Law in the Family

Alumni who made DePaul a family tradition

GREGORY MARK NAMED DEAN
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I am pleased to announce that Professor Gregory Mark has been named the new dean of the College of Law.

Professor Mark currently serves as vice dean and the Justice Nathan L. Jacobs Scholar at Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey. He is a noted legal historian and brings with him extensive experience in academia, administration and the professional world.

Prior to his 14 years teaching law, Professor Mark served as associate counsel for the Office of Independent Counsel in the Iran/Contra matter; helped develop *U.S. v. Clarridge*, which was terminated by a presidential pardon; led a project on foreign intelligence and national security concerns in the prosecution of government officials; and acted as liaison to the White House Counsel’s Office, the U.S. Senate, the National Security Agency and the CIA.

He has published extensively on a variety of substantive legal areas including corporate law and governance, legal history and constitutional law. In the words of the search committee, Professor Mark is “a highly regarded scholar” whose appointment to the deanship signals “the university’s commitment to DePaul’s growing national reputation for scholarship.”

He earned his JD from the University of Chicago, where he was articles editor for the law review. He also holds a bachelor’s degree from Butler University and a master’s in history from Harvard University.

Professor Mark will assume the deanship on July 1, 2011.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as interim dean at the College of Law. I am proud to continue my support for DePaul and to welcome Professor Mark to this extraordinary law school.

“I look forward to returning to Chicago and the work ahead leading DePaul’s College of Law,” says Professor Mark. “Its deep roots in Chicago and its nearly 100-year commitment to intellectual achievement, access to education and social justice constitute a venerable tradition upon which I hope to build.”
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First annual Hon. William J. Bauer Moot Court Competition

The DePaul Institute for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution and the Appellate Moot Court Society held the first annual Hon. William J. Bauer Moot Court Competition in September. Newly named for Senior Judge William J. Bauer (JD ’52), U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, the intramural competition serves as student tryouts for moot court team selection at DePaul.

“Over the years moot court has garnered increased student interest and has stimulated vigorous competition,” says law student Paige Roncke, president of the Appellate Moot Court Society. “This year we had more than 100 interested students participating in the appellate brief writing process.”

The 2010 competition problem focused on a First Amendment case from the Maryland Court of Appeals regarding a church organization’s protest at the funeral of a U.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan. The group sued the state of Maryland for infringing upon its right to free speech after Maryland passed funeral picketing legislation limiting the right to disturb a funeral.

Teammates David Porter and Jason Santos took first place in the final round of the competition, with Graham Conaster and Patrick Viktora coming in second. Santos won Best Brief and Erik Nelson was awarded Best Oralist. These students, along with Will Alzugary, Lisa Cihar, Andy Cunniff, Aaron Dozeman, Chuck Finlayson, Jillian Moore and Kelly Oliver, were selected to join DePaul’s moot court team.

Above: Jason Santos responds to a question from one of the judges during the final round of the 2010 William J. Bauer Moot Court Competition at DePaul.

Below, left to right: Professor David Franklin, Judge William J. Bauer and Dean Warren Wolfson serve as judges for the final round.
Grobelski wins ISBA Law Student Division Public Service Award

Jenny Grobelski (JD ‘10) received the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) Law Student Division Public Service Award in July. The award is presented annually to a law student participating in activities that enhance professional responsibility and provide service to the public. ISBA recognized her accomplishments at its annual meeting and made a $250 donation to a nonprofit organization of her choice, Life Span.

Nominated by DePaul’s Center for Public Interest Law, Grobelski was actively involved in the public interest law program and deeply committed to community service while a law student. She assisted in post-Katrina rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and represented detained individuals on immigration matters in Harlingen, Texas. She also volunteered and worked pro bono in Chicago, mentoring a Burundi woman through the Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries, volunteering with public interest law organizations during summer breaks, and working on domestic relations, order of protection, eviction, bankruptcy, public housing and public benefits cases at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago’s Northwest Service Office.

Grobelski also received a 2007 Chicago Bar Foundation Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Scholarship, and says, on her decision to attend DePaul, “I realized DePaul really has the largest group of students interested in public service work.”

Law students attend Judge Pirro show

DePaul law students and staff recently were guest audience members for “Judge Jeanine Pirro,” a reality court show taped at NBC Tower in Chicago. Left to right: Monique Medina, Patrick Viktora, Joanne Moon, Jerry Bauer (front), Zachary Garrison, Alicia Robinson, Melissa Ford and Priscilla Miller.

C PIL, Tinker discuss First Amendment rights

Mary Beth Tinker, plaintiff in the landmark 1969 Supreme Court case Tinker v. Des Moines, spoke to a standing-room-only audience of faculty and students at DePaul in September. Invited by the Center for Public Interest Law, American Constitution Society and Citizen Advocacy Center, Tinker discussed the history of civil rights struggles in America, student free speech and the state of First Amendment rights in the 21st century.

In 1965, Tinker and a group of fellow junior high students wore black armbands in school to protest the war in Vietnam. The school district suspended the students and forbade them to wear the armbands in school. With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, Tinker sued the school district, and appealed the decision all the way to the Supreme Court. In Tinker v. Des Moines, the court ruled 7-2 that students do not “shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.” Tinker’s case became a landmark decision for the First Amendment right to free expression.
Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center releases report on former pimps and madams

The Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center released the results of a groundbreaking study based on interviews with 25 former pimps and madams involved in the Chicago-area sex trade at a joint event with End Demand Illinois in September. The research offers information to those working on criminal justice strategies and general cultural approaches to reduce sexual exploitation in society.

As a follow up to the center’s 2008 research on 100 pimp-controlled women and girls selling sex in the Chicago metropolitan area, this study focuses on the structure of the sex trade from the viewpoints of ex-pimps. The report provides insight into the roles of pimps in industry operation and organization, the reasons young men and women enter the business, and the attitudes pimps maintain about society’s acceptance of the sex trade.

The findings from the research sample indicate that a majority of ex-pimps suffered physical abuse (88 percent) and sexual assault (76 percent) as children or teens. Furthermore, 60 percent came from homes in which prostitution was the family business, 68 percent sold their bodies for sex prior to pimping, and 72 percent said they were recruited into pimping.

“From Victims to Victimizers: Interviews with 25 Ex-Pimps in Chicago,” by Senior Research Fellow Jody Raphael and interviewer and prostitution survivor Brenda Myers-Powell, is available for download at law.depaul.edu/family.

The NoVo Foundation, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation and DePaul College of Law Dean’s Innovation Fund provided support for the project.

Raphael receives awards for work on women’s issues

Jody Raphael, senior research fellow at DePaul’s Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center, received a 2010 Women With Vision Award from the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois in November. The awards honor women “who have demonstrated visionary approaches in their professional endeavors and have made a contribution to the well-being and empowerment of women.” Raphael was recognized for her research, advocacy and education on the topics of women, poverty and violence in Chicago, with a specific focus on the sex trade.

