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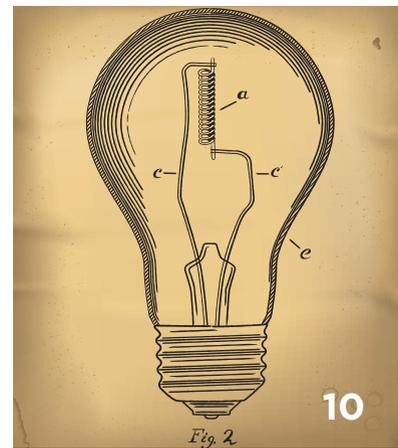
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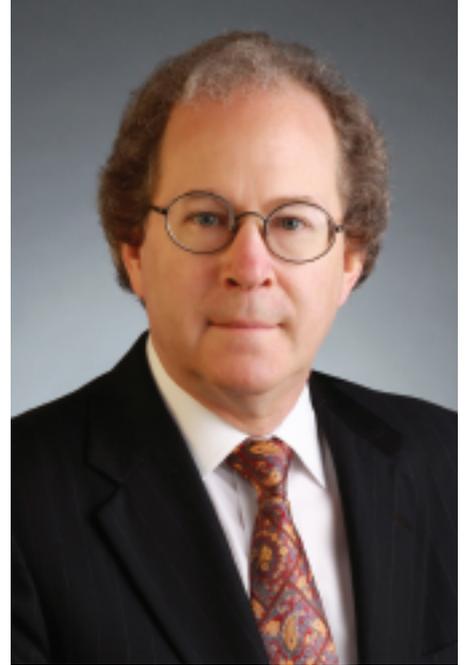
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Message from  
**Dean Gregory Mark**



## Celebrating a century

**W**hen one thinks of lawyers as leaders, one typically thinks of judges, elected officials and distinguished public servants. Of these, DePaul University College of Law has a great many—visit our hall of judges, remember the distinguished career of the Hon. William J. Bauer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, and remind yourself of the tenure of Chicago’s longest-serving mayor who calls DePaul his law school, as did his father. But also think of the myriad private sector leaders we have educated, such as the current CEO of ComEd and his soon-to-be successor, as well as many of you—from advertising executives to the heads of foundations to the managing partners of innumerable law firms nationwide.

This is where leadership in education matters. Cast a glance at early photos of our classes.

You will see faces you will not find at other law schools of the time, faces that truly represent the communities we serve—women and men for whom this school was their path to leadership. A great school looks beyond the traditional, opening doors and providing opportunity where others hesitate. We did, and that tradition of innovation continues at DePaul.

When the law of human rights was barely discussed, DePaul opened its International Human Rights Law Institute. When the understanding emerged that law plays a key role in discovery and innovation, DePaul opened the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology and teamed with Stanford’s and Berkeley’s law schools to organize the largest annual scholarly conference on intellectual property in the country. And these are only two of many examples.

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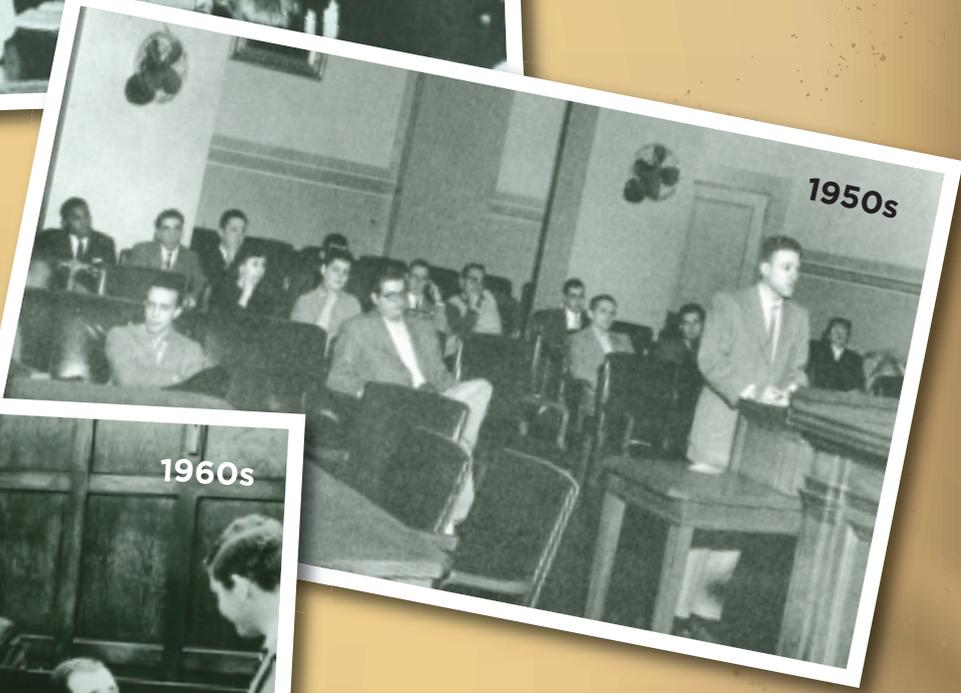
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A look back at DePaul Moot Court Society.

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## Remembering Professor Rodney Blackman

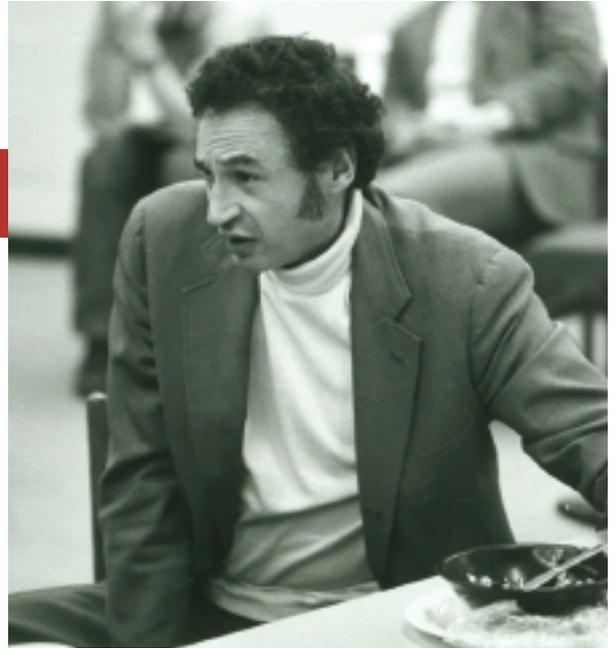
By Lawrence Arendt

*“So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?”*

Ecclesiastes 3:22

It was obvious to anyone who knew him that Professor Rodney Blackman loved working at the College of Law. Simply being here meant everything to him. He did it for 40 years, until his retirement last year. He loved being in the classroom and welcoming students to his office, any day, any time.

