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Message from DEAN BRUCE OTTLEY

The close of the 2014-2015 academic year marks the conclusion of a very busy—and very productive—year for the College of Law.

The highlight of the year was the appointment of Jennifer Rosato Perea as the new dean of the College of Law. The Rev. Dennis Holschneider, DePaul University president, announced the appointment in late March, following a lengthy search that began last summer. Dean Perea, who will begin officially on July 1, 2015, has been the dean of the law school at Northern Illinois University since 2009. Prior to that, she taught for many years at Brooklyn Law School and served as acting dean and associate dean for student affairs at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law. We look forward to having Dean Perea at DePaul and benefiting from her ideas and enthusiasm.

The College of Law also announced two new academic programs for the 2015-2016 academic year. The ABA and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (DePaul University’s accrediting body) approved DePaul’s new Masters of Jurisprudence (MJ) program, as well as a health law certificate program. The one-year MJ program will permit non-lawyers to receive training in one of nearly a dozen specialized areas of law, including aviation law, business and tax, health law and intellectual property. The program is aimed at persons who need some legal education for their work but do not need the complete three-year law degree. The health law certificate will be offered to students, faculty and staff at Rush University and will provide them with courses on areas of health law that they are likely to encounter in the medical profession.

Finally, as I complete my tenure as interim dean, I would like to thank all of the staff, faculty and students who assisted me throughout the year. I could not have done it without you. I look forward to returning to teaching and working with the new school administration to continue the excellence that is DePaul.

Bruce L. Ottley

Interim Dean

Announcements and Awards

Susan Bandes received the College of Law’s Faculty Achievement Award at the 2015 commencement ceremony.

Monu Bedi received the College of Law’s Excellence in Teaching Award at the 2015 commencement ceremony.

Katheryn Dutenhaver, associate professor emeritus, was ranked No. 5 in the list of Top 10 Women ADR Neutrals in Illinois, in the March 2015 women’s edition of Leading Lawyers Magazine.

David Franklin will serve as an adviser for the American Law Institute’s Restatement of the Law Trust, Conflict of Laws. The ALI will reexamine the subject of conflict of laws in light of significant legal developments in the field so that the influential Restatement Second was published in 1971.

Patti Gerstenblith has been appointed project advisor to the University of Chicago’s Neu badge College for Culture and Society project “The Past for Sale: New Approaches to the Study of Archaeological Looting.”

Julie Lawton was installed as a member of the executive committee for the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education in January. In May, she was selected as the DePaul Coleman Faculty Fellow for 2015-2016. The Coleman Fellows Program is designed to champion entrepreneurship in fields outside of business at colleges and universities across the country.

Margit Livingston will be inducted as a member of the Society of Vincent de Paul Professors in September. She also received the university’s Excellence in Teaching Award for 2015.

Zoe Robinson received the College of Law’s Excellence in Scholarship Award at the 2015 commencement ceremony.

Recent Scholarship


In Brief


Immigration and Disability in the United States and Canada, WINDSOR YB ACCESS JUST. (forthcoming).

SPRING 2015 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

DePaul celebrates Black History Month and MLK Jr. Day with powerful programming

MLK programs

The DePaul University College of Law Diversity Committee organized two events as part of its annual MLK program, addressing topics related to the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City. The conversations, speakers and attendees aimed to explore the emergence of a “new civil rights movement.”

January’s “Part 1: On the Ground from Ferguson” included a conversation with on-the-ground organizers in Ferguson, Missouri. Professor Justin Hansford of St. Louis University and Marianne Kaba, executive director of Project NIA, as well as David Whitt, Copwatch organizer in Ferguson drew from Dr. King’s insight that an injustice anywhere represents a threat to justice everywhere.

The second installation, held in February, shifted focus to Chicago. “Part 2: Chicago Youth Build a Movement” established the premise that failing to act to try to remedy the failures of the criminal justice system is also a choice to preserve the inequities in the system. The event was moderated by third-year student and activist Max Suchan (JD ’15). Suchan was a member of the DePaul chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and was recognized with an MLK scholarship award for his efforts and support for movements against state violence of African American youth.

Panelist Malcolm London described his experience at the 53rd session of the United Nations Committee Against Torture. A student and activist, London and Chicago’s We Charge Genocide contingent traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, in November 2014 to present evidence of police violence. Rozette Long also discussed the death of her nephew, Desean Pittman, 17, and Roshad McIntosh, 19, who were shot and killed by Chicago police on Aug. 24, 2014.

“The event that made national news on that day in August 2014 is something that black people all over the United States are experiencing on a daily basis,” said second-year student Holly Sanchez Perry. She is a member of the DePaul chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and followed Malcom London through his involvement with the Black Youth Project 100, which she participated in following the death of Michael Brown.

“We have a responsibility to make sure we continue in our pursuit of justice, especially in the face of willful blindness that so much of society has chosen.”