In September, the Chicago chapter of the National Organization for Women also honored Raphael for this work, presenting her with the Bella Abzug Award at its annual fundraising reception Women Who Dared—Telling Women’s Stories, Giving Women Voices.
Iraq History Project Art Festival offers insight into human rights advocacy

The International Human Rights Law Institute (IHRLI) and human rights artist Tom Block collaborated to host the Iraq History Project Art Festival at DePaul in October. Through a weeklong series of events including lectures, film screenings and exhibits, Chicago-based artists, human rights activists and members of the legal community explored human rights issues and the power of art as a tool for advocacy.

The festival featured more than 20 artists and a wide range of activist art forms, including film, theater, painting and photography. The final day included a screening of the award-winning courtroom drama “The Response,” based on the Guantanamo Bay military tribunal transcripts, and a post-screening discussion with writer/producer Sig Libowitz. Exhibits also featured artist interpretations of IHRLI’s Iraq History Project narratives.

The Iraq History Project gathered and analyzed first-person narratives of severe human rights violations committed under the government of the Ba’ath Party and Saddam Hussein (1968-2003) and by a variety of groups after the U.S.-led invasion (2003-2008). The project collected more than 8,900 testimonies representing over 55,000 pages of personal narratives—one of the largest independent human rights data collection projects in the world. The material documents the individual experiences of torture, massacres, assassinations, rape, kidnapping, disappearances and other violations, providing important insight into both past and current violations in Iraq.

C PIL symposium focuses on basic human rights

The Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL), in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild of Chicago, hosted the Fifth Annual Vincentian Public Interest Law Symposium, “Back to Basics: Bringing Human Rights to Legal Aid,” in November. The impetus for the event came from the work of the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau (MLAB), which recently adopted a human rights framework for its organizational mission. As part of its strategic planning process, MLAB surveyed the community and found that clients’ basic human needs, not just their legal needs, were not being met.

Cathy Albisa, executive director of the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative, opened the symposium with a comparison of the unpopularity of today’s human rights movement to that of the civil rights movement at its inception, stressing the importance of perseverance. She also discussed issues of poverty, reporting that 1.56 million of Illinois’ 12.8 million residents live in poverty. Albisa concluded that the symposium topic was as timely as it was geographically appropriate.

Center for Animal Law discusses U.S. v. Stevens

The Center for Animal Law convened a group of experts to evaluate the constitutional issues raised in U.S. v. Stevens at its September symposium. In Stevens, the Supreme Court held that federal statute 18 U.S.C. § 48, which criminalized the commercial distribution of depictions of animal cruelty, was unconstitutional because it constituted an overly broad restriction on otherwise protected speech. Speakers considered the impact of this ruling on the future of animal welfare.

Participants included the co-counsel for Robert Stevens, Bob Corn-Revere; noted veterinarian and author Dr. Michael W. Fox; Illinois State Senator Don Harmon; and representatives from the legal education field, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Humane Society of the United States.

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New legal clinic focuses on poverty law

DePaul expanded its clinical offerings this year with the addition of the Poverty Law Clinic. Students enrolled in the clinic represent low-income clients in housing law and unemployment cases referred by the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAF). Opened for fall 2010 enrollment, the clinic immediately filled its 10-student capacity.

“The Poverty Law Clinic provides students with a great opportunity to represent low-income clients while learning essential litigation skills,” says Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor Anita Maddali, who directs the clinic. “The students enrolled in the clinic are enthusiastic and have been working hard to effectively advocate on behalf of their clients.”

Students conduct intake interviews at LAF and assist individuals in landlord-tenant disputes, those facing eviction from public housing, and those who have been unfairly denied unemployment compensation.

Prior to DePaul, Professor Maddali litigated federal cases at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in the areas of employment discrimination, education and immigration. She also taught two clinical courses at Northwestern University School of Law representing women and children in asylum proceedings and juveniles in delinquency proceedings.

Health Law Institute forms partnership with ABA

The DePaul Health Law Institute (HLI) recently formed a new partnership with the ABA Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law. Through this partnership, HLI will present timely and topical conference calls with national experts for CLE credit, as well as a range of other CLE programs. It also will distribute a bioethics and health law newsletter, and work generally to educate and inform about the intersection of bioethics and law.

Professor Cavise appointed to Illinois Torture Inquiry Commission

In July, Governor Pat Quinn appointed DePaul law professor Leonard Cavise to the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission. The eight-member commission was formed to conduct inquiries into claims of torture, with priority given to cases involving claims against former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge or officers under his command, and to make a recommendation to the judiciary on claims that should be prosecuted.

Judge Kozinski lectures on privacy law

Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, discussed privacy issues during a lecture and reception hosted by the DePaul Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property Law at the University Club of Chicago in October. His lecture, “The Dead Past,” addressed evolving attitudes toward privacy in light of new modes of communication. He proposed that behavior such as increased public cellular telephone use and sharing information via social networking may narrow the legal standards regarding the expectation of privacy.

In addition to the lecture, Judge Kozinski served as a guest instructor for Professor Roberta Kwall’s Intellectual Property Survey course and met with members of the journal staff and Intellectual Property Law Society.

Promotions and New Faculty

Professor Andrew Gold was promoted to full professor with tenure, and Professors David Franklin and Susan Thrower made tenure.

In fall 2011, Max Helveston, Julie Lawton and Daniel Morales will join the College of Law faculty.

Max N. Helveston, clerk to Hon. Richard D. Cudahy, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, has been appointed an assistant professor of law. He received his BA from the University of Michigan and JD from Yale, where he was Law Journal editor and the Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics editor in chief.

Julie D. Lawton has been appointed a clinical assistant professor of law. She currently serves as clinical supervisor to the affordable housing and community development law clinic and adjunct professor at Georgetown University. She received her JD from Howard University, LL.M. from Georgetown and BS from Florida A&M University.

Daniel I. Morales, clerk to Hon. R. Guy Cole Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, has been appointed an assistant professor of law. He received his JD from Yale, where he was editor for the Journal of International Law, and his BA from Williams College. He also recently earned an LL.M. from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a William H. Hastie Fellow.
Selected Faculty Publications

Craig Boise

Nanette Elster

Freeman Farrow
Overutilization and Underutilization of Preventative Services in Elderly Populations: A Conundrum, 12 MARQ. ELDER’S ADVISOR ___ (2011)

David Franklin

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The Emerging Lex Aviatica, 42 GEO. J. INT’L LAW ___ (2011) (with G. Sanchez)


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A Global Architecture for Medical Countermeasure Preparedness Against Bioviolence, 7 ST. THOMAS L.J. ___ (2010)

Sarah Klaper

Mark Moller

Song Richardson

Jeffrey Shaman

Deborah Tuerkheimer


Mark Weber


Q&A with Associate Justice Antonin Scalia

DePaul welcomed U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia as the 2010 Enlund Scholar-in-Residence in September. The College of Law selects scholars, jurists and lawyers to participate in the Enlund Program, established in 1988 by the late E. Stanley Enlund (LL.B. ’42), based on their meaningful contributions to the development of law and legal institutions through research, advocacy and practice.