On September 15, a month after his passing at the age of 75, a large gathering of people he worked with and students he taught had an opportunity to reminisce at a memorial service at the law school. Professor Blackman was remembered as an expert in constitutional law, the First Amendment and jurisprudence. He received his JD from Harvard and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.



Friends recalled long conversations on philosophy, politics, religion and baseball. “Rodney was a dedicated scholar, an inspiring teacher, a connoisseur of fine food and wine, and an energetic and curious world traveler. He could be funny, wry, outrageous and amazingly perceptive, all at the same time. God made him and then broke the mold,” said friend and colleague Professor Margit Livingston.

As with all of us, Rodney was filled with contradictions. He was wise, inquisitive, thoughtful, forgetful, quirky and very learned. He was skeptical of religion, but enjoyed talking about faith; he was confident in our constitutional democracy, but doubted all politicians.

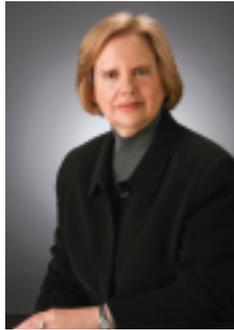
Friend and law school staff member Dan Ursini said, “Rodney seemed to want to know the truth about things. I found that both quite inspiring and deeply unusual. Especially during his final years, I think he learned he could live with anything, even what the writing on the wall might reveal.”

In the introduction of his last scholarly work, *FOREIGN FANATICISM AND AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES*, a book he struggled to finish while seriously ill, Rodney wrote about life’s contradictions. “Despite my father’s love for this country and a strong sense of patriotism, there was what I might call a subliminal fear,” he said. His father was reluctant to speak of his own Judaism, but impressed upon Rodney his Jewish background with, for instance, a Sunday school education. He recalled of his early life that the nation itself was a contradiction for Jews, and that, although the United States offered respite and a chance to succeed, it also was a country where “Jews were excluded from certain suburbs, golf courses and social clubs, and certain universities.”

I will remember Rodney as complex and formal and, almost simultaneously, straightforward and friendly. One thing certain of Rodney that cannot be contradicted: his work was well done. And I really think his work will be missed. 🍷

# In Brief

## President Obama appoints Professor Patty Gerstenblith to chair Cultural Property Advisory Committee



Distinguished Research Professor Patty Gerstenblith, director of DePaul's Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law, was selected by President Obama to chair the U.S. State Department's Cultural Property Advisory Committee (CPAC). The committee assists the United States in implementing the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the means of prohibiting and

preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property.

"The legislation under which CPAC operates is a signature accomplishment for the United States, indicating its commitment to working cooperatively with other nations in preserving their cultural heritage," says Professor Gerstenblith.

While continuing her full-time teaching schedule, Professor Gerstenblith will meet with the 11 CPAC committee members several times a year in Washington, D.C.

## Dean Mark offers elementary lesson on Constitution



*Dean Gregory Mark teaches a lesson on the Constitution to 7th and 8th graders at A.N. Pritzker Elementary School as part of the ABA's National Celebrate Pro Bono Week in October. Law students Wally Ghuneim (JD '12) and Lizz Esfelt (JD '13) also taught alongside the dean at Pritzker, one of DePaul Pro Bono & Community Service Initiative's partner organizations.*

## Aviation institute continues oral history project with Governor Baliles



In September, the International Aviation Law Institute (IALI) conducted the fifth interview in the series, "Conversations with Aviation Leaders," IALI's oral history project focused on airline deregulation. IALI's distinguished guest for the interview was Hon. Gerald L. Baliles, former legislator, attorney general and governor of Virginia. The Baliles administration was nationally known for its strong commitment to transportation and international outreach. In 1993, Governor Baliles was selected by President Clinton to chair the National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry. He also served as chairman of PBS for multiple terms, and has served on numerous civic and corporate boards.

The interview, which consisted of three one-hour sessions, focused on the commission and domestic reforms, regulation and reregulation and considered international deregulation under the banner of Open Skies.

Interlocutor for the event was IALI advisory board member Gregory O. Principato, president of Airports Council International-North America. Principato's involvement in aviation and transportation infrastructure issues spans nearly 30 years. After working on transportation matters for Senators Joe Biden and J. Bennett Johnson, he joined Governor Baliles' administration, where he worked on the transfer of Reagan National and Washington Dulles airports from the federal government to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, worked to increase international service at Dulles, and worked with governors of other states on transportation issues through the National Governors' Association. Later, he served as executive director of the 1993 National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry. In the years since, Principato has worked on a wide variety of aviation issues, from a U.S.-Japan air services agreement, to developing a global standard for aircraft noise, to coordinating the development of broad-based coalitions.

Currently, Governor Baliles is director and CEO of the Miller Center, a nonpartisan institute based at the University of Virginia that seeks to expand understanding of the presidency, policy and political history, providing critical insights for the nation's governance challenges.

## In Brief

### Professor Bassiouni spearheads Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry report



M. Cherif Bassiouni, emeritus professor of law and president emeritus of DePaul's International Human Rights Law Institute, served as chairman of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI) in 2011, spearheading an investigation into the crackdown on the Shiite opposition in Bahrain following the mass demonstrations in February and March 2011.

Established in June by Royal Decree of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, BICI consisted of internationally recognized jurists and scholars esteemed within their respective fields and tasked solely with investigating the revolts that roiled within Hamad's kingdom.