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Health law symposium threads together conversations about “Designer Genes”

In March more than 75 people attended the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law and the Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute’s symposium, “Designer Genes: The Cost of Genetic Information.” Professors Wendy Epstein and Joshua Samoff moderated the discussion on governmental and private collection of genetic material and the legal implications surrounding the topic.

Speakers represented the fields of medicine, economics, ethics and the law, with panelists focusing their talks on the intersection of intellectual property, economics, and the collection of genetic information. Participants weighed the benefits of new genetic-gathering capabilities against patients’ rights and ethical concerns surrounding commercial uses of the information.

Speakers discussed the state of gene patenting in light of the recent Supreme Court decision in Myriad, where the Supreme Court found that products of nature, such as a naturally occurring DNA segment, are not patent eligible merely because they have been isolated. The symposium also shed light on the fair trade and patent issues that typically attach to medical devices and the ethical concerns surrounding personalized medicine.

Law Review symposium on UAS issues

The DePaul Law Review held its 25th annual symposium, “The UAS Dilemma: Unlimited Potential, Unresolved Concerns,” in March. The symposium built on the February 15, 2015 proposed rule by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which established a framework to allow routine use of certain small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). The final rule is anticipated next year.

Third-year student, licensed pilot and Law Review Symposium Editor Daniel Ross organized the event in coordination with the International Institute for Aviation Law (IIAL). The College of Law was represented by IIAL Director Brian F. Havel, who brought an international focus to the discussion, and Douglas M. Marshall, who discussed possible legislation for larger UAS. Marshall will teach DePaul’s new Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law course in fall 2015, the first of its kind in the country. A representative from the FAA provided an overview of the legal background and enforcement of UAS.

“The bottom line is we’re not able to roll out new regulations at the speed with which technology has developed,” commented IIAL Executive Director Steve Rudolph. “The symposium brought a lot of these issues to the fore. It enabled DePaul to present myriad issues related to the use of UAS: from First Amendment privacy rights to the very raw technical issues of collision with other aircraft and every issue in-between.”

Enlund Lecture

DePaul continued the theme through its annual Enlund Lecture in February. Georgetown Professor Paul Butler’s “Ferguson 2.0: Violence, Race and Law,” discussed public misperceptions about race as well as race disparities in criminal justice. He touched on cultural and structural explanations circulated in the media; from the disintegration of the African American family, to accusations of bad choices. In response to President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper plan, Professor Butler suggested, “It’s not the brothers (to blame)—it’s the structural keepers.”

“The Enlund Scholar in Residence program has had terrific success bringing leading scholars from other law schools to the College of Law for a day of engaging discussion,” said Professor Mark Moller, who organized the 2015 lecture and visit. “Paul Butler’s visit this year continued that tradition with a very timely look at racial disparities in the criminal justice system.”

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The concept for the two-part series came from DePaul’s Black Law Student Association executive board, explained Professor Sumi Cho, who commended Suchan for filling the roster of speakers.

“I was absolutely delighted by the program,” said Professor Cho. “I’ve organized so many of these programs as we’re in the 17th year, but this one really moved me. I think you could tell from the audience reaction that it touched people to hear from our own youth in the city, and to hear these experiences that are everyday and not at all exceptional.”

GeorgeTown Law Professor Paul Butler, the 2015 Enlund Scholar-in-Residence, presents the annual lecture.

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21st Annual Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy: The Supreme Court, Business and Civil Justice

The United States Supreme Court’s rulings on corporate interests and business entities, its resulting influence on matters of corporate law, regulation and a wide array of civil justice issues were addressed at this year’s Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy, which was held at DePaul in April. Twenty-two scholars from around the country discussed what the symposium termed “dramatically altered federal civil procedure and the changing tort law landscape.”

In 1994, Robert A. Clifford (JD ’76) endowed a faculty chair in tort law and social policy at DePaul. In addition to providing support for faculty research and teaching, the endowment makes possible an annual symposium addressing a timely issue in the civil justice area. The purpose of the symposium is to bring the latest scholarship and advances in legal practice to lawyers and scholars who specialize in tort law, civil justice and related fields.

Emeritus Professor Stephan Landsman is the current organizer and director of the symposium.
“It was apparent for the panellists that we were giving back in a very valuable way,” Gaebel said. “To have this firsthand knowledge and background information from the start is ideal because the students will have that in the back of their minds as they’re making decisions about what classes to take and careers to explore.”

Student Faizan Khan (LAS ‘14), who recently completed the course, feels he is more informed about the legal job market and the common pitfalls that new lawyers can experience. “At first, when I saw the syllabus, it felt kind of overwhelming, but the class has made me more aware of my options after law school and has opened up a ton of networking opportunities.

“Given the current legal market, it’s incumbent upon students to be proactive. Preparing to Practice establishes a general guideline to networking, job searching and professionalism that we might not otherwise have. It provides us with resources we can use so that we can be as effective and successful as possible in our job search and our professional lives in general.”