As Enlund Scholar, Justice Scalia delivered the annual lecture on the topic “Methodology of Originalism” to an audience of more than 300 alumni, students, faculty and administrators. Following are excerpts of his responses during the post-lecture question and answer period led by Dean Warren Wolfson.

“I don’t accept that my Constitution is not a living constitution.”

DEAN WOLFSON:
The first question, Mr. Justice, spins off your reference to your 1987 article “Originalism: The Lesser Evil.” In the article, you referred to yourself as a “faint-hearted originalist.” Are you still faint hearted?

JUSTICE SCALIA:
Yeah, I’ve sort of regretted saying that. [audience laughter] What I said is, if you’re an honest originalist, you have to accept some stuff that you might not like to accept.

For example, with respect to the Eighth Amendment, at the time of the framing there was no doubt that the notching of ears of felons was a common practice. If a state introduced notching of ears, I would have to say (and in the article I said I would find it hard to rule this way) it’s a stupid idea, but it’s not unconstitutional. But since then, I’ve gotten tougher. I would say that now I am no longer a faint-hearted originalist. As such, I mean the more ridiculous you make the example, the less likely it is to occur. They’re not going to pass a law about notching ears.

The point is—the nonoriginalists cannot grasp this, I hope the audience will grasp it: A law can be incredibly stupid and not be unconstitutional. There is not necessarily a correlation between stupidity and unconstitutionality. Some stuff that is incredibly stupid is, nonetheless, constitutional.
DEAN WOLFSON:
What do you think the future is for originalism in the law schools and in the courts? Is it going to prevail?

JUSTICE SCALIA:
It is an uphill battle because, I don’t know how we got there, but once you’re there it’s very hard to call judges and lawyers and law professors back. You realize how much it empowers judges—it is a very seductive judicial philosophy.

The judge who does not believe that he’s bound by the original meaning, and who thinks the Constitution means whatever it ought to mean today, is a happy fellow. When he goes home at night, and his wife says, “Did you have a nice day at the office?” He says, “Oh, yes. We had a constitutional case today. And you know what, the Constitution means exactly what I thought it ought to mean.” Because, of course, his only criterion is: What do I think the answer ought to be? Whereas, the originalist sometimes has to come to conclusions that you really don’t like (and notching ears, if that should ever arise). I’ve made a number of constitutional decisions I don’t particularly like. If I were writing a new Constitution, I’d come out the other way.

The nonoriginalist never has to do that, so it’s a very seductive philosophy. And, of course, it empowers law professors because they can write endlessly about what they think the Constitution ought to mean. There are a hundred different notions of what that is.

Yet, I think we’re making progress. As my talk indicated, there are two of us on the court now who believe in originalism, which means that for the first time in a long time, the briefs are talking about original meaning. Both sides in the Heller case treated it as dispositive. Original meaning was dispositive as to what the Second Amendment meant. Nobody came in and said, “Well, it should mean we’ve got too many guns. It shouldn’t be.” Nobody did that. It was both the dissent and the majority look into history.

DEAN WOLFSON:
Is it possible that the framers of the Constitution used intentionally nonspecific language in order to authorize judges in the future to address issues with a living Constitution?

JUSTICE SCALIA:
Of course they did. I don’t accept that my Constitution is not a living constitution. The general terms they used—due process of law, the freedom of speech—have to be applied to new phenomena that didn’t exist when they wrote those provisions. They made them vague so that, as I guess it was in the Bank of the United States case, as Marshall said, these words have to be interpreted to apply to situations we cannot imagine, which is why you have to give them an expansive interpretation.

So I don’t deny that—of course that’s why they used those expansive terms. What I deny, is that the application of those terms to extant phenomena can be changed by the Supreme Court. That the Supreme Court can say, “Oh, it’s absolutely clear that the Eighth Amendment never forbade the death penalty, but we think it does.”

Where did that come from? This is not the application of, it’s the court revising, what the people voted on. The people never voted to take that out of democratic control. They never voted to take abortion out of democratic control. Maybe the right to abortion is a very good thing. If it is, persuade your fellow citizens and pass a law. That’s the way we create most rights in a democracy, not by the Supreme Court finding that the American people decided what they obviously never did decide.

That’s all I’m arguing; that the application to the original, to things that existed at the time, doesn’t change. And, further, that the way you decide how those provisions apply to future phenomena is governed by the way they applied to phenomena at the time.

DEAN WOLFSON:
Justice, you have co-authored the book MAKING YOUR CASE: THE ART OF PERSUADING JUDGES. Can you give our future lawyers a brief summary of how to do that?

JUSTICE SCALIA:
First, and most importantly, we say it again and again: Be brief. Judges are busy people, or think they’re busy people, they’re not going to read a lot of nonsense. You want to say what you have to say and sit down, or write what you have to say and stop. You’re going to be appearing before some judges with regularity, and you’re going to get reputations before those judges. And if you always come in with 60-page briefs when you have only 30 pages of stuff to say, if you have that reputation as a bloviating lawyer, I’m going to skim your brief. I’m going to fan the pages. [audience laughter]
Whereas, if you are a lawyer that has a reputation (and I know some in the Supreme Court) for ending at 40 pages when having 40 pages worth, I will read that brief closely. And it’s the same thing in oral argument; don’t waste my time.

The most welcome words that an appellate judge can hear, and Judge Bauer will confirm this, are after the petitioner is finished, the respondent has finished and it’s up to the petitioner now to make his rebuttal. And the petitioner rises and says: “No rebuttal, your honor.” It gives you another five minutes for lunch. [audience laughter] If indeed he has nothing to say, that’s the way it ought to play.

The biggest mistake counsel make is to take questions as interruptions. They aren’t interruptions.

The only time you know for sure that you’re not wasting your time talking to issues that have no pertinence at all, because the court either agrees with you already or will never agree with you, is when you’re answering a question from one of the judges. At least one judge is interested in this issue. There are a lot of other hints, but I’ll leave it with that.

As part of his Enlund-Scholar-in-Residence visit, Justice Scalia met with law student leaders and served as guest lecturer for two classes. Austin Stephenson, editor in chief of the DePaul Law Review, offers his reflections on the days’ events.

When I was told I would be seated next to Justice Antonin Scalia during the Enlund Student Leader Luncheon, I admit I was somewhat nervous. I had never shaken hands with a Supreme Court justice before, and I certainly had never dined with one. When the day finally came, all of the students sat at their designated tables, buzzing excitedly as they waited for the justice. When he arrived, a hush fell over the small room. At the time, I thought that it must be strange—perhaps even uncomfortable—to command such a presence that when you enter a room, everyone immediately stops their conversations to observe your every move.