The events surrounding the democracy protests were high profile and controversial. While international media outlets reported allegations of detainee abuse, human rights groups questioned the government's prosecution of civilians at the special security court—a court that includes military prosecutors and both civilian and military judges. In total, the demonstrations led to 2,929 arrests and the Bahraini courts sentenced 60 individuals to prison for their involvement in the protests, with physicians receiving prison terms ranging from 5 to 15 years for treating protestors.

The commission reviewed more than 5,200 complaints and interviewed more than 2,400 persons in an attempt to take into account every allegation of torture. As Professor Bassiouni told WBEZ in an early 2011 interview, the committee was “pursuing the truth wherever that may lead [them].” BICI received a great deal of press, including an article by Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times correspondent Anthony Shadid, extensive exposure in the Economist, and coverage on networks such as CNN, BBC and Reuters.

In November 2011, Bassiouni presented the commission's findings to King Hamad, government officials, diplomats and hundreds of media representatives, revealing one of the most thorough investigations into unrest in the Arab world. The New York Times reported that BICI findings presented a “devastating portrait” of the excessive force used against detainees. The nearly 500-page report identified patterns that indicated training in torture methods going against both international humanitarian and Bahraini law. Among other recommendations, Bassiouni and his colleagues advised King Hamad to amend the legal code and tighten training of security forces.

In response to these recommendations, King Hamad ordered the establishment of a new committee to follow up on and implement the suggestions of the committee. The new committee is expected to complete its work before the end of February 2012.

*Professor Bassiouni also continues to serve on the U.N. Commission of Inquiry for Libya and is scheduled to travel to Libya to investigate violations of international humanitarian law within the country.*

### Health Law Institute, Children's Advocacy Center lead conversation on child abuse

Attorneys, social workers, medical professionals and students converged at a symposium in October to discuss emerging trends in child abuse and the law. Co-sponsored by the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) and DePaul's Health Law Institute, the event was designed to educate professionals from all disciplines who advocate on behalf of children, and to expand participants' knowledge about investigating, assessing and preventing child abuse.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart delivered the keynote address on the importance and benefits of cross-disciplinary collaboration in relation to the prevention and intervention of child abuse. Related presentations, led by pediatric professors and physicians as well as child protective services experts, addressed topics such as efforts to reshape the sex offender policy, bruising patterns indicative of child abuse, and improvements in discerning manners of injury in children.

This was the third in CCAC's series of events on “Battling Abuse, Restoring Lives.”



*Symposium organizers and panelists (from left): Amanda Halawa-Mahdi, Clinical Interventions Division, Cook County Juvenile Probation; Shauna Boliker, Cook County State's Attorney's Office; Kelli Underwood, Center for Contextual Change; Char Rivette, CCAC; Joan Tabachnick, DSM Consulting; Arthur Bishop, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice; Lisa Jacobs, Illinois Models for Change Initiative, Loyola University Chicago School of Law.*

## Justices speak from experience at Judicial Independence Symposium

The recent emergence of special interest groups in judicial elections places judges in a tough spot: sit quietly in the face of organized attacks and risk losing a seat, or fight back by stepping into the world of politics and campaigning. Should judges run political campaigns like politicians? Legal professionals and students discussed these issues in October at the Judicial Independence Symposium hosted by DePaul's *Journal for Social Justice* and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Kilbride, targeted by pro-business interests for ruling against limits on medical malpractice claims, discussed the details of his retention campaign in "When the Law and Business Interests Disagree." Kilbride was forced to spend several million dollars in his own defense after a special interest-helmed print, broadcast and Internet campaign depicted him as soft on crime. The TV spots, which Kilbride screened



for audience members, recalled the infamous Willie Horton advertisement of 1988, portraying criminals reading off crimes in lurid detail and thanking Kilbride for ruling in their favor. Kilbride warned that biased campaigning "dampens and damages voter participation" and raised a call-to-arms for due process rights for voters.

Bert Brandenburg, executive director of Justice at Stake, gave an overview of the sudden explosion in judicial campaign spending. According to Brandenburg, "the most important

political issue almost no one has heard of" is the rising threat that judges everywhere will have to enter the political arena.

Former Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Baker echoed this sentiment when he warned against the tendency to call what happened to him and his colleagues in Iowa "a perfect storm." Baker was one of three Iowa Supreme Court justices voted out after ruling to uphold gay marriage. Out-of-state conservative groups raised \$650,000 to oust the judges; yet, all three made the pointed decision not to campaign.

"I am not a politician," Baker reiterated throughout his presentation. He spoke candidly about his decision and repeatedly warned that what happened in Iowa could happen anywhere. Rather than lament his fate, Baker urged attendees to recognize the growing threat to fairness and justice in the courts.

### Law classrooms get a facelift

When classes resumed in August, DePaul College of Law welcomed new and returning students to completely renovated classrooms and office spaces. The renovation of 10 major classrooms located on four floors of Lewis Center began immediately following graduation in May 2011. Remodeling efforts included significant functional, furniture and equipment upgrades, as well as improvements to the public corridors outside of and leading up to these spaces.

DePaul also created new office space on the second and third floors of O'Malley Place for the law journals and Law Career Services, providing much needed workspace, new amenities and better accessibility. The Law Career Services Office now includes a media room for conducting student phone and video interviews as well as a larger resource library for researching jobs.

*Dean Gregory Mark welcomes first-year law students to DePaul during an orientation event in one of 10 newly renovated classrooms in August 2011.*



## DePaul law student receives prestigious Skadden Fellowship, establishes legal services for low-income military families



DePaul law student **Margaret Kuzma** (JD '12) knew she wanted to dedicate her professional life to helping military veterans after she directed a sexual assault prevention program on two different U.S. Army bases. So much so that she enrolled in law school to help reach her goal. Now, after being named one of this year's recipients of the prestigious Skadden Fellowship, Kuzma will be able to provide low-income military families with the type of legal assistance she knows they merit.

"Working with active duty families was tremendously rewarding, but I wanted to do more," says Kuzma. "I decided to go to law school so that I could have the skills and knowledge to actively seek systemic change for military families, sexual assault survivors and other vulnerable populations. As a Skadden Fellow, I hope to provide the legal services these families so desperately need and deserve."