Adapted from an article by: Jamie Salicko, DePaul Magazine, Winter 2015. Read the full story at depaulmagazine.com.

DePaul launches MJ program

DePaul will begin offering a Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) program in fall 2015. The MJ is designed for professionals who do not seek to practice law, but who regularly encounter legal issues in their work and would benefit from a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of legal reasoning and doctrine. With specialized legal knowledge, MJ graduates can effectively and comfortably communicate with legal counsel and assess the needs of their organizations as the laws and regulations change and evolve in their professions.

The MJ is a 30-credit hour degree program that can be completed in one and a half years of full-time study or in up to four years of part-time study. MJ students select a specialized course of legal study and, upon completion of the program, earn a concentration in one of 11 areas:

- Aviation Law
- Business & Tax Law
- Criminal Law
- Child & Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property: Arts & Museum Law
- Intellectual Property: Information Technology Law
- Intellectual Property: Patent Law
- International & Comparative Law
- Public Interest Law

For more information, visit go.depaul.edu/mj.

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DePaul College of Law was well-represented at the Midwest Regional Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, held February in Indianapolis. The Black Law Student Association Mock Trial Team of Nicholas Simpson, Brittney Cato, Stacey Berdejo, Cierra Norris and Mauche Bell (JD ‘15), Ashley DeVeaux (JD ‘15), Christina Acaley (JD ‘15) and Yeni Adetola (JD ‘15) placed third in the regional competition, earning a spot in the national competition in Portland, Ore. Team members DeVeaux and Cato were named best advocates.

In its only second year of participation, a DePaul College of Law team took third place (applicant side) at the Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition, held April in Beijing, China. The DePaul law student team of Sarah Beaujour (JD ‘15), Christopher Ginn (JD ‘15) and Barbara Munube (JD ‘15) submitted two sets of memorials and delivered oral arguments four times over two days at the sixth annual event. In addition to bringing home third place honors, the team also scored a best-in-competition award for its written memorial for the applicant side. Alumnus Patrick Jones (JD ’99) served as coach and accompanied the team to Beijing. The Leiden Sarin Moot Court is organized by Leiden University and the Sarin Foundation. Twenty-two teams from 15 countries participated in this year’s competition.

Appellate team takes several honors

DePaul’s Appellate Moot Court Teams attained several honors in February. Brian Lara (JD ’15) and Rebecca Edwards (JD ’15) advanced to the final round of the Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition, hosted by the University of Buffalo Law School in New York. Brad Jarka (JD ’15) and Elizabeth Kiggins (JD ’15) advanced to the quarterly round of the 2015 William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition in St. Paul, Minnesota. DePaul alumnus Erik Nelson (JD ’12) coached the team. Jarka also won awards for best preliminary round oralist and best overall oralist.

Shripa Mehta (JD ’15) and third-year student John Dark, coached by DePaul alumnus Ben Ruffcorn (JD ’14), advanced to the semifinal round of the National Security Law Moot Court Competition hosted by the George Washington University School of Law.

Clinic victories

Misdemeanor Clinic cross-examines witnesses and wins trial

In March, DePaul Misdemeanor Clinic student Yeni Adetola (JD ’15) and Crystal Montanez (JD ’15) won a jury trial at the Second Municipal District Skokie Courthouse. The defendant was charged with battery due to a fight with a coworker. After an hour-long deliberation, the jury came back with a not guilty verdict.

“My goal during the opening statement was to humanize our client, to make him look as good as we knew he was,” said Montanez. Both students cross-examined witnesses, with Montanez putting the defendant through direct examination and providing the opening statement. Adetola delivered the closing argument.

Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic wins LPR cancellation case

In April, Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic students Marie Silver (JD ‘15) and Melissa Cubria (JD ’15) successfully represented a detained client in removal proceedings. The client was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in December 2014 while being convicted for two separate counts of burglary. The students successfully convinced the immigration judge that their client was on a path toward rehabilitation for his crimes, that he was committed to completing his GED and aspired to go to college. The judge commended Silver and Cubria on a well-prepared case and granted the legal permanent resident (LPR) cancellation of removal.

Crime appeals Clinic reverses conviction on home invasion charge

In May, the Criminal Appeals Clinic achieved a prominent win with a case briefed by Ann Fick (JD ’14), a third-year student when she joined the clinic. The court reversed the client’s conviction for home invasion—the most serious of his convictions. This reduced his sentence from 15 years to five years, and greatly improved his criminal record. The client had already served more than the maximum term when taking into account truth-in-sentencing.

“This is a published opinion, and it creates great case law for future defendants convicted of home invasion—and has some great holdings on the plain error doctrine,” explained Professor Barbara Bressler, associate dean for experiential education. “However, the decision relies heavily on a case People v. Clark that is currently pending in the Illinois Supreme Court. Therefore, there is a chance that the state will file a petition in the Illinois Supreme Court, where it will likely be held until the court rules on the Clark decision.” Professor Bressler said the clinic is looking into the possibility of the client’s release on bond at this time.

