (IALI) named Li Jiaxiang, administrator and former president of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), an honorary visiting professor and a distinguished international scholar to recognize his leadership in the swift rise and growth of China’s civil aviation industry and infrastructure during a ceremony held at the law school in January. Li was in Chicago as part of the official state visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

*Read the full story at law.depaul.edu/news.*

IALI Director, Professor Brian Havel, presents Administrator Li Jiaxiang with a certificate recognizing his appointment during a reception in January.
Criminal Appeals Clinic works to overturn conviction obtained using unconstitutional statute

A number of appellate court decisions have found a certain provision of the retail theft statute to be unconstitutional, as it creates a mandatory presumption that relieves the state of its burden to prove the element of intent. In other words, the presumption denies the trier of fact the discretion to determine if merchandise from a retail store has been removed intentionally or inadvertently.

Criminal Appeals Clinic student Thomas Vogelhuber is working on a case in which a judge explicitly relied on this unconstitutional presumption in finding the state met its burden of proof, convicting a defendant of retail theft and sentencing him to two and a half years in prison.

“There is little case law regarding the application of [this] unconstitutional mandatory presumption by a bench judge,” says Vogelhuber. “This was not, however, disconcerting because the error by the judge was obvious and warrants a reversal of the conviction.”

“The significance of this case is that in none of the other published decisions has the trier of fact actually relied on this bad presumption,” says Scott Main, an adjunct professor who teaches the clinic in a rotation with attorneys Laura Weiler, Patrick Cassidy and Maria Harrigan from the Office of the State Appellate Defender.

“A reversal of [the client’s] conviction based on this unconstitutional statute can send a signal to the legislature to change this law. This case provides a great example of how appellate advocacy is focused on the individual rights of your client, but can also lead to changes in the law that can benefit others similarly situated.”

Like Vogelhuber, each student in the Criminal Appeals Clinic handles their own case: scouring the trial record for anything that strikes them as odd or unfair; performing research to provide support for their theories; and ultimately drafting a brief for their client that will be filed in the Illinois Appellate Court at the end of the semester.

“So much of a student’s legal writing experience in law school is learning the technical aspects of drafting and providing a balanced understanding of the law,” says Professor Main. “With the appeals clinic, we emphasize that you always begin with the rule and then expand outward. We encourage students to find their voice as an advocate, learning how to persuasively take a point of view on behalf of their client.”

2011 Clifford Symposium honors Stanford Professor Robert Rabin

Stanford Law School Professor Robert Rabin is one of the towering figures of American tort law. His work—from the tobacco controversy to the 9/11 compensation fund—has influenced the way lawyers and scholars think about virtually all of the critical questions confronted in tort law.

In April, at the 17th Annual Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy, “Festschrift for Robert Rabin,” lawyers and academics from across the country gathered to honor Professor Rabin and examine his work. The symposium included presentations by law faculty members from Harvard, New York University and Yale, among others. Their papers will be published in the next symposium issue of DePaul Law Review.

In 1994, noted personal injury attorney and alumnus Robert A. Clifford (JD ’76) endowed a faculty chair in tort law and social policy. The chair gives meaningful expression to his belief that the civil justice system serves a number of vital interests in American society. It provides support for faculty research, teaching and an annual symposium, which brings the latest scholarship and advances in legal practice to lawyers and scholars who specialize in tort law, civil justice and related fields. Professor Stephan Landsman currently holds the chair.

Clifford Symposium law faculty included (front, from left) Catherine Sharkey, NYU; Stephan Landsman, DePaul; honoree Robert Rabin, Stanford; Nora Engstrom, Stanford; Ellen Pryor, Southern Methodist; (back, from left) Peter Schuck, Yale; Kenneth Abraham, University of Virginia; Stephen Sugarman, UC Berkeley; Michael Green, Wake Forest; Anthony Sebok, Cardozo; Benjamin Zipursky, Fordham; Mark Geistfeld, NYU; Gregory Keating, USC; and John Goldberg, Harvard. Not pictured: Myriam Gilles, Cardozo.
DePaul inducts eight students into Order of Barristers

DePaul’s chapter of the Order of Barristers welcomed eight new members at an induction ceremony in May. The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization that encourages oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school moot court and mock trial programs.

Pictured with Professor Chris Evers (left) and Associate Dean Howard Rubin (right), are the 2011 inductees, from left: Russell Tanguay (JD ‘10), Tanvi Patel (JD ‘11), Simi Botic (JD ‘11), Phyllis Roman (JD ‘11), Courtney Healy (JD ‘11), Blaire Dalton (JD ‘11), Paige Roncke (JD ‘11) and Anthony Danhelka (JD ‘11).

International Human Rights Law Institute organizes Iraq’s first national moot court competition

DePaul’s International Human Rights Law Institute (IHRLI), in conjunction with the International Law Students Association, organized the inaugural Iraqi National Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Held in December in Erbil, Iraq, it was the first time students from across Iraq gathered to compete in a moot court competition.

Teams represented 16 Iraqi law schools and competed through written and oral arguments before a simulated International Court of Justice, the principal judicial entity of the United Nations. The competition problem addressed the legality of the use of unmanned drones and international anticorruption law. Final round judges included the former chief judge of the Iraqi High Tribunal, a retired judge of Baghdad Criminal Court, and a former ambassador of Iraq to the United Nations.

The teams from Baghdad and Dhi Qar universities advanced to the White & Case International Rounds in Washington, D.C., in March. Through a State Department-funded legal reform project, IHRLI staff members from Iraq and Chicago assisted the Iraqi teams and received recognition for the best national rounds.

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DePaul teams advance in 2011 moot court competitions

DePaul law students vied against their peers in more than a dozen national moot court competitions in spring 2011. Coached by DePaul law professors and alumni, eight teams’ compelling oral and written arguments helped them reach the advanced rounds of their respective competitions.

• Simi Botic (JD ’11) and Charles Finlayson (JD ’11) made the semifinals of the National Juvenile Law Moot Court Competition at Whittier Law School.

• Jessica Allan (JD ’11) and Aaron Dozeman advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition at Charleston School of Law.

• Tanvi Patel (JD ’11) and David Porter advanced to the semifinals of the James Braxton Craven Jr. Moot Court Competition at the University of North Carolina School of Law.

• Courtney Healy (JD ’11) and Erik Nelson advanced to the quarterfinals of the Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition at Widener Law.

• Kelly Olivier and Will Alzugray reached the quarterfinals of the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison.

• Hersh Mehta (JD ’11) and Lisa Ciharan placed fifth in the Boston regional round of the ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

• Black Law Student Association mock trial team members Alicia Robinson (JD ’11), James Lumene, Marqus Cole and Brandi Garcia (JD ’11) took second place at the Midwest Regional Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, advancing to the national rounds in Houston.