Established in 1988 by law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and administered by the Skadden Foundation, fellowships are awarded to a select and distinguished group of law students from around the country who, like Kuzma, aim to put their legal skills to work for the public good. Fellows are identified for the highly competitive two-year fellowships based on their academic performance, a demonstrated commitment to the public interest and the quality of a project they design that expressly meets the legal needs of the less fortunate in

society. Recipients work with a sponsoring organization to complete their projects during the course of the fellowship, which pays their salary and any fringe benefits they would receive as an employee of the sponsoring organization. Kuzma learned about the Skadden Fellowship after connecting with DePaul legal writing instructor Sarah Klaper, who also is an Illinois National Guard spouse. Klaper was able to link Kuzma with the 33rd Brigade Combat Team family readiness leader, and, together, they assembled a blueprint for a legal support program.

Kuzma will work with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago during her fellowship to provide direct legal services to Illinois military families, specifically members of the Illinois National Guard, who face another deployment in 2013. According to Kuzma, they will offer legal services that cover a range of issues including employment law, consumer protection, housing law and family law. "My focus on the military community will allow me to holistically address all the families' needs instead of only those in one particular area of the law."

Kuzma is the third DePaul law student to win one of the highly competitive Skadden Fellowships in the foundation's 23-year history. "Margaret is an extraordinarily worthy fellowship winner and a superior student who is very committed to helping low-income veterans," says Professor Len Cavise, CPIL director. "For DePaul to be recognized with a Skadden winner is further evidence that our public interest-oriented programs are being noticed and recognized as among the best in the country."

### Faculty honors and promotions

**Sioban Albiol**, director of the Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic, received the Joseph Minsky Beacon of Light Award from the Chicago chapter of the American Immigration Law Association.

**M. Cherif Bassiouni**, professor emeritus and president emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute, received Dominican University's Bradford-O'Neill Medallion for Social Justice in September.

**David Franklin**, associate professor of law, was named vice dean of the College of Law in 2011.

**Bruce Ottley**, professor of law, was named co-director of the International Aviation Law Institute in 2011.

**Judge Warren D. Wolfson**, distinguished visiting professor of law, was appointed a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness, 1st District, for a term expiring in December 2014.

### New College of Law staff

**Camille Anderson Licklider** returns to her alma mater as the College of Law's new assistant dean of development. She received her BA in music from DePaul and her JD from Valparaiso University. Prior to joining DePaul, she served as the assistant vice president for planned giving at Florida State University.

**Angela Lilly** joins the College of Law in the new role of chief of operations and staff to direct the business office, coordinate the work of staff, and work with the administration on budget strategy. She has an MBA from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management and most recently served as the manager of business services for the City Colleges of Chicago, where she oversaw all financial operations. Prior to working for City Colleges, she was assistant dean for budget and administration at Columbia College Chicago's School of Fine and Performing Arts.

**James Redmond** is the associate director of alumni relations for the College of Law. In this role, he coordinates alumni outreach efforts, including the reunion dinner and Law Alumni Awards. Before joining DePaul, he was director of development for Chicago Youth Programs. He holds a bachelor's degree in advertising from Marquette University.

# Professor Coll emphasizes prudence in wartime politics

By Elizabeth J. Ramer

A challenge initiated on the treadmill materialized full scale at the Pritzker Military Library in September, as DePaul Law Professor Alberto R. Coll squared off against friend, one-time gym mate, and ideologically disparate contemporary, Berkeley Law Professor John Yoo, in an exceptionally elegant political debate titled, “Resolved: That the President’s War Powers are (Nearly) Absolute.” The two academics, who’d met months earlier at a conference on the Greek historian Thucydides (and started chatting in the hotel fitness center), used the opportunity to exercise two different perspectives on the constitutional scope of presidential power.

The politically diverse event was co-sponsored by the College of Law, the conservative Federalist Society, the liberal American Constitution Society, and the Jack Miller Center for Teaching American Founding Principles and History. Debate moderator and Atlantic Monthly writer James Warren, who, in a follow-up New York Times piece, “That Rare Political Debate: Both Civil and Full of Consequence,” praised the discussion as “understatedly engaging,” was a wryly humorous and lucid host. Introducing the two charismatic professors, Warren pointed out the shared thread amid the colorful political spectrum: Professor Yoo, a former Justice Department official during the George W. Bush administration, immigrated to the United States from South Korea; Professor Coll, former Dean of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and Defense Department official for President George H.W. Bush, is a Cuba native who came to the United States without his family at age 13.

Though marked by intermittent buoyancy and readings from the works of founding fathers Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, the debate’s theoretical rift remained firm. Professor Yoo, who does not believe the president needs congressional approval for war, stated that Congress simply can cut military funding as a control-check. Professor Coll, emphasizing the Aristotelian virtues of prudence and deliberation, maintained that congressional approval is essential, barring certain, special cases involving a sudden attack. Both debaters invoked the language of the constitution’s framers, albeit to divergent ends.



The packed room, with attendees spilling into the aisles and balcony wings, included College of Law Dean Gregory Mark and many DePaul students, one of whom took the opportunity to eloquently and fiercely address Professor Yoo’s participation in the drafting of memos supporting the use of torture in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo. Prompted by this poignant rebuke, Warren asked debaters whether the president has authority to use torture, even if federal law bars it. Professor Yoo, who denied that the Bush-Cheney administration faced this decision, deferred to his viewpoint that Congress cannot instruct the president how to wage war. Professor Coll stood strong against the violation of a congressional statute, explaining that a president is commander-in-chief of the U.S. armed forces, not of the United States. “A law banning torture rests on basic principles,” Professor Coll said. “The bottom line is that the president cannot break the law. In this hypothetical situation he would not be able to.” The debate took a rare pause as audience members applauded Professor Coll.

Following the event, students commended Professor Coll’s performance. Mike McGovern, a third-year law student, raved, “Professor Coll was very good—as usual.” The debate tread sensitive ground as part of the evening’s 9/11 tenth anniversary program, yet attendees agreed that Professors Coll and Yoo maintained a distinctive balance of fervor and, fittingly, good debating sportsmanship. 