In Brief
Latina from Chicago’s South Side
blazes trail to business law
By Kristin Claes Mathews

M oncada grew up on the South Side of Chicago, and she was the first in her family to go to college. When she started her undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she wasn’t sure what it would take to succeed and her family wasn’t sure how to help. “But it was more than enough to have my family rooting me on,” she said.

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“DePaul faculty are so willing to help students when they’re struggling. Each professor provided an open door, and I liked that very much,” she said.

DePaul Law graduate Amanda Moncada visits Federal Plaza in Chicago, near the courthouse where she served as a judicial extern. Moncada blazed her own trail to the DePaul University College of Law, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to a prestigious position on the DePaul Law Review and a full-time job in business law. She is among the 2014-15 graduates of the College of Law.

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Rosato Perea’s legal career began as a caseworker for abused children. Now an accomplished scholar in family law, bioethics and civil procedure, she is a sought-after public speaker and has published extensively on legal issues that affect children and families.

Over the course of her 25 years in higher education, which include 11 years as a law school administrator, Rosato Perea has held teaching positions at the University of Pennsylvania, New York University and Villanova University. She spent 14 years on the faculty at Brooklyn Law School, where she was co-director of the Center for Health, Science and Public Policy and associate dean of students. In 2006, she served as acting dean of the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law during its first year of operation and then as associate dean of students. She comes to DePaul from Northern Illinois University College of Law, where she has been the dean since 2009.

Rosato Perea is an active voice in the national dialogue about legal education. She serves on the Illinois State Bar Association Task Force on Legal Education and Student Debt and the Association of American Law Schools Membership Review Committee. She also formerly chaired the Association of American Law Schools New Law Teachers Conference.

As one of a small number of Latina law school deans in the country, Rosato Perea strives to enhance diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. In recognition of her efforts, she received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Illinois Secretary of State, the Vanguard Award from the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, and the National Latino Law Students Association Leadership Award in Education and Advocacy.

Dialogue sat down with Dean Rosato Perea to discuss her ideas and aspirations for the College of Law.

Q. What aspects of DePaul most appealed to you in deciding to pursue the deanship?

My interest in DePaul goes way back. I’ve known DePaul for a long time and was always attracted to its reputation—the reputation of its faculty, known locally, but also nationally and internationally. For a regional school, it’s an amazing asset to have a faculty of such breadth and depth in quality.

The specialty programs are another strength. Before becoming a dean, I was a health law teacher and scholar, so I knew about the national reputation and the quality of the health law program here at DePaul. I knew many of the professors in that program and I thought it was very reflective of the entire faculty’s excellence.

When I started the deanship at NIU and began working among Chicago lawyers, I learned about DePaul’s alumni and their strengths and leadership in the community and, even though it was out of one corner of my eye, I saw how much dedication the alumni had to the law school.

Those were three things that attracted me to DePaul.
Q. What do you think is most exciting about this opportunity?

I think there are a lot of opportunities at DePaul. There are opportunities to capitalize on the excellence of the programs, the faculty and the alumni, and of course there is the location. The resources and the talent of the faculty and the dedication and the talent of the alumni are strengths that need to be harnessed even more. It will be terrific to be involved in the harnessing of those resources and those opportunities in order to bring DePaul to the next level.

I really am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the faculty, the law school administration and the university in helping to plan DePaul law’s future as sustainable and dynamic and to enhance its reputation. I look forward to leading initiatives to achieve those ends. During this critical time in legal education and the legal profession, it’s really important for law schools like DePaul to think about and build on what’s distinctive about the school—to leverage those particular strengths and the uniqueness of the law school and the university.

Last but certainly not least, I’m really interested in engaging with students and helping them be successful—helping them get jobs, helping to train them for the legal profession as well as other professions in which their law degree can be a wonderful asset. I’m really looking forward to getting them well-placed in their careers and well-mentored before they graduate.

Q. You mentioned that distinction is important for law schools. What strikes you as distinctive about DePaul?

I think those distinctions are, in part, determined by us. You mentioned that distinction is. What do you think is most exciting as a community. Some of the bright lights, the spotlights are opportunities to capitalize on the excellence of the location. The resources and the talent of the property, health law, international law and aviation law.

respect for others. The mission really does infuse all that. University is a tremendous resource. I believe we can attain a mutually rewarding partnership, where we can also reflect the Vincentian mission—which is very distinctive—but I think it is a real guiding principle for a lot of folks that I’ve talked to.

More specifically, I think public service—both the public service mission and what we’re already doing in the community—can be deepened and strengthened, especially in light of the university’s mission and current strategic plan.

Q. What do you think will be most challenging, given the current climate in legal education and the profession, in your new role at the College of Law?

There are a number of challenges, not just for DePaul but for every law school. Short-term, all law schools, like DePaul, have to address pressing issues including the decline in enrollment, fewer jobs for graduates and student debt. I think we have to continue to be working in all of those areas very proactively. My sense is that there have been permanent shifts in the legal market, to the degree that we will probably never get back to where we were 10 years ago. There has to be readjustment and recalibration, and we have to be realistically responsive. That has been a challenge for a lot of law schools.