Professors Allison Ortlieb, Jody Marcucci, Sarah Klaer, Sandra Kupelian and David Franklin, and alumni Theodore Thomas (JD ’09) and Chalet Braziel (JD ’09) served as coaches.

Read the full story at law.depaul.edu/news.
Sen. Dick Durbin announced that more than 120 prosecutors and public defenders in Illinois, including several DePaul graduates, would receive loan assistance through the John R. Justice grant program at a news conference held at the College of Law in January. From left, Iris Y. Chavira (JD ’07), Associate Dean Andrea Lyon, Cook County Public Defender Abishi Cunningham Jr., David Potter (JD ’08), Sen. Dick Durbin, Celeste Addyman (LAS ’05), Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez and Associate Dean Howard Rubin.

DePaul hosts second annual cultural heritage law moot court competition

DePaul’s Center for Art Museum & Cultural Heritage Law, Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology, and Appellate Moot Court Society along with the Lawyers’ Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation (LCCHP) held the second annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition in February at the Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago. Established by DePaul and LCCHP in 2010, the competition is the first in the nation to focus entirely on the field of cultural heritage law.

This year’s competition included 17 student teams from across the country, nearly doubling the number of participants from the inaugural competition. The teams addressed a problem focusing on the Immunity from Seizure Act and the use of a laches defense in an action to recover a painting looted from occupied territory in the closing days of World War II.

DePaul faculty members and more than 75 attorneys—including nationally renowned cultural property experts—served as judges in the preliminary, quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. Judge William Bauer (JD ’52), U.S. Court of Appeals for 7th Circuit; Judge David Hamilton, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit; Judge Mary Mikva, Circuit Court of Cook County; and Dean Warren Wolfson, former judge of the Illinois Appellate Court, presided over the final round. DePaul law students volunteered during the two-day competition and assisted in writing the bench memo. Additional support was provided by international auction houses Sotheby’s and Christie’s.

The third annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition is scheduled for February 24 and 25, 2012.

Read the full story at law.depaul.edu/news.

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Professor Lyon comments on Illinois death penalty abolition

Professor Andrea Lyon, director of DePaul’s Center for Justice in Capital Cases, witnessed a historic event in Springfield on March 9, 2011, when Governor Patrick Quinn abolished the death penalty in Illinois.

“We must spend our precious resources on crime prevention, adequate policing and community development and seek peace,” says Professor Lyon, who was active in efforts to abolish the state’s death penalty. “Abolishing the death penalty is good for the citizens of Illinois, good for our budget, good for families of victims and good for our court system. It may even make our state safer.”

Since 1976, Professor Lyon has tried 136 murder cases; in 19 capital cases, she has argued for—and won—life sentences. The Chicago Tribune once dubbed her the “angel of death row” for this work and, in 2010, her book by that same title was published. She has received numerous awards for her work and was recently presented with an Outstanding Legal Service Award from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Lyon discussed the power of Quinn’s decision in the May edition of DePaul Distinctions.

ABA President Zack offers career advice to LLSA board members

In mid-March, DePaul Latino Law Students Association board members met with ABA President Stephen N. Zack to learn about his career path and to discuss their own career goals.

Zack talked to the students about his education, experience and duties as ABA president, as well as the importance of networking, being persistent and volunteering when paid positions may not be available. He not only inquired about their career goals, but also offered possible career contacts.

Students help low-income individuals fill out tax returns

In February, DePaul law students volunteered with the Ladder Up tax assistance program as part of the Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative’s Donate-A-Day. Students spent the day at Olive-Harvey College on Chicago’s South Side to provide low-income families and individuals with free tax preparation services. Before participating in the daylong workshop, students attended a training session on tax law basics and tax software. Finding the experience rewarding, many students volunteered at Ladder Up workshops throughout March and April.

State senator Kwame Raoul (center) discussed his role as sponsor of the bill that ended capital punishment in Illinois with law students in Professor Andrea Lyon’s (left) death penalty defense seminar. Jeremy Schroeder (right), executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty, also spoke at the seminar.

Read her commentary at distinctions.depaul.edu/columns.

CIPLIT to host Intellectual Property Scholars Conference

The Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT) and the College of Law will host the 11th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference on August 11 and 12, 2011, bringing together intellectual property scholars to present their works-in-progress in order to benefit from the critique of colleagues. The conference is co-sponsored by the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, Boalt Hall School of Law; the Intellectual Property Law Program, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University; the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology at DePaul University College of Law; and the Stanford Program in Law, Science and Technology, Stanford Law School.
**Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center sponsors service project**

In March, 22 law students volunteered with the Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center’s third annual spring break service project at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. Organized by Professor Jane Rutherford and Executive Director Barbara Hausman, students participated in both the design and presentation of workshops on topics including juvenile record expungement, street law, school law, the juvenile system and court etiquette, communications and negotiations, and job search.

**Symposium explores local juvenile justice system**

The *DePaul Journal for Social Justice* annual symposium “Juvenile Justice in Chicago: Moving Forward with Restorative Justice and Expungement” explored issues affecting youth in Chicago’s juvenile justice system. Panels discussed the current state of juvenile justice, restorative practices used in juvenile court, schools and the community, and the expungement of juvenile records. The symposium, held at DePaul in March, was cosponsored by the Center for Public Interest Law, the Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center, the DePaul Egan Urban Center and the National Lawyers Guild, and was supported by the Vincentian Endowment Fund.

**IP groups discuss Supreme Court case Microsoft v. i4i**

DePaul’s Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT) and the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago co-sponsored a roundtable discussion of Supreme Court case *Microsoft Corp. v. i4i Limited Partnership* at the College of Law in April, following submission of the briefs and in advance of the oral argument.

In this case, the Supreme Court considered the meaning of the statutory presumption of patent validity and whether to overturn the Federal Circuit’s 27-year-old precedent requiring clear and convincing evidence to invalidate a patent when the prior art that is the basis for the invalidity defense was not considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the patent’s examination. In June, the Supreme Court rejected Microsoft’s argument and affirmed the Federal Circuit’s strong presumption of proof.

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**Faculty Promotions, Honors and Awards**

**M. Cherif Bassiouni**

In March 2011, the U.N. Human Rights Council appointed Professor Emeritus Bassiouni to lead a three-member team of experts to investigate human rights abuses in Libya. This is his third U.N. appointment in connection with conflict-related investigations.

**Patty Gerstenblith**

President Barack Obama appointed Distinguished Research Professor Gerstenblith as chair of the U.S. State Department’s Cultural Property Advisory Committee in June.

**Brian F. Havel**

Professor Havel, associate dean of administration, director of the International & Comparative Law Program, and director of the International Aviation Law Institute, was named a distinguished research professor of law in spring 2011. He also will be the Keeley Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford, Wadham College, for 2011-2012.