## Brightest in intellectual property share scholarship, offer critiques

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By Daniel Rogna (JD '13)

**DePaul's Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT®)** united many of the brightest minds in intellectual property under the rapidly expanding umbrella of copyright, patent, trademark and information laws at the 11th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (IPSC) in August. IPSC—the vision of CIPLIT founding director Professor Roberta R. Kwall—began as a humble gathering of 13 professors in 2001, but has burgeoned into the seminal IP conference involving nearly 200 scholars from across the globe.

Now in its eleventh year, IPSC is a collaborative, intercollegiate effort co-sponsored by DePaul College of Law; the Stanford Program in Law, Science and Technology; Cardozo School of Law; and the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology. The conference rotates annually so each school has the opportunity to host the nation's IP academics. "The collaboration of the IPSC sponsor schools is simply an extension of [the IP academy's] collegiality," says Professor Kwall.

Current CIPLIT director Professor Barbara Bressler welcomed to the conference a robust 135 scholars who presented their works in progress, as well as more than 60 scholars who attended simply to learn about current issues and approaches. Topics ranged from redefining virtual property rights to patent litigation reform to theoretical justifications for intellectual property.



*CIPLIT Director Barbara Bressler welcomes scholars to the 2011 IPSC held at DePaul in August.*

The growth of IPSC over the last decade parallels the dynamic expansion of intellectual property law. Once a niche practice, intellectual property law has emerged as a dominant presence in the legal world. The field has expanded from core doctrines of patent, copyright and trademark laws to include Internet technology and digital property rights, constitutional law and other specialties. Moreover, the field has not only broadened to new areas, it also has developed deeper theoretical insights. This change is reflected in the expansion of interdisciplinary approaches to intellectual property law, and IPSC provides a perfect environment for demonstrating this maturation.

Although many seasoned scholars, such as Professors Mark Lemley of Stanford, Arti Rai of Duke and Robert Merges of Berkeley, presented works in progress, IPSC is particularly helpful as a forum for young faculty both to receive assistance and to bring new ideas into the academy. Jamie Lund, an associate professor of law at St. Mary's University, aptly demonstrated the interdisciplinary nature of intellectual property law. With an undergraduate degree in music, Professor Lund presented "An Empirical Examination of the Lay Listener Test in Music Composition Copyright Infringement." She offered an interactive

presentation, playing samples of similar sounding songs, and exploring the variables and practical limitations of the current infringement test.

Professor Lund's intent was to step away from the purely theoretical. She conducted a study to illustrate how the lay listener test actually works. By analyzing the real experiences of an untrained ear, she was able to scrutinize how difficult it might be for a jury to correctly apply the test in infringement cases.

Drawing heavily on music theory and empirical research, Professor Lund's presentation was grounded in a simple principle: moving beyond a strictly theoretical understanding of law allows us to engineer a more pragmatic approach. As a first-time attendee, Professor Lund's presentation typifies the investigative spirit and novel perspectives of IPSC.

The recent intellectual property boom also has witnessed a significant transformation in traditional outlets for academic scholarship. As the Internet has grown, so, too, has the ability to efficiently communicate information.

Websites like the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) present new avenues for scholars, who were once restricted to finding a publisher and waiting for months to disseminate their current works. SSRN removes the middleman, allowing scholars to interact with each other in real time. By offering a venue for scholars to immediately present their research results, SSRN rapidly circulates knowledge to an international audience.

CIPLIT Professor Joshua Sarnoff posts draft articles on SSRN to gain peer feedback. His works often trigger "top ten" download status in a wide range of categories—intellectual property, health, environmental and international law—reflecting the breadth of interest in his scholarship. Professor Sarnoff also presented at this year's IPSC, discussing potential constitutional limits on the Patent Clause power and its relationship to Commerce Clause power.

This idea of collaborative group effort is at the heart of IPSC. The conference presents a fascinating intersection between old and new approaches to scholarship. While presenters showcase their works in progress, they come to IPSC not to boast their accomplishments, but to learn from their peers and seek advice on improving their work. IPSC has always been about crowd sourcing ideas, even before crowd sourcing gained traction. Scholarship has evolved into something different than it once was, and IPSC embodies this evolution.

University of Oregon Law School Assistant Professor Eric Priest's presentation provided a synthesis of this creative tension between old and new scholarship. In his paper, "Copyright, Scholarship, and Institutional Open-Access Mandates," Professor Priest discussed the growing dysfunction of academic publishing. Without vilifying the market, he expressed concern about the impact the growing cost of scientific journals has on libraries already facing budget shortages. As new markets continue to emerge, traditional publishers are forced to increase costs and may eventually out-price libraries. Professor Priest

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*Nearly 200 scholars representing more than 100 law schools attended the two-day IPSC.*

suggested that there would be an uneven distribution of knowledge and a less open community of scholarship. To combat this, he proposed that copyright holders use online repositories, like SSRN, to archive their works so they remain publicly available for future study.

When asked how intellectual property has changed, Professor Priest replied, “IP scholars are thinking of intellectual property as more than property. It is a common resource, and we have to manage it for the benefit of everyone.” Yet, through his presentation, Professor Priest exemplified that this sentiment is equally applicable to all scholarship. As scholarship evolves with new technologies, the burden is on scholars to manage their intellectual creations in a way that will benefit the community as a whole. Scholarship is but one of the many variants of intellectual property, and Professor Priest articulated a truly pivotal nexus between them.

Appropriately, Professor Priest also stated that he came to IPSC for feedback from the very scholars he was seeking to influence. He would be hard-pressed to find a better group than the IPSC collective stemming from Professor Kwall’s vision. And, next year, IP scholars old and new—DePaul’s CIPLIT faculty included—will convene at Stanford Law School for IPSC, carrying on the annual tradition by contributing to the continuing evolution of intellectual property law through their wealth of scholarly work. 