In the medium term, our challenge is trying to bridge the education students receive in law school with the realities of practice. We now have more experiential education (such as clinical education) and more ethics education, but we have much less “on-the-job” training following graduation. One of the phenomena that we’ve seen over the last 10 to 15 years is that the training that used to be the bridge to practice—where you carried the lawyer’s briefcase and sat in on depositions or courtroom proceedings or transactions—is no longer affordable in legal practice. So, the challenge for both the practicing bar and the legal academy is to really come together and figure out how we can best train our students from law school to the beginning of their careers, one to three years after graduation. Creating innovative programs, like our 3YP, and fellowships or similar experiences to help our students bridge to practice will be increasingly important. Predicting what the legal practice needs in their graduates, and trying to be on the front end in responding to some of those needs, will be challenging.

I think the longest-term challenge for me as a legal educator is to have a pipeline to the next generation of law students, to effectively persuade college and high school students (and even middle school students) that not only is law school an attractive value proposition, but also an aspirational career or profession. I am one of many of my colleagues who are really proud to be a lawyer. I think that lawyers are the best problem solvers in any profession and can take on all sorts of challenges—not just legal challenges but public policy questions, business and law questions, health, the most wicked problems of our society. But, we need to make sure that we inspire the next generation to take an interest in that challenge. As an educator, I feel that it’s an important responsibility to talk not only to future students, but also to their parents and their guidance counselors, to really continue to consider law as an aspirational and honorable profession, as it has been in the past. Relatedly, we need to keep alive the academic aspects of our education—including theory and policy—as the creation of knowledge by professors is also vital in addressing complex problems and being an effective lawyer and advocate.

Q. Where do you begin to focus your energy to overcome these challenges?

As I think about the short-term challenges, using career development as an example, I think it’s really important to do two things. The first, which I will be working on from day one, is to create more professional opportunities for our students by reaching out to Chicagoland area alumni in law and business and education and other areas. And second, I would like to help our students be more marketable. This includes creating opportunities to be better networked—P2P is one of those innovative programs that gets students doing that right from the start of law school, which is terrific. I’d like to make sure that our experiential learning programs are strong and diverse and geared toward the learning outcomes we want to achieve, and build a skill set and knowledge base (defined broadly) that lawyers need to have.

I feel it’s an all-hands-on-deck effort that everyone—from fellow students, to alumni, to faculty to administrators—can really help with and support our students in maximizing their career and professional success in a broad sense. That effort, I think, is job one. I serve on the ISBA task force on legal education and student debt, in which the bench and bar and academica are thinking about ways to better bridge law school to practice, including improving core skills such as writing, research, communication skills, client communication and emotional intelligence. I think DePaul can continue to work on strengthening these skills, as well as responding to more major market moves and societal shifts, in order to be ahead of the curve in anticipating where the opportunities for trained lawyers will be in 10 to 15 years, and consider curricular innovations and student advising in those areas.
Q. What will be your priorities in the first year as dean?

First, I’m going to be listening. I’m going to meet with every faculty and staff member in the law school and talk about their hopes and dreams for DePaul Law. At the same time, I will be working on a strategic planning process with the faculty and the university and other constituencies, to build a strong future for DePaul, to build on its foundation, its strengths and to develop a consensual movement toward some of those priorities and some of the ways that DePaul can be distinctive.

I think it’s really important to put students first and to make sure our students are the most marketable, that they have the best opportunities and that our law school is as attractive as it can be in a very competitive market. And all those things of course go together.

Last, but certainly not least, I will engage with the community, the outside community, talk to alumni, talk to leaders of the bar, talk to the law firms about how we can engage better with them. I would like to connect with legal service organizations and those that serve the indigent in our community to see how we can maybe partner in strategic ways to help not just our students and DePaul, but also the community and have more impact there.

Q. What are your hopes for DePaul over the next five years?

It’s hard to be particular at this point, but in more broad and aspirational terms, I would like to enhance DePaul’s reputation, regionally and nationally. And I don’t just mean U.S. News rankings, because that’s only one way of considering reputation. I think it’s really important both to build internally on the quality of our programs and the human resources, and also to make sure that everybody knows all the great work that we’re doing and the impact that we’re having.

It’s in part my job, as an ambassador of the law school, to make sure that our reputation is matched more proportionally to the quality that we already have and that we’re building. I want to admit more smart and engaged students to our community over these next five years. And, as I mentioned before, I’d like to go into the colleges and the high schools to also recruit the next generation of law students.

I would like to build on impactful public interest work that will increase access to justice. We can’t do everything, but start to grow in the next five years, to have an even greater impact.