But once the justice sat down next to me and everyone began to eat, things quickly changed. Having read several of Justice Scalia’s opinions, including the occasional invective of his impassioned dissents, I was not sure what to expect from him in a conversation. He could not have been more affable. He laughed, he joked, and he listened just as attentively to the students as he did to the members of the faculty and administration. He candidly discussed his ambivalence toward the idea of judicial elections, his thoughts on the newly minted Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, and his tips on legal writing for law students.

Immediately following the luncheon, I was fortunate enough to be in an administrative process class that Justice Scalia guest taught. Professor David Franklin and his students had several questions for the justice regarding the president’s removal authority under the Constitution, and many of those questions were difficult. In fact, watching Professor Franklin and Justice Scalia engage in a rapid-fire debate was without a doubt one of the major highlights of my academic experience at DePaul. What struck me the most about Justice Scalia during the class, however, is how much he seemed to enjoy the challenge. He did not retreat from any questions nor appear embattled, and he smiled gleefully at each of Professor Franklin’s intellectual counterpunches.

In short, I had no reason to be nervous about the time I spent with Justice Scalia that day. He has an extremely gracious personality, and I will always be grateful to DePaul for giving me and other students this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
Law in the Family

By Kortney Moore

Left to right: Eric, Don and Jonathan Schiller.

THE SCHILLERS

• Sidney S. Schiller (JD ’33)
• Harry Lastick (JD ’36), Sidney’s brother-in-law
• Donald C. Schiller (JD ’66), Sidney’s son
• Eric E. Schiller (BA ’91) Donald’s son
• Jonathan Z. Schiller (JD ’99), Donald’s son
Common ground, and a little serendipity

Sidney Schiller, one of five children raised in Chicago, watched three of his siblings go to medical school, but he was more attracted to the study of law. So Sidney began a new family tradition at DePaul.

After receiving his JD, he soon returned to the law school to teach a couple of classes as an adjunct professor. That’s when he met law student Harry Lastick whose father needed legal assistance. And that’s how he would eventually meet his future wife, Harry’s sister Edith.

Sidney established a successful practice in Chicago, primarily focusing on corporate and real estate law, and with Edith, raised his children in a household that encouraged conversations about legal issues.

“My brother and I would often meet people who were in the legal field,” says Don Schiller, senior partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in Chicago. “It was an integral part of our lives and I don’t think there was much of a doubt about what we wanted to do when we grew up.”

Both Don and his older brother pursued legal careers. For Don, the combination of several events guided him to the practice of family law.

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“It was serendipity.” He explains, “I made Law Review, and I was asked to write an article dealing with mental cruelty as grounds for divorce.” Illinois only considered fault and extreme physical cruelty as grounds for divorce at that time, but two years after Don graduated, Illinois passed a law to allow mental cruelty in filing for dissolution of marriage. His article was the only item cited in the annotated statutes from the legislative hearings, which brought recognition to the young attorney by other lawyers seeking advice on the application of the new law.

At the same time, Don was practicing in his father’s office and began helping a divorce attorney with his heavy caseload. “I found that I liked those cases better than anything else I had worked on up to that point,” he says. “The movement into family law slowly evolved.”

Today, Don is recognized as one of Illinois’ and the nation’s top matrimonial lawyers. He continues to support DePaul’s Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center, which was named through a gift in 2003. He also is actively involved and has served in leadership roles in the state and city bar associations, the Circuit Court of Cook County Domestic Relations Division, and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, among other organizations.

Don shares his expertise with law students and practitioners, teaching continuing legal education and law school courses in the area of family law.

“A law degree offers endless possibilities,” says Don. “It’s great training and discipline that will serve you no matter what you do, whether you decide to practice or not.”

His son Eric, an agent with Edina Reality in Golden Valley Minnesota, agrees.

He received a communications degree from DePaul, where he became an avid Blue Demon fan, following the men’s basketball team across the Midwest. It was at DePaul that he decided to follow his family’s passion for law.

“Once I was in my senior year at DePaul, I knew I really wanted to go to law school.” Eric received his JD from Syracuse University in 1995, and says he often utilizes his law degree as a real estate agent.

“After different sales jobs, I found a common ground in real estate,” he says. “I have the ability to put deals together, using negotiation and other law school knowledge, and make people happy. It is a good combination for me.”

Eric’s younger brother Jonathan, also influenced by the family legacy, was certain he wanted to be a lawyer. “From early on in my life, everybody in my family was involved in law. I had a grandfather who was a lawyer, an uncle who was a judge, a father who was a lawyer, a cousin who was a lawyer and a brother who went to law school.”

Jonathan received his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami and decided to return to Chicago for law school, only applying to DePaul. “I had a great experience. And, if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn’t change a thing about it—except maybe the weather,” he says, recalling cold winter days waiting for the L in the Loop.

He expected to stay in Chicago to practice law, but was drawn back to sunny Florida. Like his father, he arrived at a career in family law somewhat by happenstance. “I wanted to work in a field unrelated to family law, because I had worked in my dad’s firm and wanted different exposure.”

In Florida, he obtained a clerkship at the attorney general’s office, working in the children’s legal services division. He later applied for a position at an insurance defense firm, which had two family law attorneys. “They saw my family law experience on my resume. I interviewed, and at that point, couldn’t resist what the position could offer my career.”

Now a partner at Brinkley Morgan LLP in Ft. Lauderdale, Jonathan has created a successful career in family law. He was recently board certified in the area of marital and family law and, in 2010, was named a Florida Rising Star by Super Lawyers. He also serves as a member of the board of directors for Deliver the Dream, a nonprofit that organizes monthly retreats for families suffering from a serious illness or crisis.

“I think I’ve been pretty blessed to work with great places that are involved with charities,” he says. “My firm encourages pro bono work, which is one way I try to live the type of mission taught at DePaul.”

The Schillers all agree on encouraging the next generation to carry on the DePaul family tradition. Jonathan’s children, Ben, 9, and Jessie, 6, may be next.

“They have a few years to go, but I’d like them to get a new experience and perspective, like I did at DePaul.”
Law in the Family

THE SOLIUNASES

• Francine Stewart Soliunas (LAS ’70, JD ’73)
• Mikah Soliunas (JD ’05), Francine’s daughter
A mother-daughter journey in law and service

For Francine Soliunas and her daughter Mikah, the decision to attend law school at DePaul really wasn’t a decision at all, but rather a natural selection. DePaul was already like family.

“I always say DePaul chose me, in addition to me choosing DePaul,” says Francine, assistant dean for strategy and student professional development, and executive director for the Institute for Law and the Work Place at Chicago-Kent College of Law. Her longstanding relationship with DePaul is rooted in service and a love for the Vincentian mission. As an undergraduate student in the 1960s, Francine was actively involved in the life of the university, working with student-initiated charitable, educational and multicultural programs. She continued her service work as a law student and, today, supports and serves a long list of community organizations.