*Daniel Rogna graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in English and classical civilizations. After working in New York and Detroit, he returned home to Chicago to attend DePaul University College of Law. Rogna was drawn to DePaul because of the strength of the school’s intellectual property program, and he hopes to practice copyright and trademark law after graduation in 2013.*

*IPSC papers, presentations and proceedings can be viewed at [law.depaul.edu/ipsc](http://law.depaul.edu/ipsc).*

## Legal education helps alumnus climb to the top of IBM

By Keith Ecker



Since its founding 100 years ago, IBM has bestowed only a small handful of employees with the prestigious title of IBM Fellow. The position represents the highest technical honor that an employee of the company can receive. DePaul law

alumnus **Kerrie Holley** (LAS ’76, JD ’82) is one of the several dozen recipients of this title.

“IBM Fellows are folks that created the DNA of a lot of the technology that we use in the market today,” Holley explains. “They are all inventors and have something that they are famous for in the tech field.”

Holley’s claim to fame is a concept known as Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), which allows businesses to build application software the same way someone would build a structure out of LEGO blocks. Holley also serves as the chief technology officer (CTO) of IBM Global Business Services.

“As CTO, I provide thought leadership in terms of how we differentiate ourselves in the marketplace,” Holley says. “I also work with clients on some of our most challenging projects.”

Holley chose to attend the College of Law for practical reasons. He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from DePaul, so he was familiar with the college’s respected reputation. He also found the location exceptionally convenient.

“Because I was working in downtown Chicago, I could walk over to DePaul in the evening for classes,” Holley says.

It was at DePaul that Holley began to develop the leadership and managerial skills he would later use in his career.

“I found the Socratic approach challenging,” Holley explains. “The intensive Q&A has this way of making you think and build confidence if you lack it. And it will help you stand toe-to-toe with someone more knowledgeable than you, like a professor. I still use a lot of the content and lessons from that education in what I do today.”

Though Holley does not directly practice law in his current position, he still finds many applications for the skills and knowledge he acquired in law school.

“There is a strong technical flavor to what I do, but there also is a strong people flavor,” he says. “I have to engage with senior executives; I have to identify issues quickly; and I have to be succinct and help them solve problems, which are all part of the training I obtained in law school.”

# Q&A

with



## Professor Julie Lawton

Students now have an opportunity to aid in the development, preservation and expansion of affordable housing in Chicago through DePaul's first-ever transactional legal clinic—the Housing & Community Development Law Clinic. Offered for the first time this spring, the clinic connects law students directly with clients and a variety of community organizations.

Assistant Clinical Professor Julie Lawton, who joined the College of Law in fall 2011, developed and runs the clinic. She brings to DePaul nearly a decade of teaching experience and a wealth of knowledge in affordable housing issues, previously serving as senior supervising attorney to Georgetown's housing law clinic. Prior to her academic career, she worked as an attorney with Morrison & Foerster LLP and as a financial analyst in the commercial banking sector.

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### **Q. Who will the Housing & Community Developmental Law Clinic serve?**

The clinic will help residents purchase their apartment buildings. Clients will be an association or organization of tenants. We will work in conjunction with development consultants, community organizers and area leaders to structure these deals in a way to ensure that the residents can afford payments and stay in their homes.

### **Q. What kind of work will students encounter?**

This experience is unique in that students will give legal counsel to a corporation. Students will have the opportunity to counsel the community groups that are interested in purchasing residential buildings, select management companies to run the buildings, meet with lenders and make pitches, and review loan documents.

I believe the clinic will appeal to students interested in business law, transactional law, advocacy and working in moderate-income communities, as well as students who are interested in thought-provoking and challenging policy discussions about community lawyering.

### **Q. What are the steps involved in helping tenants purchase their building?**

There are three components. The first is finding a lender willing to allow tenants to buy the building, as opposed to auctioning off the building, foreclosing on the property and selling it on the market. Second is

finding a tenant group that has the capacity and willingness to go through the process of buying their own building. And third is being able to run the numbers and work with tenant groups to make sure that this is financially viable for the residents.

### **Q. Who will benefit from these distressed properties becoming cooperatives owned by tenants?**

Everyone can benefit. Foreclosure is long, drawn out and not very profitable for lenders. Instead, the tenants can purchase their building. The bank will be happy because they now have a performing asset; the residents will be happy because they're not being kicked out; and the city will be happy because it is receiving property taxes.

### **Q. What draws you to doing this kind of legal work?**

I enjoy helping residents through the process of home ownership, but another reason I do this is because of my family. My great-great-great-grandmother, after being freed from slavery, bought a house in a small town in the South. My family still owns that house. To know that no matter what happens in this world, I have a place to lay my head gives me a sense of peace and security. I'd like to share that [feeling] with other people.

*This Q&A was adapted from the fall 2011 Center for Public Interest Law newsletter, The Advocate.*

# Alumni News

## DePaul law and business grads connect at new networking event

More than 300 DePaul alumni came together at a networking reception exclusively for graduates of the College of Law and Kellstadt Graduate School of Business in May 2011. Held at the Union League Club of Chicago and sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, this was the first collaborative alumni event of its kind. College of Law Dean Gregory Mark and Kellstadt Dean Ray Whittington are pleased with the outcome.

“The two colleges have never cooperated on anything like this event, but it was a very successful experiment,” says Dean Mark. “The place was packed, and our graduates formed great connections with one another. Both Ray [Whittington] and I hope to repeat the event regularly and also believe it serves as an example of excellent inter-unit activity.”

The next joint reception is planned for April 2012.