**Andrea Lyon**

Professor Lyon, associate dean of Clinical Programs, received the Outstanding Legal Services Award from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty in January. The award recognizes her decades of work on behalf of defendants facing the death penalty.

**Mark Moller**

An expert in complex litigation, Professor Moller teaches in the area of civil procedure. He was promoted to associate professor of law in spring 2011.

**Allen R. Moye**

Professor Moye received tenure in spring 2011. In addition to directing the Rinn Law Library, he has served on the College of Law’s committees on diversity, law and technology, self-study and strategic planning.

**Susan Thrower**

Professor Thrower, director of the Legal Analysis, Research & Communication program, was elected secretary of the Association of Legal Writing Directors for a three-year term beginning in 2011.
The College of Law welcomed Anne R. Pramaggiore (JD ’89), president and chief operating officer of ComEd, as the 2011 commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient. The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul president, conferred degrees on the graduates, and Judge Warren Wolfson, interim dean, and William E. Ryan (JD ’75), former dean’s council chair, inducted the new alumni.

1. SBA President Patrick M. Callahan carries the DePaul University mace.
2. Anne Pramaggiore delivers commencement address.
When Tristan Gunn walked across the stage to receive his law degree at the 2011 DePaul University College of Law commencement, he was hooded by two of his favorite alumni—his mother and father.

On May 15, Carlina Tapia-Ruano (JD ’80) and her husband Jeffrey Gunn (JD ’84) welcomed Tristan into the family business of law as well as the family firm, which specializes in immigration law.

Tapia-Ruano began the family law dynasty when she decided to attend DePaul for law school while her husband went to work to support the family. “About a year after I graduated, Jeff went to law school and I supported him,” says Tapia-Ruano. “He watched me live through the law school experience and decided it was something he wanted to do also. DePaul was the school best suited for both of us.”

Gunn, who is a partner in a Chicago firm that practices insurance law and who also works as a business partner in his family’s firm, Tapia-Ruano & Gunn PC, was pleased to hood Tristan at the ceremony with his wife. “I applied to DePaul law school because of its reputation and I was happy to be accepted,” says Gunn. “I’m proud of Tristan’s accomplishment.”

As for Tristan, he’s eager to join his parents as a College of Law alumnus. “I’m furthering a family interest,” says Tristan. “I think it speaks well of Chicago that we have schools and universities that continue to draw academics generation after generation.”

Tristan also will extend his family’s DePaul legacy of lawyers when he marries Stephanie Basanez, a 2008 College of Law graduate, this summer.

With the addition of Basanez, four DePaul law grads in the family would seem to be enough. However, Tapia-Ruano and Gunn are hoping they can convince their 23-year-old daughter, Elena, to also come into the family business and, of course, attend law school at DePaul. “I’d like Elena to become a lawyer because I think she would be good at it,” says Gunn. “I can’t think of a better law school for her to attend than DePaul, our family alma mater.”
Nearly 100 law student volunteers assist domestic violence victims

When Judge Grace G. Dickler, presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County’s Domestic Violence Division, decided to offer domestic violence victims assistance in filing civil orders of protection, she turned to DePaul College of Law for help. The result was an influx of 96 law students willing to staff a new pro bono program at the Domestic Violence Courthouse beginning in January 2011.

Given the tremendous response, Judge Dickler was “overwhelmed by the spirit of public service at DePaul College of Law.”

Jody Raphael, senior research fellow at the Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center, spearheaded the project on behalf of DePaul. “Given the difficulty petitioners have in filling out the complicated forms to obtain a civil order of protection, the need for this project is great,” she says. “Thanks to Judge Dickler’s vision and a joint effort of the Family Law Center and the Center for Public Interest Law, we are able to help victims receive the assistance and support they need in court to keep themselves and their children free of abuse.”

Law student volunteers spend about three hours each week at the courthouse. They interview petitioners, assist with the required paperwork, prepare written affidavits, and accompany petitioners to the courtroom—all in an effort to support victims and help them obtain emergency orders of protection. Petitioners return to court 21 days later, at which time, the person served with the order is given the opportunity to respond. By mid-April, law students assisted 434 petitioners at the courthouse.

DePaul students are proud of their volunteer efforts, knowing this work makes a difference for abused individuals. “I love meeting with all the clients and helping with their petitions,” says third-year student Rochelle Turrisi, who is one of 28 students that volunteered through Professor Deborah Tuerkheimer’s domestic violence course. “Watching their moods change from being overwhelmed or upset at the beginning of a session to feeling accomplished and safe after getting an emergency order of protection is a great feeling.” She continues to work with the program this summer.

At the same time, law students gain valuable practical skills by interviewing clients and formulating relevant information from interviews to help petitioners obtain protection orders. “I thought this project was an amazing opportunity to develop skills outside of the classroom. It helped to give meaning to my week when I was buried in my textbooks,” says Jeremy Chavez, a third-year student who volunteered for the spring and summer. “This hands-on opportunity is an invaluable opportunity for me to reaffirm my passion for helping others.”

Throughout the first few months of the program, Raphael noticed improvements in students’ skills and confidence levels when interacting with court personnel and in the courtroom. “The joy of the students as they became confident and assured in dealing with petitioners and the court system was palpable,” she says. “Each student gained substantially in maturity over the course of the project.”

The program required numerous volunteers to be successful, but scheduling and supervising almost 100 law students presented considerable challenges. With support from the College of Law, the DePaul Vincentian Endowment Fund, and the Field Foundation of Illinois, alumna Jennifer Ansay (JD ’10) was hired part time to schedule students and provide on-site supervision.

In addition to law students, attorneys from 10 major law firms as well as nine DePaul alumni volunteered their services and, subsequently, took on more complex cases. Alumni volunteers included Barbara Helfand (JD ‘80), Ryan Helgeson (JD ’10), Julia Kim (JD ’10), Marissa LaVette (JD ’10), Raoul Mowatt (JD ’10), Michael Murphy (JD ’10), Jessica Davis Triebe (JD ’10), Karen Boyd Williams (JD ’10) and Maureen Yamashiro (JD ’85).

More than 50 students volunteered—nine on a full-time basis—for the program this summer. The College of Law will continue the program in academic year 2011-2012.

Law alumni interested in volunteering may contact dvpilotproject@gmail.com.
“It isn’t the dean that makes a law school great. A really good dean supports faculty, student and alumni work and creates an environment where legal imagination can be deployed to help solve the world’s problems.”

What is it about DePaul that appealed to you in deciding to pursue the deanship?

DePaul is a place for me, personally, that is unique in the legal academy. I have known the work of some of the faculty members for many years. The person who taught me contracts is now on the faculty; the person who was my trial advocacy teacher is our interim dean; and the person who hired me into legal education is on the faculty. My connections with this faculty are longstanding and deep, and I have a huge affection for DePaul as a result.