A. Taking notes with Dean Rosato Perea

Favorite book: “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” by Stephen Covey

Favorite pastime: Running 5Ks

Best thing about Chicago: The lakefront and the people

Most memorable moment: Winning the Edwin R. Keedy Moot Court Competition when I was in law school—argued before Justice Sandra Day O’Connor!

Leadership style: Inclusive and aspirational—I try to bring out the best in organizations and the people.

Secret ambition: To host a TV talk show

INNOVATION IN LEGAL STUDIES

$5 million endowment supports health law and intellectual property programs

A new endowment at DePaul University College of Law will expand and strengthen scholarly and educational programs at a dynamic intersection of legal studies—intellectual property and health law. The $5 million endowment established by the Jaharis Family Foundation Inc. will create an endowed directorship for the college’s Health Law Institute; support a competitive internship program for up to 20 students committed to practicing intellectual property and health law; and fund a faculty fellowship program for scholars to create and disseminate research and curricula in these areas.

Michael Jaharis (JD ’58) is the founder of several pharmaceutical companies. For decades, he and his wife Mary have generously supported students and programs at the College of Law. In recognition of their support, the Health Law Institute has been renamed the Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute (JHLI).

DePaul’s intellectual property and health law programs are nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report. As discoveries and innovations in fields such as genomics, nanotechnology and pharmaceuticals have accelerated, intellectual property challenges have created a demand for lawyers with credentials and expertise across these areas. The endowment will support the addition of curricula and research into interdisciplinary issues such as the law and economics of drug development for impoverished groups of afflicted individuals and the nexus of patent law, pharmaceutical regulation and international importation.

Assistant Professor Wendy Netter Epstein was appointed the first Jaharis Faculty Fellow and recently was named faculty director of the JHLI, Epstein, whose work has appeared in Cardozo University Law Review, American University Law Review and Case Western Reserve Law Review, has worked on curricular advances in intellectual property and health law for the College of Law and in partnership with Rush University Medical Center and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

“As advances in medicine are brought to market, the interaction of health law and intellectual property will become more and more important to all of us,” said the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University. “The new endowment will promote academic excellence and leadership in those important and dynamic fields.”
Anticounterfeiting attorney eliminates online fraud and trademark infringement, restoring order and profits where they belong

By Mary M. Flory

The New ‘Anti’ Hero

Despite the ubiquity of the Internet, there is oftentimes still a befuddling, gee-whiz quality ascribed to it. Scam artists abound, capitalizing on the anonymity afforded them by the constructs of a location-agnostic digital marketplace. They use a smoke-and-mirrors approach to a sale, hoping to distract potential customers enough that they ‘pay no attention to that man behind the curtain’—or screen—until they give up their credit card information. These websites deal in counterfeit goods, and their significant profits are a pain point for both consumers and the brands they love … and love to buy.

In fiscal year 2012 alone, according to the websites of the Washington, D.C.-headquartered International Anticounterfeiting Coalition: “The Department of Homeland Security seized counterfeit goods valued at over $3.7 billion at U.S. borders.” And that’s only the counterfeit goods that were confiscated.

He didn’t enter into law to defend the sensibilities, reputations and wallets of duped brands and consumers from fraudulent infringers, per say. Rather, the University of Cincinnati graduate placed to use his BS in counter engineering and his minor in mathematics to work with patent law. “But,” Gaudio said, “I just fell into this Internet counterfeit enforcement space.” And he has thrived as though it was all planned.

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In fact, Gaudio has worked on more than 200 cases during his short tenure at GBC, having helped develop the IP firm’s online enforcement solutions. In just the past three years, Gaudio and his colleagues have seized more than 120,000 counterfeit domain names, restrained more than 19,000 PayPal accounts (and frozen more than $26 million in these accounts) and redirected more than 20 million unique visitors away from counterfeit websites.

“The massive volume of online counterfeit websites, along with the cover nature of the individuals behind the attacks, makes it particularly challenging.” Gaudio predicted. “Many of the people that we help, either shutdowns are located offline or it’s just their temple to get to them, particularly from the U.S. Having the technical background combined with the legal, I think, is advantageous: It’s a skill set that you need to succeed in this arena.”

Being able to understand the Internet and how it operates—and navigate it as deftly as a fraudulent site operator would—Gaudio added, are all crucial elements to shutting down counterfeit sites. His education choices and his efforts to stay abreast of industry news and trends continue to allow him to thrive in the anticounterfeiting space.

He advises that first-year students find their niches and own them. “Become an expert in a certain area; find a niche and focus on that. Don’t try to do everything. And, have an open mind,” Gaudio said.

Lucky for Gaudio’s clients—but unlucky for would-be fraudulent site operators—he is firmly entrenched in the anticounterfeiting space.

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1964

Hon. Edward A. Bobrick, an arbitrator mediator with JAMS, presented over a $1.7 billion international breach of contract claim brought by Kraft Foods Global Inc. against Starbucks Corporation in an arbitration proceeding. He rendered an award in favor of Kraft Foods.