## Leadership changes hands at ComEd



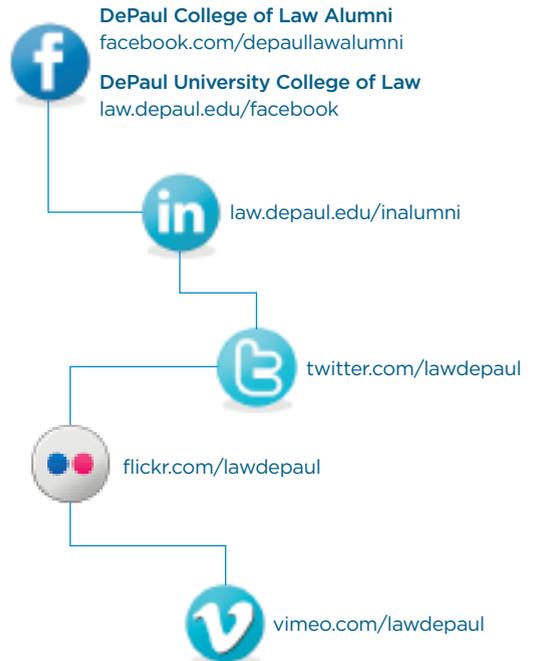
This year, **Frank M. Clark** (JD '76) will retire as chairman and CEO of Chicago-based Commonwealth Edison Co., and fellow DePaul alumna **Anne R. Pramaggiore** (JD '89) will take over as leader of Illinois' largest utility.

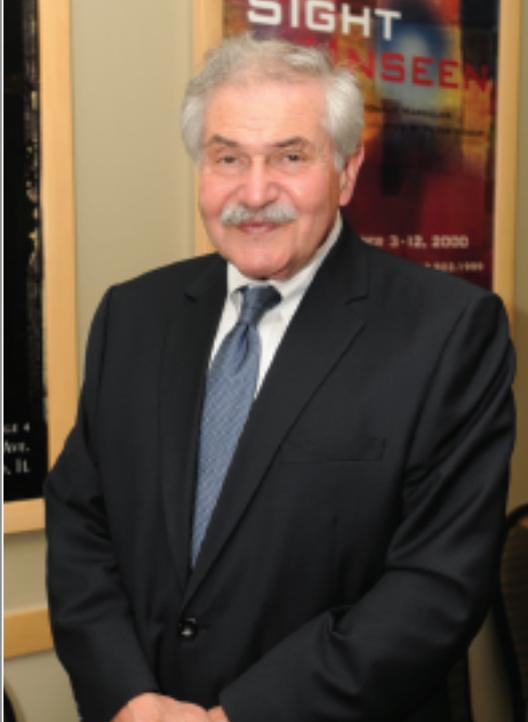
Clark's 46-year career at ComEd began in the mailroom in 1966. In 2001, he was named the company's first African American president and in 2005 became its first African American chairman and CEO. His career spanned regulatory, governmental and community affairs; distribution services; customer service operations; marketing and sales; and information technology.

Similarly, Pramaggiore is the first woman to be named CEO of ComEd. She currently serves as president and chief operating officer of the company. Pramaggiore joined the ComEd's legal team in 1998 after working at a Chicago law firm for eight years.

Both Clark and Pramaggiore also are members of the DePaul University Board of Trustees.

## Connect with the College of Law





## ALUMNI PROFILE :

### Marvin A. Brustin

(JD '61)

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and once I started, I never looked back.*

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took a chance on me.”*

### Brustin’s public interest law scholarship encourages academic late bloomers

Not many of Hon. Marvin A. Brustin’s high school classmates would have voted him “senior most likely to succeed.” And no wonder. Though co-captain of the football team, he was, by his own admission, a “very casual” student, ranking squarely in the bottom quarter of his class.

In fact, Brustin’s academic performance was so lackluster that his high school career counselor advised him to pursue his part-time truck-driving job as a career.

Brustin, founder and president of the Chicago law firm of Brustin & (Milo) Lundblad (JD '79), recently gave \$50,000 to establish the Marvin and Ben Brustin Endowed Scholarship in the College of Law. The scholarship, named in part for his father, is intended for students studying public interest law, with preference given to students like Brustin—academic late bloomers with a lot of promise and determination.

After graduating from high school, Brustin did take a full-time job driving a truck, but he began to have second thoughts and decided to go to college.

Despite the obstacle of his poor high school grades, he sat for DePaul’s entrance exam and did surprisingly well. So well, in fact, that he convinced the university to enroll him on a provisional basis. “I had always been a reader,” he says. “I guess I had a brain after all.”

After a year and a half on the dean’s list at DePaul, Brustin transferred to the University of Illinois to complete his undergraduate degree, later returning to DePaul for his law degree.

“I found out I loved to learn,” he says. “And once I started, I never looked back. I am very thankful that DePaul took a chance on me.”

Brustin parlayed that chance into a successful career as a personal injury lawyer, winning more than 25 million-dollar and multimillion-dollar jury verdicts and settlements so far.

His success also allowed him to indulge his love for wilderness trekking and mountain climbing. He has made many trips to Nepal, both for pleasure and as a donor helping

to build libraries and fund educational programs throughout the country.

In 2000, Nepal’s prime minister named Brustin honorary consul general of the country. And last spring, the G.P. Korala Center for Peace, Democracy and Development in Nepal appointed him to its international advisory committee. Brustin also is a member of and the elected attorney for the Chicago Consular Corps, which consists of 81 consulates from throughout the world. Additionally, in Chicago, Brustin served on the RTA advisory board as well as served as chairman of the CTA board.

It was during his work as an advisor to DePaul University’s finance committee that Brustin developed his scholarship idea. “I realized that, but for DePaul, I would still be driving a truck,” he says. “Instead, I’ve had a fascinating life. My gift is a token of the gratitude and respect I have for the university.”

# DePaul Law Reunion 2011

Nearly 200 alumni, friends and faculty celebrated Law Reunion 2011 with dinner and dancing at Chicago's Hotel InterContinental in October, honoring the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006. Law alumni in reunion years also helped raise more than \$538,000 to support College of Law initiatives through DePaul's Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign.

[law.depaul.edu/reunion2011](http://law.depaul.edu/reunion2011)





# Class Notes

## 1957

**James J. Jennings** attained 50 years of membership in The Chicago Bar Association.

## 1957

**James B. Pritikin**, formerly a principal of Nadler Pritikin & Mirabelli, is a partner at newly formed law firm Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove LLP.

## 1967

**Edward A. Williams** joined Max Elliott Ltd. as special counsel. The practice, started by Max Elliott (JD '10), uses online technology for wills, trusts and estate planning to better serve contemporary families. Williams is principal of Edward A. Williams & Associates Ltd.