“I feel I am DePaul,” Francine often says, when speaking to groups at DePaul.

“What that means in large part for me is the quality of character that I try to be: forgiving, loving, caring, hardworking, nonjudgmental,” she says. “I’ve come to love and respect the quality of education and the way the university carries out its values and mission.”

Francine attributes her decision to attend law school to a great undergraduate experience, as well as to one DePaul law professor, Arthur Scheller. Professor Scheller represented the law school at student senate meetings, where he got to know Francine, and encouraged her to apply. “Law school was not even on my radar screen. It was not something I knew about before he introduced me to it,” she says. “He recognized something in me that I had not yet recognized in myself.”

The mentorship Professor Scheller offered Francine as a student developed into a long-term friendship, and, more so, an extension of her DePaul family. After law school, he helped Francine find a job, and as her own family grew, he became Mikah’s godfather.

As a law student, Francine knew she wanted to work closely with people and thought she would become a civil rights lawyer. Though she spent several years in government-related legal work, including as a supervisory trial attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, it wasn’t until making a career move to corporate law that she discovered her real passion.

“When I went into corporate America, I found my niche. I realized what power really was and what it could do to really help people.” She served as labor and employment counsel for Illinois Bell Telephone Company, later Ameritech, for more than 20 years before transitioning into academia.

In 2010, she was recognized for her lifetime of legal, civic and community service with a Sage Ward, presented by Mayor Richard M. Daley (JD ’68) and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women. She continues to be active in the DePaul community, serving on the law school’s Dean’s Council and as president of the DePaul Law Black Alumni Foundation, on the university’s Capital Campaign Committee, and on the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences’ Dean’s Council.

Through her close involvement with the school, Francine’s children also became very familiar with DePaul. After earning an undergraduate degree at Dartmouth, Mikah returned to Chicago to work and teach, but shortly after decided to pursue a law degree. DePaul was the obvious choice. In fact, she didn’t even apply to any other schools.

Mikah earned a criminal law certificate and participated in the Death Penalty Legal Clinic. “The clinical program was phenomenal. It was the highlight for me, because it provided the hands-on element of the material that we’d been learning up to that point.”

Growing up in a household that valued and practiced service—a tradition passed down from her mother—it is no surprise that Mikah chose a career serving the public. “There’s nothing I’d rather do,” she says. “I can’t imagine myself doing something that was not public interest-oriented.”

Now, an assistant state’s attorney with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, she spends many hours in the appellate and juvenile courts, practicing in the area of law that she is most passionate about. “Our whole focus is to give a voice to people who have no voice. That’s our mission, and it’s directly in line with the perspective that my degree gave me.

“If you find something you’re passionate about, the people and the experience you need are there at DePaul,” Mikah says.

And her mother agrees. “Anyone who makes a genuine search can find inspiration at DePaul.”

Out of all her memories, Francine says, “The proudest moment in my 40 years with DePaul is when I was able to walk across the stage and hood my daughter at graduation. That will stand out for the rest of my life.”
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- Morton L. (JD ’36), Hyman’s brother
- Hyman W. Zaslavsky (JD ’40)
- Lawrence J. Zaslavsky (JD ’69), Hyman’s son
- Michael A. Zaslavsky (JD ’77), Hyman’s son
- Mark M. Zaslavsky (JD ’97), Morton’s son
- Marc S. Zaslavsky (JD ’09), Michael’s son

Left to right: Marc S., Hyman, Michael and Larry Zaslavsky.
A family that means business

Three generations of Zaslavsky men have made a legacy at DePaul, and for this family, business is a theme that resonates through its story.

“I am extremely proud of my family’s legacy at DePaul,” says Hyman Zaslavsky, who fondly recalls his time as a student, attending classes in the morning and tending to business at the family deli in Albany Park the rest of the day. He was the second in his family to choose DePaul, following his brother Morton, whose son Mark followed him several decades later. After a long career, Hyman now resides in Florida where his legal legacies visit him often.

Hyman’s son Larry, a real estate developer and business advisor in Savannah, Georgia, was the first to follow him to DePaul. After finishing his undergraduate degree in accounting and passing the CPA exam, he then decided on law school.

“I found law school to be enlightening and interesting,” he says, vividly remembering the semifinal round of a moot court competition on topics related to the Vietnam War. He also recalls the invaluable practical knowledge shared by an adjunct professor who was a managing tax partner at the former Arthur Young & Co. Larry credits the combination of being a CPA and an attorney to his success today. “The practicalities of the law gave me an appreciation and understanding of the practical aspects of business, as well as how to run and divest companies.” He adds, “And in my business career, I’ve found that being an attorney often offers an advantage in a business situation, because people have built-in respect for the profession.”

Larry’s brother Michael, of counsel at Aronberg Goldgehn in Chicago, also appreciates both the practical experience the College of Law offered him outside the classroom and the reputation DePaul maintains in the Chicago area.

“DePaul has a sterling reputation,” he says. “When people hear I’m an alumnus, it really gives me instant credibility because of the respect the community has for the school.”

College of Law and a member of the advisory board for the Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center. He offers his insight and assistance in providing opportunities for law students to gain hands-on experience in the area of domestic relations. In addition to this involvement, his son Marc’s decision to attend DePaul has “reinvigorated [his] enthusiasm for the law school.”

Marc, the latest to follow the Zaslavsky legacy, thinks attending law school was a wise choice. “I saw how the generations ahead of me were able to use their education and degrees from DePaul and put them to use to lead meaningful and successful lives.”

He selected DePaul because of its reputation in his family, in the city and in terms of faculty expertise. “Many faculty are former or practicing attorneys, and I thought it was really important to be exposed to real-world application and knowledge of the material I was learning in class.” And a faculty member with such experience happened to stimulate Marc’s interest in business.

“My first week of Business Organizations with Professor Andrew Gold is most memorable, because up to that point in law school I wasn’t sure what type of law to practice. His class inspired me to become a business and commercial law attorney,” says Marc, an associate in the bankruptcy group with Arnstein & Lehr in Chicago.

Although the next generation of the Zaslavsky family to consider law school is likely several years in the making, Marc adds, jovially, “If I have a son someday, well, I would like him to become a professional golfer. And if that doesn’t work out, I’d encourage him to follow in the footsteps of our family, attending DePaul and becoming an attorney.”

A successful litigator with more than 30 years of experience handling financial, real estate, contract and child custody issues, Michael is a frequent lecturer at the

[The Zaslavskys reminisce outside the DePaul Center in May 2010.]

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When Kurda Daloye talks about Iraq, there is a passion in her voice.