1968

Hon. Edward M. Burke Sr. (LAS ’65) received the Center for Disability & Elder Law’s Impact Award.

1979

Kendra K. Reinshagen is retiring after a 40-year legal career, the last 20 years of which she spent as executive director of the Legal Aid Society (LAS). Kendra focused on advocacy and worked toward integrating LAS with Metropolitan Family Services to meet clients’ legal, financial and emotional needs.

1980

Robert A. Swiec’h (MST ’76) is listed as the top contributing author of the book INCOME TAXATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, which discusses the recent legislation, regulations, rulings and court cases that affect the taxation of natural resources.

1981

Ira N. Helfgot was sworn in as treasurer of the College of Languages, Linguistics for the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, and the library. He also serves as development director for the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra.

1982

Charles P. Rose, a nationally recognized education attorney, joined Hogan Marren Ltd. as a shareholder to head the firm’s education law practice. Previously, he was nominated by President Obama and confirmed to serve in 2009, as general counsel to the U.S. Department of Education.

Peter N. Silvestri (LAS ’79) was re-elected to his sixth term on the Cook County Board of Commissioners. He serves as chairman of the zoning and land use, real estate, probate, municipal law, and health care committees. Previously, he served as president of the Village of Elmwood Park and as assistant director of labor for the State of Illinois.

Thomas W. Tuohy (BUS ’79) addressed the graduating class at his alma mater, Gouvain College Prep High School in River Grove, IL, and received the school’s Davenport Award for distinguished achievement and service in his community, profession, parish and family life.

1983

Daniel J. Berman was elected as president of the Rockwood Company, a large property insurance agency in Chicago. He is the 10th president since its founding.

Lisa L. Lantero was appointed vice president for architects, engineers and contractors design liability and real estate professional liability business at CNA. She joined CNA in 2009 as a senior litigation counsel in the claim exposure management unit, and most recently served as assistant vice president, architects, engineers and contractors design liability.

1984

Judith B. Greiman was appointed chief deputy to the president of Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, N.Y. Previously, she served as president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges.

Donald J. Ramsell was selected for inclusion in the 2015 Illinois Super Lawyers. He is the managing partner at Ramsell & Associates LLC in Wheaton, IL, where his practice focuses on criminal defense matters including DUI defense, drug possession, drug charges, expungements and sealing, juvenile defense, property crimes, traffic violations and white-collar crimes.
James M. Schultz was appointed as director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Lise Taylor Spacapan (LLM ’34), a partner at Husch Blackwell, received the Defense Research Institute’s inaugural Tom Segalla Excellence in Litigation Award. The award honors a member whose commitment to legal scholarship exemplifies the organization’s high educational standards and promotes its mission to improve the skills of the defense practitioner.

James V. Inedino was appointed partner-in-charge of the Chicago office of Roetzel & Andress LPA.

William D. Leslie joined Scannell & Associates PC after 29 years as an Illinois assistant attorney general, including a stint as supervisor of the office’s Chicago metro unit.

Daniel J. Miske was elected to the yearbook Holocaust Dudic SC board of directors.

1985
Stephanie Blanik (LS ’85) was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC). He is a founding partner and principal at Romanucci & Blandin LLC and has served on the ARDC for four years.

1986
Stephan D. Blanik (LS ’83) was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC). He is a founding partner and principal at Romanucci & Blandin LLC and has served on the ARDC for four years.

Tammy A. Koester was named senior vice president of the ILA Professional Liability Insurance Company, an affiliate of SVA Plumb Financial. In this role, she administers, trusts and other fiduciary accounts for high net worth clients and their families.

1987
Suzanne E. Ellin (BUS ’84) is vice president and trust administration officer at Canadaguana National Trust Company in Sarasota, Fla. She advises clients on investment management services, personal trust administrative services and administered guardianship accounts.

Hon. Paul E. Stutesman was appointed to the Michigan Criminal Justice Policy Commission by Gov. Rick Snyder. He will serve a three-year term representing the circuit court judges of Michigan.

Brant C. Weidner was inducted into the Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame. Weidner was a man for the lawyers’ professional liability business at Beachy Group in Chicago.

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2004

Kristin N. Barnette was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness, which evaluates the moral character and general fitness of applicants of the Illinois bar.

Jeffrey S. Becker was promoted to partner at Swanson Martin & Bell LLP, where he is chair of the firm’s entertainment and media law practice group and handles intellectual property matters, transactional services, commercial litigation and business disputes.

John G. Beseau became a partner at Herzog Crebs LLP in the firm’s St. Louis office.

2005

Sean P. Driscoll was named partner at Swanson Martin & Bell LLP, where he is chair of the firm’s entertainment and media law practice group and handles intellectual property matters, transactional services, commercial litigation and business disputes.

Jennifer L. Gregor and husband Rafael Vargas (L’AS ’04) welcomed their first child, Sofia Mariana Vargas, on Nov. 22, 2014.