One of the things—and I’ve done some research into our history—that is marked about the law school is that it has always been open. I mean open not only in the sense in which we talk about it now, open to diversity. However, it’s absolutely true that if you look at pictures of some of our early classes you will see women and you will see African Americans, people who would never have been given the kinds of opportunities for success if not for DePaul. But just as important is its openness to intellectuality. This law school was interdisciplinary before interdisciplinary was an academic term.

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If you look back, one of the earliest deans was an expert on Blackstone’s Commentaries, not something that the everyday practicing lawyer needs, but something that links the everyday practice of law to its deepest traditions.

I also think the law school has fantastic possibilities that many other schools simply can’t match. For example, when I was first contacted about the deanship and was handed many of the school’s publications, there was one publication that listed some prominent alumni. One thing that really took my breath away was the way in which both people in private activities, business and practice, as well as people in the public sphere, public servants and the public interest, were accorded respect and recognition. They also were prominent—very prominent—and I thought, this is a place with fantastic possibilities.

**What are your priorities for the first year?**
My first year priorities will involve, internally, consolidating the knowledge that I gained by visiting DePaul half a dozen or more times to get to know the faculty, students and administrators within the school. And, secondly, aggressively pursuing our development efforts.

I think both my experience in development and the knowledge that I hope to gain of the faculty, staff and students—what their dreams are, what their aspirations are, what their work is—will assist me a lot in, as they say, ‘hitting the ground running.’

**You served as vice dean and associate dean at Rutgers for several years. Please tell us about your experience in those administrative roles and what that experience offers the deanship.**
I had a number of different administrative appointments at Rutgers. Probably—at least what I have been told—I am unique among academics in that I’ve actually run a development office. I think I have a good sense of how to proceed in this area whereas most starting deans may not.

The second thing is that I am very proud of the centers and outreach efforts that I was able to work in administratively at Rutgers. I helped found the Center for Law, Science & Technology, which I hope is a model for outreach to industry, to practice and to the regulatory universe. In addition, I was able to work very closely with some other units in Rutgers, not just on the Newark campus but also on the New Brunswick campus, to build interdisciplinary efforts that were both academic and outreach in character.

**You mentioned building interdisciplinary efforts at Rutgers. In what ways do you see the College of Law and the larger university integrating such efforts at DePaul?**
I think the future of legal education will be characterized as interdisciplinary. We have to be able to reach out to other units, indeed to other institutions, that have intellectual and academic content and orientation in order to really give our students the kind of thorough grounding in the law and the world that they deserve and need.

For example, it’s not just enough to talk about the sociology and psychology of crime or about the economics of law or legal history, and DePaul probably knows this better than most other institutions. If you’re talking about IP, you have to talk about the cutting edge in science and technology; you have to talk about new media and artistic expression. Chicago is a vibrant and wonderful city on this score.

It’s not just the units at DePaul, but the institutions in this city that will help make this law school one of the most vibrant and productive in the country.

**What is your impression of the alumni connection to the College of Law?**
I had the great pleasure of attending both the Law Alumni Awards dinner and the Dean’s Council meeting this past spring. I’ve been to a lot of alumni events, but I was moved at DePaul, not just by the affection that the alumni had for the school they graduated from, but also by the clear joy all the alumni took in each other’s success. The people in the public sphere were delighted by the successes of the people in business and private practice, and vice versa. There was a sense of community that I found deeply moving and that reinforced for me what I referred to earlier as the great possibilities for this institution. I can’t wait to get out and meet more of our alumni, to hear about the arcs of their careers, and to be able to tell those stories to our students. And, indeed, urge alumni to tell those stories to our students.
What do you think are the greatest strengths of our student body?
During the spring, I only had a chance to meet a few dozen students. I hope to meet more, if not just formally at gatherings like my meetings with day students and evening students, but informally in the hallways to learn their goals and their concerns. My impression from the few dozen students that I’ve met is that they are intellectually powerful, intellectually curious and have the widest variety of professional aspirations. In short, they are a kind of ideal student body because they fulfill the faculty’s expectations for playing roles in every possible area.

The legal market certainly has changed for graduates in the last few years. What is your advice for someone considering law school or for students preparing to enter the job market?
Keep an open mind. It is difficult to conceive of careers in the way that has been characteristic of maybe the last 20 or 25 years, in which you go to a firm and stay at that firm until you choose to leave, taking your portfolio of business with you. I think what we will see, at least for the immediate future, is a return to a much more traditional legal market in which students’ entrepreneurial approach to their own careers will be well rewarded.

What do you see as the greatest strengths of our faculty?
The faculty has, as I mentioned before, a great tradition of innovation and interdisciplinary activities being, if not the first, among the first movers in important fields. One need only look at great exemplars like Professor Emeritus Cherif Bassiouni and his pioneering work in human rights, or need only look at the work being done by those in our intellectual property program, to see just how forward thinking the faculty can be. It’s this kind of attitude that I think is characteristic of the faculty, and I’m especially delighted to see it reflected in the junior faculty members, who are ambitious, intellectual, warm and a terrific part of the future of this school.

As dean, you will wear many hats. What role(s) do you expect to be most challenging? What role(s) do you think you will enjoy most?
I think the hardest thing for me will be to keep up with the intellectual work of the faculty—it’s hard to keep up with a faculty as productive as this one. I want to try to make a point of reading some of the work of our entire faculty, and to keep up with the activities of our faculty members, so that I know what their ideas and goals are and so that I can talk about them to the world.

When I go to recruit students and they ask, “Do you have somebody in X?” then I can say, ‘Do we have somebody in X, we have the world’s leading person in X.’ Or I can tell them we have a brand new faculty member and explain what she’s doing that’s so wonderful.

The thing I’m actually looking forward to the most, however, is to getting out and meeting the people who constitute the history of the school—the community of alumni whose careers serve to inspire our students.

Finally, what are you most looking forward to about your return to Chicago?
Well, several things. I’m reminded every time I have dinner with colleagues and friends here just how much I enjoy eating in this city. But what’s more, this is a fantastic walking city. I’m so looking forward to living in one of the most dynamic cities in the world, and to being close to things I value, everything from the beauty of the lakefront to the eclectic neighborhoods.
Last November, B. Goldsborough went on vacation to Nicaragua to escape the Chicago winter. After spending the day surfing, she noticed her breast was sore. “I felt around, and there was a lump,” the 36-year-old investment manager says.