As the International Human Rights Law Institute's (IHRLI) chief of party in Iraq, it is her job to oversee the organization's multipronged approach to promoting human rights throughout the country. The initiative is broad to say the least. It touches on myriad areas from women's rights, to procuring resources, to instilling in law students and faculty the critical thinking skills needed to address important legal, political and human rights issues.
But Daloye’s motivation to succeed goes far beyond her obligations as one of the program’s leaders. For her, the successes of IHRLI’s reform efforts are one of the most significant factors affecting the future stability of her home country.

“Iraq has been through so much as a nation in the past 40 years,” Daloye says. “By focusing on legal education reform, we can help Iraq’s law schools create better lawyers who are more outspoken about human rights. That, in turn, will promote a rule of law, democracy, peace and the protection of human rights.”

Founded at DePaul College of Law in 1990, IHRLI promotes human rights on an international level by providing educational resources, establishing community outreach programs, and implementing human rights and rule of law projects.

IHRLI’s work in Iraq began soon after the U.S. invasion in 2003. The wartime conflict decimated the nation’s infrastructure, literally toppling the three major law schools located in Basra, Baghdad and Kurdistan. IHRLI President Emeritus M. Cherif Bassiouni led the organization’s on-the-ground efforts to rebuild the fallen schools.

“The legal reform program you see today is the icing on the cake,” Bassiouni says. “Back then, we had to dig holes in the ground to store fuel containers to run generators that could power the computers and lights in the libraries that we had to physically rebuild.”

These reconstruction efforts led to the reopening of nearly a dozen law schools across Iraq. With physical structures in place to house legal education programs, IHRLI set forth on its current operation: working with Iraqis to help rebuild their legal curriculum from the ground up.

That has been Kari Kammel’s (JD ‘08) objective since leaving her post in Chicago as IHRLI deputy executive director and moving to Iraq to serve as the director of law and reconciliation. She is one of six non-Iraqi staff members based in the country.

“Kari is a bridge between Iraq and Chicago,” says IHRLI Executive Director Charles Tucker (JD ’82). “She serves as a conduit of best practices to make sure we are all rowing in the same direction to ensure a unity of effort.”

Kammel’s unique experience makes her well-suited for the job. As an undergraduate student at the University of Chicago, she studied Arabic and Islamic and Middle Eastern civilizations and languages. She then followed her roots to Egypt, where her father was born, pursuing a master’s degree in international human rights law at American University in Cairo. That’s also where she met Bassiouni.

“He encouraged all of us in the program to go to DePaul University to do our JDs,” she says. “I ended up returning to the U.S. and enrolling at DePaul because of IHRLI and because of Bassiouni’s reputation. I was attracted to the DePaul program and IHRLI, because it was the practical manifestation of St. Vincent de Paul’s work—using the law to help and serve people.”

Along with Daloye, Kammel works on two significant and overlapping projects: the Legal Education Reform Project and the Women’s Leadership Project.

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IHRLI’s Legal Education Reform Project directly builds on the work that Bassiouni started. The organization continues to stock libraries with materials and procure new technological equipment such as printers, copiers and laptops. Kammel ensures that Iraqi students and professors receive training on how to use the equipment and how to search online legal databases in both English and Arabic.

The project also helps Iraqi colleges organize their own legal conferences. But rather than provide students and schools with a predetermined topic, IHRLI seeks to empower the student and professor population by encouraging them to choose their own subject matter.
“Recently, Koya University wanted to do a conference covering human rights issues,” Kammel says. “We encouraged them to expand on that topic, and they discussed how their community was having problems with the food supply. They decided to host a conference on the regulation of the food industry, which I am helping them develop.”

In addition, a major goal of the Legal Education Reform Project is to support the development of critical thinking skills in Iraq’s young legal community. Currently, the legal education model throughout the Middle East encourages rote memorization—professors lecture and students memorize, regurgitating material when prompted. Kammel and the rest of the IHRLI team are attempting to change that by introducing the Socratic method to the classroom.

“If you want society to grow, you want people to think,” Bassiouni says. “So training the teachers to use the Socratic method is not a question of technique; it is a question of training an entire generation of people how to think. And thinking means to challenge reality and challenge the status quo to move ahead.”

Kammel, in conjunction with the International Law Students Association, organized the Iraqi National Rounds of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, held for the first time in December. This year, she plans to run a model U.N. Conference to help teach the importance of conflict resolution.

“We are teaching them the skills to mediate with each other and to respect one another even when they disagree during the course of debate,” Kammel says.

IHRLI also is paying special attention to the female legal community in Iraq. The Women’s Leadership Project aims to train young Iraqi women to be leaders during the nation’s transition to democracy.

The project sponsors conferences that focus on issues and challenges Iraqi women currently face, including violence against women. At a recent conference, a group of law students participated in a moot court competition that addressed the topic of honor killings. Such presentations would have been unheard of prior to IHRLI’s work.

Another major facet of the Women’s Leadership Project is its mentor program. IHRLI selects 20 female law students and pairs them with 20 prominent female mentors, all with diverse backgrounds. Some are politicians and business leaders while others are actresses and athletes. The students spend time with their mentors, conducting research on their behalf and learning about the nuances of being a professional woman in Iraq.

“The idea is to empower younger women who are getting into the professional community by pairing them with women who have been through turmoil and, yet, have maintained their professional statuses,” Kammel says.

Although IHRLI’s work in Iraq may seem a world away, the institute keeps close ties to the university and relies heavily on the support of students, faculty and staff in Chicago.

“DePaul plays a large role in our success in Iraq,” Kammel says. “We have a lot of reach back into the university. In addition to the College of Law, we work with many other university departments and recruit many volunteers from undergraduate and graduate studies programs. The more people we can get involved, the better.”

No one can predict exactly when IHRLI will complete its work in Iraq, but the plan isn’t to vanish once the timeline for the institute’s projects comes to an end. “We don’t have exit strategies,” Tucker says. “We are expecting long-term professional relationships with Iraqi universities, relationships that will facilitate such things as professor exchanges, student exchanges and joint degree programs.”

The focus is on sustainability, forming and maintaining connections between legal scholars and practitioners in Iraq and the United States.

In December 2009, IHRLI received $5.1 million in new grants from the U.S. Department of State to expand its human rights and legal education programs in Iraq. The grants support the project initiatives mentioned in this article. A follow-up story on IHRLI’s legal education reform efforts is available at law.depaul.edu/news.

Visit law.depaul.edu/alumni/reunion to view more reunion photos.
As part of the Many Dreams, One Mission campaign for DePaul University, the College of Law celebrated a record-breaking year for fundraising with approximately $8.3 million in gifts from law alumni and friends.

In spring 2010, at the request of noted pharmaceutical executive, philanthropist and alumnus Michael Jaharis (JD ’58), the Jaharis Family Foundation Inc. made a $5 million challenge grant for law scholarships. This is the largest single scholarship gift in the university’s 112-year history and the largest gift ever to the College of Law.