2006

Joanne M. Moon was promoted to partner at Swanon Martin & Bell LLP, as an associate in the firm’s Madison, Wis., office where she is chair of the firm’s research and litigation practice groups of Godfrey & Kahn SC’s Madison, Wis. office. She is co-chair of the firm’s intellectual property litigation group, and was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2014 Wisconsin Super Lawyers.

Joshua M. Jackson was promoted to partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in the firm’s Lake Forest, Ill., office where he focuses his practice on the litigation and negotiation of complex divorce matters. He joined the firm in 2003 as a law clerk and started as an attorney in 2005.

Timothy R. Lessman was promoted to partner at the Chicago office of SmithAmundsen LLC. He is a member of the insurance and data security and breach groups.

Deidre D. Link was named senior counsel at Catena Financial Group in the greater Los Angeles area.

Jeremy D. Protas was selected as president of the board of directors for the National LGBT Bar Association, an affiliate of the American Bar Association. Protas is partner at Marshall Gerstein & Borun LLP.

Patrick T. Ryan, a Certified Financial Planner, was promoted to partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in Chicago.

Amy Vandenbroucke is executive director of the National Physician Orders for Life Support Treatment (POLST) Paradigm. She received one of 10 grants from Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health to complete research for her project, “Transforming End-of-Life Care Through EOPOLST Implementation.”

2007

Suheily Natal Davis was chosen as a 2014 Illinois Comeback honoree at the University of Illinois homecoming. She works on the global labor and employment law team for McDonald’s Corp.

Brion W. Doherty joined Motherway & Napoleon LLP as an associate.

Brendan J. Hammer was named a partner at Berger Schatz LLP.

Brandon C. Hubbard joined the staff of Dickinson Wright as a member in the firm’s media and entertainment office, where he focuses his practice in the areas of commercial and business litigation, education, energy, environmental and intellectual property and healthcare.

Jonathan H. Kim was promoted to counsel at Mayer Brown LLP. Kim works in the intellectual property group, focusing on patent management, counseling and litigation involving pharmaceutical and drug products.

Morgan H. Teigen joined WissPACT Inc. in Madison, Wis., as trust advisor. He will be assisting the organization and private attorneys in creating special needs trusts and in public benefits matters. Teigen previously worked for the Greater Madison Local Agency on Aging Resources Inc. as a benefit specialist supervising attorney.

2008

Daniel Bond was promoted to partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Danielle A. Capilla was named a shareholder at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.

2009

Matthew S. Brockmeier joined the health care practice of Polsinelli PC as an associate in the firm’s Denver office.

Justin M. Hansen joined Swanson Martin & Bell LLP as an associate in the firm’s Seattle, Wash., office, where he will focus his practice on medical malpractice, healthcare litigation, commercial litigation, business disputes and municipal law.

Lisa M. Lukaszewski was named a trial attorney in the firm’s private wealth services practice group.

Amanda Weinerberger joined Segal McCambridge Singer and Mahoney LLP as an associate in the firm’s Chicago office. She is a trial attorney who focuses her practice on the litigation of tortious tort matters.

2010

Cynthia R. Lopez celebrated the fourth anniversary of her firm Cynthia R. Lopez PC in March 2015. She focuses her practice exclusively on immigration. Lopez also released a documentary called “BORDERLINES,” which shows the plight of the asylum clients, and she released OSGI, an immigration informational app.

2012

Aaron T. Dozeman married Joanne Moon (JD ’12) on Nov. 22, 2014, at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Aaron is a law clerk for Hon. Mary L. Mika. Joanne is an associate at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney.

2013

Daron Korte is the assistant commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Life, Health, and Proprietary Businesses.

2014

Sean T.H. Dutton began a clerkship as Chief Justice Robert R. Young of the Michigan Supreme Court in April.

2015

DePaul Law has the most graduates recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers® in 2015. The latest edition of Illinois Super Lawyers magazine includes 327 DePaul law graduates, with 12 recognized in the top 100 list, three in the top 50 women list, and one—ranked No. 1—in the top 10 list.

DePaul law alumni on the Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers 2015 list

Anthony J. Ashley (JD ’92), Vedder Price PC

Joseph W. Balesteri (JD ’95), Power Rogers & Smith PC

Miles N. Beermann (JD ’58), Beermann Pritkin Mirabelli Swedino LLP

Robert A. Clifford (JD ’76), Clifford Law Offices

Adria East Mossing (JD ’98), Mossing & Navaire LLC

Robert J. Palmersheim (JD ’96), Schopf & Weiss LLP

John P. Scanlon (JD ’89), Healy Scanlon Law Firm

Joshua G. Vincent (JD ’85), McNabola Law Group

DePaul alumnus on the Top 50 Women Illinois Super Lawyers 2015 list

Lori D. Ecker (JD ’82), Law Office of Lori D. Ecker

Adria East Mossing (JD ’88), Mossing & Navaire LLC

Catherine L. Steege (JD ’82), Jenner & Block LLP

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