When she arrived back in the states, she immediately scheduled a doctor’s appointment. After getting a biopsy, Goldsborough discovered she tested positive for a highly aggressive form of invasive breast cancer. According to her doctors, the best way to treat it would be through chemotherapy.
Chemotherapy is one of the best weapons doctors have in the fight against cancer. However, the drugs used in treatment do not differentiate between cancer cells and healthy cells, which can pose a number of health risks to patients. One of the risks that worried Goldsborough the most was the possibility that treatment might render her infertile.

“My fiance and I had planned on starting a family after getting married,” Goldsborough says. “My oncologist scheduled us an appointment with a fertility specialist prior to starting chemotherapy to discuss our options.”

Goldsborough’s experience represents a growing trend to make fertility consultations a standard practice for cancer patients, especially those undergoing chemotherapy. Thanks to advances in science, this area known as oncofertility has helped thousands of men, women and children affected by cancer lead happy and fulfilling lives.

“As a cancer patient opting for fertility preservation, I was faced with the difficult decision of whether to proceed with chemotherapy and its potential side effects or to freeze eggs for later use.”


legal ambiguity

Elster highlighted many of these ethical quandaries during her presentation, which provided a legal overview of fertility preservation.

“From a legal standpoint, today’s society, with its increased rate of new discoveries, faces more difficulties when applying new technologies to different situations,” says Brittany Heitz (JD ’11), symposium editor for the DePaul Law Review. “When such difficulties emerge, the law must be flexible and willing to adapt.”

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One area of oncofertility where the law may especially need to remain flexible is informed consent. Acquiring the consent of a minor is a peculiar legal area, since minors are usually unable to legally provide consent. Thus consent often defaults to the child’s parents. But even then, the law may play a role in the decision to preserve fertility on a case-by-case basis. Children are not the only patients who face issues regarding consent.

“Who isn’t under duress when you’re dealing with a cancer diagnosis, impending chemotherapy and the possibility of infertility?” Elster says.

A controversial subject in general, the question of insurance is another oncofertility topic of debate. Currently, some states have laws that require insurance companies to cover non-experimental infertility treatments. However, this does not necessarily cover fertility preservation in cancer patients since they only face the threat of infertility. Also, as science and technology continue to alter the fertility landscape, the definition of what treatments are experimental is subject to change.

“Fertility preservation may not be the most prevalent issue that we are discussing in the national conversation,” says Patrick Callahan (JD ’11), editor-in-chief of the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law, “but it is an issue that often goes overlooked, and it shouldn’t because it affects a lot more people than we would ordinarily think.”

People First
Underpinning the College of Law’s range of health law initiatives is a commitment to DePaul’s Vincentian values, specifically serving urgent human and social needs. This is one reason Goldsborough was asked to speak about her own experience with cancer and the threat of infertility.

“Hearing Bonnie’s story brought the day full circle and allowed the audience, most of whom were attorneys, to see the implications of their work and the importance of their work in this area of law,” Heitz says.

Goldsborough and her fiance opted to cryogenically freeze her fertilized eggs. After discussing the legal implications together, the couple decided that Goldsborough should have sole ownership of the embryos should something happen to her. The two are set to marry in 2012 and plan on starting a family soon after.

“When we found out that we had successfully been able to fertilize eggs, we both cried because we were so happy,” she says. “We now have something so positive to look forward to.”
Chaz Ebert fulfills law school dreams

By Jim Distasio

When DePaul law alumna Chaz Ebert (JD ’77) was writing her law school admission essays, she already was making bold plans for her retirement. The litigator-turned-TV impresario and wife of world-renowned film critic Roger Ebert expressed to prospective law schools a desire to focus on philanthropy following a successful career in the legal profession.

Although Ebert no longer practices law, she is far from settling down in some sunny Florida retirement village. Instead, she practically keeps first-year associate hours as the full-time vice president of the Ebert Company and has made good on the promises in her law school application, even if she’s unsure how her dream ever made it onto paper.

“I have no idea why I would write that, even if it was an aspiration of mine,” Ebert says. “But one day I was fortunate enough to start a foundation. It’s nothing compared to the extremely well-funded foundations out there, but we try to do a little good here and there.”

As one of the principals of the Roger and Chaz Ebert Foundation, Ebert directs the foundation’s largesse at many of her passions—programs that help families and children, with an emphasis on education and the arts.

She’s also generously given back to her alma mater with a recent gift to establish the Chaz Ebert Endowed Scholarship at the College of Law.

“It’s really wonderful that she’s giving something back so future generations of students can have the same opportunity she had,” says Kevin Fortwendel, a senior director in DePaul’s Office of Advancement. “Every dollar is important to a student who may be the first in their family to go to law school and make them comfortable in taking that leap to pursue a legal education.”

Born Charlie “Chaz” Hammel, Ebert grew up as the second youngest of nine children in a working class family on Chicago’s near west side. Her late father worked in the stockyards and her late mother was a homemaker and precinct captain deeply involved in local Democratic politics. She attended Crane High School, earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Dubuque and attained a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin before setting her sights on the Juris Doctor program at DePaul.

After graduation and her admission to the bar, Ebert worked as a litigator for the Environmental Protection Agency, where she testified before state and federal legislative bodies and assessed the costs of environmental compliance against pragmatic issues such as jobs and a community’s overall quality of life.

“It made me sleep well at night to know I was protecting your air, drinking water and the environment from hazardous waste and pollutants,” Ebert says.

Ebert moved on to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and says some of her proudest professional moments there involved defending individuals who had been discriminated against because of their age, sex or race.

“I would be the happiest to know that someone who received a Chaz Ebert Scholarship was ... able to stay in school and graduate because of it.”

Continued
She transitioned from public to private practice and joined the firm Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP, which is now part of K&L Gates LLP. Some of Ebert’s clients were Fortune 500 companies, and she says it was an opportunity to view the law from the side of individuals flush with influence and show many of these companies how obeying the law was beneficial to their bottom line.

Although she loved practicing law and delivering arguments in the courtroom, Ebert says she didn’t quite feel at home in private practice.

“There were many things I liked about my firm, but ultimately it was too difficult being the only African-American woman at the firm,” she says.

However, the well-honed skills of a legal professional would come in handy for her most high-profile job yet as vice president of the Ebert Company. She and Roger married in 1992, and this career path has given Chaz the opportunity to work on issues related to broadcast TV and radio, book publishing, computer ventures and speaking engagements to name just a few.

“It was exciting, and we got to spend time together,” says Ebert, who has two children from a previous marriage and four grandchildren. “The quality of our lives together was a priority. And I was still involved in overseeing legal matters in conjunction with his outside lawyers. It was the perfect world.”

Despite Roger’s well-documented bout with cancer that left him unable to speak without the assistance of a computer program, their company remains at the forefront of film criticism in multiple mediums. In January, Roger and Chaz launched a new weekly film criticism TV show “Ebert Presents at the Movies,” which is executive produced by Chaz and distributed nationally through American Public Television. She also occasionally serves as Roger’s “voice” on the show, narrating his reviews of classic and unheralded films.