The Jaharis grant follows a $1 million gift to endow the college’s legal clinics from former Ford Motor Company vice president-general counsel John W. Martin Jr. (JD ’61), and a $500,000 gift to endow scholarships from Larry Rogers Sr. (JD ’83), founding partner of Chicago law firm Power Rogers & Smith.

The College of Law also received a seven-figure gift from DePaul board of trustees chair and Chicago library commissioner Mary A. Dempsey (JD ’82) and her husband, nationally acclaimed trial lawyer Philip H. Corboy, to fund an endowed scholarship in their names.

To date, the Campaign for the College of Law has raised more than $18.3 million of its $30 million goal to support initiatives that embrace and solidify its legacy of preparing leaders, promoting justice and shaping policy.
CBF Sun-Times Fellowships awarded to two alumni

DePaul alumni Amany Ezeldin (JD ’05), left, and Katherine Zalewski (JD ’07) each received $50,000 in loan repayment assistance through a Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) Sun-Times Public Interest Law Fellowship in October. Since 2007, CBF has awarded annual fellowships to individual legal aid or public interest law attorneys who demonstrate a commitment to public interest work, academic achievement in law school, and outstanding character and integrity. Ezeldin, an attorney at Life Span, assists immigrant victims of domestic violence in gaining safety from their abusers and in obtaining lawful immigration status. Zalewski, with Uptown People’s Law Center, works to ensure due process for low-income individuals and their families.

Dubinsky receives Army’s MacArthur Award

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., along with Dr. Juan Montero, right, of the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, presents Captain Igor V. Dubinsky (JD ’07), U.S. Army Reserve, with the prestigious Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award in May 2010.
The Most Reverend Jerome Edward Listecki was named the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by Pope Benedict XVI and installed by the Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, in January 2010.

Archbishop Listecki, a long-time DePaul supporter and native of Chicago, previously served as bishop of the diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin, since 2004. He led the diocese in various initiatives including a successful $50 million dollar capital campaign; the individual incorporation and computerization of all 165 parishes of the diocese; raising more than a half-million dollars in Gulf Coast flood relief; assisting in local flood relief; and the formulation of a diocesan-wide pastoral plan.

On his first year of service in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Archbishop Listecki says, “I am constantly amazed at the good work and dedication of those that serve the Church. Their faith assists in building the common good and a better life for all.” His recent activities include making several pastoral appointments, naming district deans, launching the “Living Our Faith” radio program and initiating the “Heart of the Nation” Mass nationwide television broadcast.

Archbishop Listecki was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1975 and earned his JD from DePaul in 1976. He began graduate studies in canon law and moral theology in 1979 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, earning a doctoral degree in canon law in 1981, and continuing moral theology studies until his return to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1983.

Upon returning from Rome, he taught at the Archdiocese of Chicago’s major seminary, the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. He remained on the faculty until his appointment as pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, Chicago, and later, auxiliary bishop of Chicago in 2000. Archbishop Listecki also is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.
The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) assists DePaul law graduates with lower-paying public sector jobs to manage their educational debt. In October, the LRAP committee and the Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) held a reception to honor the 2010 LRAP Award recipients. Pictured left to right: Professor Len Cavise, CPIL Director; Nicholas Lucius (JD ’06), Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago; Dolorita May (JD ’03), Assistant Public Defender, Cook County; Jessica Schreiber (JD ’09), Assistant Public Defender, Cook County; Jarrett Knox (JD ’08), Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services; Ryan Zalewski (JD ’07), Uptown People’s Law Center; Robert Simmons (JD ’06), Assistant Public Defender, Winnebago County; Jean Bax (JD ’01), Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy; Keri McGuire (JD ’03), Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy; and Amany Ezeldin (JD ’05), Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy. Not pictured, Courtney Jolin (JD ’05), Assistant State Public Defender, Rhinelander, Wisconsin. For more information, please visit law.depaul.edu/lrap.

In October 2010, a group of eight outstanding DePaul alumni were admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. After taking an oath of admission, the alumni and their guests were invited to listen to arguments for two cases during the fall opening session of the Supreme Court. This opportunity was made possible with the assistance of Supreme Court Librarian Judith Gaskell (JD ’80). The evening before the admission ceremony, alumni and their guests enjoyed a dinner hosted by the Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul president, and Dean Warren Wolfson.

Left to right: Dean Warren Wolfson and wife Lauretta, Thomas Fahey (’80), George Pearce (’79), Mary Pearce (’79), Michael Sadoff (’75), Francine Soliunas (’73), John Simon (’67). Not pictured: Kevin O’Hagan (’92) and Justice Anne Burke (SNL ’76).

2010 LRAP Awards

Alumni admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar

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1960
Jerome P. Croke is an arbitrator in the Circuit Court of Cook County, after serving 30 years as an executive with Talman Home Federal, followed by nearly 20 years as of counsel to De Bruyn Taylor and De Bruyn in Orland Park, Ill.

Thomas A. Hett has served as the director of programs for the Arthur Foundation since 2000. From 1980 to 2000, he was a judge in the criminal and chancery divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and also served as mayor of Berwyn, Ill.

1970
Kenneth A. Abraham, after 15 years of service as a trial judge, recently joined DiTommaso Lubin as a litigation consultant and dispute resolution specialist, heading the firm’s arbitration and mediation practices.

1972
Ronald H. Balson, an attorney at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, published ONCE WE WERE BROTHERS, a novel about World War II Poland that was inspired by several trips he took to Poland in connection with a telecommunications lawsuit.


1973
Joseph G. Bisceglia, a partner at Jenner & Block, received the Humanitarian Award of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest in September. He also was honored for his charitable work with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, his involvement in Jenner & Block’s pro bono program, and his work in humanitarian causes during his time as president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

1974
Terry D. Jeffrey, joined the Chicago office of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC. He concentrates his practice on banking, real estate and corporate matters.

1977
Miguel A. Velazquez, recently joined the sales force at Prudential Tropical Realty in Port Richey, Fla., serving the Tampa Bay area.

1978
Terrence M. Burns, was recognized in the 2011 Best Lawyers in America guide. Burns, a member of the Dykema law firm, concentrates his practice in complex litigation and trial matters.

1979
Henry F. Marquard, chief legal officer of Stanley Consultants Inc., was named to the Iowa Supreme Court’s task force for civil justice reform. He also recently concluded a term as chairman of the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission.

1980
Kevin P. Durkin, partner at Clifford Law Offices, was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in April 2010.

David J. Gelfand, executive vice president at global real estate services firm Colliers International, recently presented on the topic of opening a law firm during a Chicago Bar Association CLE program.

1981
James Convery, partner with Laner Muchin, was elected president of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago.

Joseph A. Drazek, an attorney with Quarles & Brady, was recognized for excellence in environmental practice in the 2010 edition of the Chambers USA directory.