Even with a grueling schedule that can take her from the studios of WTTW in Chicago to one of her husband’s book signings to a film festival overseas, Ebert still remembers the steep price many first-generation law students pay to achieve her level of success.

During her days at DePaul, Ebert recalls students who received scholarships and other financial aid having to abandon their legal educations because they could no longer afford the books or bus fare to get to school. She hopes her gift to the College of Law provides students a little extra breathing room so they can go on to serve their community in some meaningful way.

“Right now my College of Law scholarship endowment is small, but I would be the happiest to know that someone who received a Chaz Ebert Scholarship was able to buy books and pay fees associated with law school, and that this person was able to stay in school and graduate because of it,” Ebert says.

**2011 Law Alumni Awards**

The College of Law celebrated its 17th annual alumni awards dinner at the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower in March, honoring five outstanding alumni who have given back to DePaul as well as to the community. More than 225 alumni and friends attended the event, which raised approximately $80,000 in proceeds to benefit DePaul’s Center for Public Interest Law.

**Distinguished Alumnus**

Edward M. Burke (BA ’65, JD ’68), known as the dean of the Chicago City Council, has served as alderman of Chicago’s 14th Ward for more than four decades. A recognized expert on city budget matters, he is chairman of the City Council Committee on Finance and serves as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission. He also is a partner in the law firm of Klafter & Burke. In addition to his professional activities, he is involved in many civic and charitable organizations, including the One Hundred Club of Cook County, the Knights of Columbus and the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago.

**Outstanding Service to the Profession**

Terrance W. Gainer (JD ’80), sergeant-at-arms of the U.S. Senate, is recognized worldwide as a leading innovator in security and law enforcement. Prior to this role, he served as commissioner on the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq and as special envoy for Middle East Regional Security. He also has served as chief of the U.S. Capitol Police, director of the Illinois State Police and chief legal officer of the Chicago Police Department. Gainer also held executive positions in the private sector and served as a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve until his retirement as a decorated veteran in 2000. In 2009, he received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.
Outstanding Young Alumna

Amy Crout Ziegler (JD ’02) is a partner with Greer Burns & Crain Ltd. in Chicago, where she focuses on intellectual property, Internet and technology law. She has managed global trademark portfolios for a variety of companies, and routinely handles high-profile intellectual property enforcement matters, foreign and domestic trademark oppositions, domain name proceedings and litigation. For her work, she was featured in Chicago Lawyer magazine and named an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers. Ziegler recently finished serving her second year as the Midwest chair of the International Trademark Association Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition. She also served a two-year term on the board of managers of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago. Prior to joining the board, she founded the association’s Women in IP Committee Annual Federal Judicial Panel.

Outstanding Service to the Profession

James M. Lyons (JD ’71) is a senior partner at Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP, where he specializes in complex business litigation and arbitration of all types. He also maintains an international business practice and has extensive government relations, international trade and diplomatic experience. During the Clinton administration, he served as special advisor to the president and secretary of state on economic initiatives in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. He also served as U.S. observer to the International Fund for Ireland. Lyons has served as president of the board of the Faculty of Federal Advocates of the U.S. District Court and as chair of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for the U.S. District Court in Colorado. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Denver College of Law and Graduate School of International Studies. In 2010, Lyons was named Best Arbitrator by Law Week Colorado.

Outstanding Service to DePaul University

Francine S. Solunias (LAS ’70, JD ’73) is the assistant dean for Strategy and Student Professional Development at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law and is executive director of the Institute for Law and the Workplace. She joined Chicago-Kent in 2003 after spending more than 20 years as in house counsel for Ameritech, where she was responsible for employment and labor related matters across a five-state region. Her involvement at DePaul includes serving as a member of the Dean’s Council for the College of Law and the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, president of the DePaul Black Law Alumni Foundation and a member of the College of Law Capital Campaign Committee. She previously served 10 years on the board of directors of St. Thomas Seminary, the formation house for the Vincentian priests of DePaul University.
ComEd chairman and CEO Frank M. Clark (JD ’76) and his wife, Vera, recently made a $250,000 bequest intention as part of the Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign to establish the Frank & Vera Clark Endowed Scholarship in the College of Law. Once funded, the scholarship will provide assistance to law students who are in good academic standing and who enhance the diversity of the law school.

The Clarks are longtime supporters of DePaul, having generously donated more than $1 million over the course of the years. In 2005, they funded their first law scholarship in Frank’s name. They also contributed to the university’s Campaign for Excellence in Science, creating a research green house in the new science building in 2008.

Frank is a “triple demon” who, in addition to earning his JD at DePaul, graduated from the College of Commerce with a degree in human resource management in 1972 and received an honorary degree from the College of Law in 2004. He is a member of DePaul’s board of trustees and the Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign steering committee. Vera is an adjunct faculty member at Chicago State University College of Education.

Catherine Coyne Reiter (JD ’81) pledged a $10,000 gift over the course of the next two years to support DePaul’s Special Education Advocacy Clinic as part of the Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign. The gift will allow the clinic to continue its work with families of Chicago Public School students with special education needs.

Reiter, a partner at Chicago law firm HeplerBroom, is one of Illinois’ premier lawyers focusing on medical and health professionals’ malpractice litigation. Her recent professional accomplishments include being named one of the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Illinois for 2011. In addition to her legal work, she is a passionate advocate for children with special needs and an energetic supporter of the College of Law, serving on the Health Law Institute’s advisory board and the Dean’s Council.

Reiter’s generous gift, continued interest and enthusiastic support will help the clinic obtain high-quality evaluations of clients and will allow the clinic to advocate for appropriate services and placements during the individual education plan process and, if necessary, in litigation.

To date, the Campaign for the College of Law has raised more than $20 million of its $30 million goal to support initiatives that embrace and solidify its legacy of preparing leaders, promoting justice and shaping policy.

For more information and to support the campaign, please visit law.depaul.edu/campaign.
Donald Mrozek (JD ’73), chairman of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP since 1989, is the newly named chair of the College of Law’s Dean’s Council. In this role, he hopes to engage more council members in law school initiatives and to motivate even more graduates in offering support to the law school.

“In a new dean on board, it is an exciting time which may provide new opportunities for council members to make a difference.”

Mrozek and his firm have generously supported students and public interest work at the College of Law over the years. Another of his goals as chair is increasing alumni involvement and support for the law school. “We currently have strong involvement from a somewhat limited number of alumni. We need to expand the number, which ought to be achievable given the large number of our graduates who reside and work in the Chicago area.”

In 2010, Mrozek received the College of Law’s Distinguished Alumnus Award—the highest distinction the college can bestow—recognizing his character, integrity and career achievements. Also a past editor of the DePaul Law Review, he received the Via Sapientia Award in 2009.

Among Mrozek’s many professional honors, he was named one of the best law firm leaders by Of Counsel in 2002, one of the top leading lawyers in all areas of law in 2007, a top 100 business lawyer by Leading Lawyers Network in 2009 and 2010, and a top attorney in the area of business litigation by Illinois Super Lawyers annually since 2005.
1963  
**Chester Lizak** was recognized as one of the top 100 trial lawyers in Illinois by the American Trial Lawyers Association.

1965  
**Robert M. Karton**, attorney and commander of the Civil Air Patrol’s Great Lakes Region, was elected president of the Union League Club of Chicago.

1967  
**John B. Simon**, a partner at Jenner & Block and member of DePaul’s board of trustees, was appointed chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission.

1968  
**Ed Burke Sr.** was recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award at DePaul’s 2011 Law Alumni Awards dinner. He serves as alderman in Chicago’s 14th Ward and chairman of the Chicago City Council’s Committee on Finance.

1970  
**Hon. Sheila M. Murphy**, a retired Cook County circuit judge, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys in 2010.

**Michael O’Conner’s** law firm, Mauk & O’Connor LLP, received meritorious recognition from the ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services for the 2011 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access. The award honors programs that use innovative ways to expand access to legal services for those of moderate income.

1971  
**James Lyons**, a partner at Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP in Denver, was recognized with an Outstanding Service to the Profession Award at DePaul’s 2011 Law Alumni Awards dinner.

1972  
**Dominic P. Gentile** was named 2010 Defender of the Decade by Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice. He is a member of the DePaul Dean’s Council and a shareholder in the law firm of Gordon Silver.

1973  
**Mark J. Horne** was selected for inclusion in Illinois Super Lawyers 2011. A partner in the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLP, he specializes in the area of commercial real estate.

**Francine Soliunas**, assistant dean at Chicago-Kent College of Law, was recognized with the Outstanding Service to DePaul University Award at the 2011 Law Alumni Awards dinner.

1974  
**George Mahoney**, a founding member of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross LLC in Joliet, Ill., was elected to a two-year term as president of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

1975  
**Richard Mollin** was elected county attorney for Clearwater County, Minn.

**David Tubbs** was appointed a judge for the Grand County Justice Court in Utah. For 24 years, he was a special agent and head of counter-terrorism with the FBI. He also served as executive director of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command.

**Kathleen Wall** retired in December after nearly 25 years with BMW Manufacturing Co., where she served as vice president of human resources.

1976  
**Stephen M. Komie**, a principal in the Chicago law firm of Komie and Associates, has been elected to a fifth three-year term on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

**Fr. Ronald Stake**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, recently returned to the archdiocese following his retirement as a commander with the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps.

**Alphonse C. Gonzales** is working as a consultant with the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois to advise on their new Hispanic Community Initiative. He works with local Hispanic chambers of commerce and serves as a spokesperson for the bureau.

1979  
**Kendra Reinhagen**, executive director for the Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services, is writing a monthly column for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin on issues relating to free legal services and equal access to justice.

1980  
**Terrance Gainer** was recognized with an Outstanding Service to the Profession Award at DePaul’s 2011 Law Alumni Awards Dinner. He serves as sergeant-at-arms in the U.S. Senate.

**Judith Gaskell** announced her retirement from the position of U.S. Supreme Court librarian, which she held since 2003.

**Lynn Lowder** has served as a guest speaker at the U.S. Marine Corps Drill Instructors School in San Diego—the Marine Corps’ premier enlisted leadership school—for the past 12 years.

1981  
**Ira Helfgot** was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve a two-year term on the board of directors of the Lawyers’ Assistance Program.

**Lawrence A. Wojcik**, a partner with global law firm DLA Piper, recently received the Illinois CPA Society’s 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment to the society, as well as his overall contributions and professional achievements.

1983  
**Thomas Handler** was named a 2011 Illinois Leading Lawyer in the areas of trusts, wills and estate planning law, and closely and privately held business law. He is a partner at Handler Thayer LLP in Chicago, where he serves as chairman of the advanced planning and family office practice group.

**Frank M. Linguiti**, a partner at Caesar Rivise Bernstein Cohen & Pokotilow, was named to the executive committee of the Philadelphia section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

1984  
**Robert J. Kane** was elected president of the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys for 2011. He is legal counsel for the Illinois State Medical Society and an adjunct professor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.
Joseph T. Monahan, co-founder of Chicago law firm Monahan & Cohen, was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in a ceremony held in Washington, D.C., in June.

1985
Bradford White was appointed by President Obama to serve on the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation. White is a principal of Brad White & Associates in Evanston, Ill., where he provides development consulting on affordable housing and historic resources. He also serves on the Illinois Housing Council's board and is past chair of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois and a member of Preservation Action.

1986
Stephan Blandin, a partner in the Chicago personal injury law firm of Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was reappointed as a member of the hearing board of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

1988
Uvaldo Herrara, a staff director at State Farm Insurance Company, was elected to the board of directors for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund. During his nearly 30-year career with the State Farm, he has held a variety of positions and has served in multiple roles with the Hispanic National Bar Association.

1989
Thomas Heneghan, a partner at the law firm of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC in Madison, Wis., was named co-leader of the firm’s intellectual property litigation team. He also serves on the advisory board of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and is president of the board of West Madison Little League.

Kerry Lavelle’s firm, Lavelle Law Ltd. in Palatine, Ill., received special recognition from the Palatine Township Board for founding and operating the Palatine Food Drive, which has supplied the Palatine Township Food Pantry since 2004. The firm also announced an agreement to provide sponsorship for the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre’s School of Performing Arts in Arlington Heights.

1990
Shawn Kasserman, a partner at Chicago personal injury firm Corboy & Demetrio, was elected to a two-year term as secretary of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Warren Ligan was hired as chief financial officer of eSilicon Corporation, the largest independent semiconductor value chain producer. Most recently, he served as a senior vice president for Flextronics International Ltd.

1991
Matthew Gloss recently was promoted to general counsel at Mellanox Technologies Ltd., where he has served as vice president of legal affairs since 2008.

Steven Thayer was named a 2011 Illinois Leading Lawyer in the areas of real estate law and trusts, wills and estate planning law. He is a partner at Handler Thayer LLP in Chicago, where he serves as chairman of the commercial practice group.

1993
John Nisivaco, a partner in the Chicago personal injury firm of Boudreau & Nisivaco LLC, was elected to a three-year term on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Brent Silverman, an attorney at Reminger Co. LPA in Cleveland, was recently appointed to a two-year term with the American Diabetes Association community leadership board. His efforts are primarily directed toward advocacy, as he will seek to increase federal funding for diabetes research and programs.