1983
Keith A. Hebeisen, partner at Clifford Law Offices, was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in April 2010.

Susan C. Weidel was named general counsel of the University of Wyoming.

1986
Thomas J. Filarski, intellectual property attorney and shareholder at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, was named one of “The World’s Leading Life Sciences Patent Litigators” and a top three Illinois patent litigator by Intellectual Asset Management magazine.

1987
Christopher L. Picone was appointed president and general counsel of Buccino & Associates Inc., a financial and strategic advisory firm. He previously served as a managing director and head of the firm’s national real estate practice.

1988
Susan Stann Airst is co-founder and managing director of Airst Stann, a financial and professional services firm specializing in commercial real estate services and investment management based in Philadelphia.

Uvaldo Herrera, staff director at State Farm Insurance Company, was elected to a three-year term on the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund’s board of directors.
Brian A. Rankin, vice president and deputy general counsel for Comcast Cable, was named chief regulatory counsel for the company. Based in Philadelphia, he serves as chief counsel for all federal, state and local regulatory activities.

1989
Deborah L. Borman was appointed a clinical assistant professor at Northwestern University School of Law, joining the Communication and Legal Reasoning Program.


Anita M. Ventrelli was elected an equity partner of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP, which ranked in the top tier in family law in the 2010 edition of U.S. News’ Best Law Firms.

1990
Michele M. Jochner received the Phi Alpha Delta Outstanding Alumni Chapter Justice Award. She currently serves as justice for the Chicago alumni chapter, which was named Outstanding Alumni Chapter in 2010. She also was recently published in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and CBA Record.

1992
Michael Burns, associate dean for enrollment management and director of law admission, was elected to serve a three-year term as trustee on the Law School Admission Council Board of Trustees Nominating Committee in June 2010.

Mary L. Pool received the 2010 Award of Merit from the Multnomah Bar Association for her leadership on its diversity statement project.

1993
John L. Nisivaco, a partner in the Chicago personal injury firm of Boudreau & Nisivaco LLC, recently was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Ann M. Reilly was promoted to global head of anti-money laundering for General Electric Company in Fairfield, Conn.

1995
Asim S. Raza recently joined the corporate division of Affinity Law Group LLC, a firm specializing in legal services for businesses, their owners and their executives in all phases of the business life cycle.

Robert K. Villa is founding partner of the Villa Law Firm LLC, which provides counsel to a diverse range of businesses and individuals in Illinois and throughout the country.

1996
Brian L. Browdy is a director in the Chicago office of Ryan Inc., a leading multistate tax consultancy, where he leads the firm’s tax strategy practice.

1997
Catherine A. Zaryczny was appointed chief deputy clerk for intergovernmental affairs for Dorothy Brown, clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

1998
Karina Ayala-Bermejo was appointed a first deputy commissioner for the City of Chicago’s human resources department, where she previously served as acting commissioner and managing deputy commissioner.

Fred Nickl recently joined Edward W. Williams Ltd. in Chicago. He practices commercial litigation and administrative law.

Brian C. Thomas joined Chicago-based Whiting Law Group as a partner.

Kevin A. Thompson was named a member of Davis McGrath LLC in Chicago, where he has focused his practice on trademark, copyright and Internet law since 1999.

1999
Mitchell B. Goldberg was named marketing partner at the law firm of Lawrence Kamin Saunders & Uhlenhop LLC in Chicago.

Patrick M. Jones joined SmithAmundsen’s Chicago office as partner. He has extensive experience in corporate restructuring, creditors’ rights and insolvency-related commercial litigation.

James E. Mostofi was named president of Chartis’ U.S. Warranty Division and is responsible for directing its U.S. warranty and extended warranty insurance group.

John D. Smith was named vice president and academic dean at Concord University in West Virginia, a position he held on an interim basis last academic year.

Edward G. Quinlisk has joined the Chicago office of McDonald Hopkins LLC, a business advisory and advocacy law firm, as a member of its business department.

2000
Michael Hartigan a partner at Hartigan & O’Connor PC, was recently appointed to the assembly for the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). He is a member of the ISBA Tort and Insurance Law section councils and concentrates his practice in the field of municipal and insurance defense.

Colby A. Kingsbury recently joined Baker & Daniels LLP as partner. Her practice focuses on commercial, employment and intellectual property litigation.

Amy Wolff Oakes is a prosecutor for the Sangamon County, Ill., State’s Attorney’s Office, where she now serves as chief of the juvenile division.
2001
Kathryn C. Casey was named a partner at Dutton & Casey PC. She focuses her practice in the area of elder law.

Jill E. McCall recently transitioned from director of the Young Lawyers Division to director of the Center for Continuing Legal Education at the American Bar Association. She also is chair of the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.

2003
Heather A. Begley, an associate at the Law Offices of Jeffrey J. Kroll, was selected as one of Law Bulletin Publishing Company's Top 40 Under 40 Illinois Attorneys to Watch. She practices personal injury and wrongful death law.

Amber M. McGovern, associate at Gladstone Michel Weisberg Willner & Sloane in Marina del Rey, Calif., was named a Southern California Rising Star for 2010 by Super Lawyers magazine.

J. Michael True joined the law firm of Murphy Desmond SC as an associate in the creditors’ rights, business bankruptcy and commercial litigation practice area.

2004
Sarah J. La Voi was promoted to senior counsel in the marketing and intellectual property law group at McDonald’s Corporation in Oak Brook, Ill.

Devon Battersby Morris recently joined Plunkett Cooney as a member of the professional liability and medical liability practice groups in the firm’s Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office.

2005
Kevin Ulrich joined N.J.-based Vacation Ownership Group LLC as vice president of General Counsel.

2006
Christopher Hackett joined the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America as director of personal lines policy.

Matthew Passen was recently nominated to join the board of directors of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago.

Chantelle A. Porter was installed as third vice president of the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers (DAWL) in May. She currently serves on the board of directors for DAWL and the DuPage County Bar Association.

2007
Jiyeon Choi, an attorney at BENNU Legal Services, recently joined the board of directors for KAN-WIN, a client-centered counseling program for survivors of abuse.

Igor V. Dubinsky, a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, received the Army’s prestigious Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award in May. (See page 23.)

2008
Kari Kammel joined the DePaul International Human Rights Law Institute as director of law and reconciliation in the Iraq office, where she works with law schools throughout the country. (See page 18.)

Sarah F. Ryan is director of grant development in the office of institutional effectiveness at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis.

2009
Catherine H. Brady and her colleague Marisol Gallegos opened the Law Offices of Gallegos & Brady LLC in June. The practice focuses on immigration law.

2010
Conn Q. Davis joined Brown & James PC as associate attorney in the firm’s St. Louis office, where he works in the arson-fraud litigation, business and commercial litigation, and intellectual property practice groups.

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)
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