1994
Laura Ashmore is a partner at Chicago law firm Lake Toback, where she focuses on complex family law cases.

Sandra S. Robertson joined Shimon & Smith PC in Las Vegas. Previously, she served as president of Robertson & Robertson and as general counsel for the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association.

1995
Deborah A. Carder, a partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in Wheaton, Ill., was named to Chicago Law Bulletin’s 2010 list of 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch. She also was recently installed as president of the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers.

1996
Matthew Devereux was promoted to partner at Tressler LLP in Chicago, where he focuses on insurance coverage and commercial litigation.

1997
David M. Adler presented on “Legal Issues For Social Marketers” at Socialize 2011: Monetizing Social Media held in New York in April. He also recently spoke on “Marketing, Branding and Trademarks for Physicians and Health Care Professionals” at the 2011 Radiology Summit in New Orleans.

Vincent M. Auricchio was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Star in the area of business litigation by Super Lawyers.

Eric Fuglsang was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Stars by Super Lawyers. A partner at the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLP, he specializes in real estate law.

Michael Taylor Sr. was hired as general counsel and corporate secretary of SES World Skies, U.S. Government Solutions.

1998
Kimberly Brandt joined the professional staff of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee as chief health care investigative counsel for ranking member Sen. Orrin Hatch. She previously served as director of Medicare Program Integrity at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Mario Johnson Roebuck was named partner at the Detroit office of Jackson Lewis LLP, one of the country’s largest employment law firms.
Class Notes

1999

Mitchell Goldberg received the Decalogue Society of Lawyers’ Award of Excellence at the society’s annual meeting in Chicago in June.

James Mostofi was named president of the U.S. Warranty Division at Chartis, a property-casualty and general insurance organization. Prior to joining Chartis, he spent 10 years at Service Net Warranty LLC.

Kathleen O’Connor was promoted to counsel at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, where she is a member of the employee benefits and executive compensation practice group in the firm’s Chicago office.

2000

Rebecca Nieman is the assistant director of student legal services at the University of California-San Diego.

Frank A. Sommario, associate attorney at Chicago law firm Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association. He also was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Anthony Vance joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan as an assistant U.S. attorney working in the criminal division.

2001

Kelly Doyle Coakley, an assistant state’s attorney for the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, and Kelly Maloney Kachmariik, an associate at James J. Roche & Associates, co-founded the Mother McAuley High School Law Society. Coakley is second vice president and Kachmariik is treasurer.

Brent Seitz was elected principal of Harness, Dickey & Pierce PLC, a national intellectual property law firm. He works in the Detroit Metro office and concentrates on preparing and prosecuting patent applications, as well as providing assistance for patent litigation matters.

Trisha Tesmer was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers. An associate in the Chicago office of Cassiday Schade LLP, she is a member of the firm’s commercial litigation and appellate practice groups.

2002

Tricia Rooney, a partner at Chicago law firm Griffin McCarthy & Rice LLP, co-founded the Mother McAuley High School Law Society and serves as first vice president.

Amy Ziegler was recognized with the Outstanding Young Alumni Award at DePaul’s 2011 Law Alumni Awards dinner. She is an attorney at Chicago intellectual property law firm Greer Burns & Crain Ltd.

Michael Bergmann was appointed executive director of the Public Interest Law Initiative in December. He also will chair the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division during the 2011-2012 bar year.

Gregory McMahon was named partner at the Chicago office of Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney.

2003

Heather Begley, an associate at the Law Offices of Jeffrey J. Kroll, co-founded the Mother McAuley High School Law Society and serves as president.

Dennis Shere’s new book, The Last Meal—Defending an Accused Mass Murderer (TitleTown 2010), tells the story of the 1993 Brown’s Chicken & Pasta Restaurant killings in Palatine, Ill., from a defense perspective. Shere represented one of the two young men charged.

Anthony Steinike was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine. He is an associate in the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLP, where he focuses on all aspects of commercial litigation and products liability defense.

Michael McGrory is a partner at SmithAmundsen LLC, headquartered in Chicago. He was previously a partner with Madsen Farkas & Powen LLC, which merged with SmithAmundsen in December.

2004

Frank Gilligan was assigned to the Law Enforcement and Special Prosecutions Division of the Tennessee Attorney General’s Office, where he handles securities fraud and healthcare care fraud prosecutions as well as defends the state’s interest in other civil matters. He previously served as assistant attorney general in the Criminal Justice Division.

Sara Mauk’s law firm, Mauk & O’Connor LLP, received meritorious recognition from the ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services for the 2011 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access. The award honors programs that use innovative ways to expand access to legal services for those of moderate income.

2005

Jeremy R. Bridge, a registered patent attorney at Rockford-based Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren SC, was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

2006

Ed Paddock was promoted to deputy commissioner of prosecutions and adjudication for the City of Chicago’s Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

2007

Patrick M. Kalscheur joined Chicago law firm Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP as an associate. Prior to joining the firm, he spent three years representing multinational corporations in complex litigation matters for a large national law firm.

Stephanie Stinton was named a 2011 Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers. She practices commercial litigation in the Chicago office of Howard & Howard.

2008

Suresh Pillai is an associate at Washington, D.C.-based intellectual property law firm Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox. He works in the biotechnology/chemical practice group.
Victoria Watkins’ article, “Copyright and the Fashion Industry,” was published in the January/February edition of Landslide, a publication of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law.

Lance Ziebell, an associate attorney at Lavelle Law Ltd., accepted an appointment to the McHenry County, Ill., Board for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children.

2009

Jessica Durkin, an associate at Miroballi Durkin & Rudin, co-founded the Mother McAuley High School Law Society and serves as chair of the society’s inaugural luncheon.

Matthew Hafelein and Cory White opened Hafelein White LLC in Chicago. The firm represents clients in all transactional matters, including organization and reorganization, mergers, intellectual property creation and protection, and preliminary tax planning.

Aaron White’s law review article, “The Copyright Tree: Using German Moral Rights as the Roots for Enhanced Authorship Protection in the United States,” was published by the Loyola Law and Technology Annual.

In Memoriam

Albert I. Zemel (JD ’42)
Paul L. Bartolain (JD ’48)
Samuel J. Doy (JD ’53)
Gerald M. Sheridan Jr. (COM ’53, JD ’60)
James L. McCabe (JD ’54)
Lawrence H. Rochell (JD ’59)
Richard A. Hoefs (JD ’60)
Walter J. Schousen (JD ’60)
William L. Clark (JD ’63)
Steven G. Gabriel (JD ’70)
John Zambreno (JD ’73, LL.M. ’82)
William C. Clarke (JD ’74, LL.M. ’80)
Carole S. Pilot (JD ’76)
M. Danielle DePalmaweingarten (JD ’78)

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