## 1970

**Hon. Sheila M. Murphy** is an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where she teaches restorative justice.

**John C. (Jack) Staley** was appointed non-executive chairman of Hospira Inc., the world's leading provider of injectable drugs and infusion technologies. He is founding director of the company's board and currently its lead director.

## 1971

**Roza Gossage** received the Illinois State Bar Association's Lawyers Care award in recognition of her extraordinary service on behalf of Illinois soldiers and military families.

## 1972

**Milton Black** was appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn to a three-year term as an arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

## 1974

**George J. Andros** was appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn to a one-year term as an arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

**Hon. Milton S. Wharton**, longtime St. Clair County, Ill., circuit judge, will retire from the bench at the end of 2012.

## 1975

**Paul J. Lerner**, became senior legal counsel at Canadian company WiLAN Inc. In this role, he will help establish a U.S. presence for the company in Stamford, Conn. He also co-authored two books, *ESSENTIALS OF LICENSING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY* (John Wiley & Sons 2004) and *ESSENTIALS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY* (John Wiley & Sons 2002).

## 1976

**Michael J. Brennan** joined the Chicago office of Adelson Testan Brundo & Jimenez PC. The firm has more than 100 attorneys, offices in nine states and focuses primarily on workers' compensation defense. Brennan is a recognized expert in this field and joins the firm in defense of client claims in Illinois.

**Robert A. Clifford** was installed as the 135th president of The Chicago Bar Association in June and will serve a one-year term. He is founder and principal of Clifford Law Offices, which concentrates in aviation, transportation, personal injury, medical negligence and product liability law. He also is a member of the DePaul University Board of Trustees.

**Stephen M. Komie**, a principal in Chicago law firm Komie and Associates, was elected to a fifth three-year term on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association. He is a trial and appellate practice lawyer who previously served four terms on the ISBA's board of governors, from 1992–2005. He has been a member of the association's assembly since 1985 and has served on numerous ISBA committees.

**Elaine P. Geer Sullivan** retired after many years in litigation in the late 1990s and a subsequent career as a hearing officer.

## 1977

**Miguel A. Velazquez** joined Florida Luxury Realty to better serve his clients. He also is part of the JMB Real Estate Group, which has multiple offices in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area.

## 1978

**John R. Bailen**, received a board of governors award from the Illinois State Bar Association at its annual meeting. He has been active in the ISBA for a number of years and is an attorney with Bruce Farrel Dorn & Associates in Chicago.

**Carl E. Poli** was appointed panel chair for the hearing board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois. He is an attorney with Stone McGuire & Siegel PC in Northbrook, Ill.

## 1981

**Gabrielle Buckley** was named vice chair of the ABA section on international law.

**Joseph A. Drazek**, an attorney with Quarles & Brady, was distinguished for excellence in environmental practice in the 2011 edition of the prestigious Chambers USA directory. He works in the law firm's Phoenix office.

**David A. Kane** was appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn to a three-year term as an arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

**Robert D. Kreisman** was elected to the board of directors of the Union League Club of Chicago. A member of the club since 1984, he will serve a three-year term on the board and will chair the club's technology committee. Kreisman is a private practice attorney who specializes in medical malpractice.

## 1982

**Richard D. Fincher** completed a one-year research assignment in Vietnam concerning workplace dispute resolution, sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development. Fincher studied mediation and arbitration of employee disputes in the manufacturing sector, leading to public policy recommendations for the Vietnam Ministry of Labor. His recommendations will be published by Cornell University.

**Stephanie E. Trudeau** was recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the area of employment and labor law. She is a partner in the Cleveland office of Ulmer and Berne LLP and is a certified specialist in employment and labor law.

**Thomas W. Tuohy**, continues to work with Dreams For Kids, the global youth empowerment charitable organization he founded in 1989. Recently, the third edition of his book, *DREAMS FOR KIDS: CHANGING THE WORLD ONE PERSON AT A TIME*, was published. Tuohy, a recent executive scholar of the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University, also was awarded a fellowship to the Stanford Graduate School of Business Social Innovation Center. In March, he was invited to the White House by President Obama to honor Stanley Cup Championship winners the Chicago Blackhawks, and to participate with Dreams For Kids youth in a field hockey game as part of the First Lady's Lets Move campaign.

## 1983

**James C. McWhinnie** received the 2011 Grahovac Award from Meritas in Montreal, Quebec. The award recognizes outstanding service, leadership and dedication to the organization. He previously served a three-year term on the Meritas Board of Directors, two terms as a vice chair on Meritas' executive committee, and two terms as the chair of Meritas' finance committee.

## 1984

**Joseph T. Monahan Jr.**, cofounder of Chicago law firm Monahan & Cohen, was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in June.

## 1985

**August R. Butera** was installed as president of the Illinois Land Title Association. He is senior vice president and general counsel for Attorneys' Title Guaranty (ATG) Fund Inc. and president of ATG subsidiary The Judicial Sales Corporation.

**Robert P. Conlon** was elected to the executive committee of law firm Walker Wilcox Matousek LLP.

**David C. Defrieze** was selected chief counsel for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. RDECOM researches new technologies for soldiers through labs and centers across the country, and has agreements for collaboration and support with industry, universities, nonprofits, other U.S. agencies and countries across the globe. The attorneys and staff at eight offices provide a wide variety of legal expertise with an emphasis in business agreements, acquisition, and intellectual property and data rights.

**Mark McNabola** was awarded the 2011 Award for Trial Excellence from the Jury Verdict Reporter, a division of Law Bulletin Publishing Co. He joins an elite group of only 10 attorneys in the last 25 years to receive five jury verdicts of \$5 million or more. McNabola accepted his award in front of an audience of nearly 300 top attorneys, judges and legal journalists.

**Fred Silberberg** received an award from the State Bar of California for 20 years of certification as a specialist in family law.

## 1988

**David D. Hoffman** merged his law practice of 16 years with Smith Bovill PC of Saginaw Township, Mich. He also recently settled one of the larger settlements in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, and was featured in Michigan Lawyers Weekly in July 2011.

**Garlon D. Reed** was elected to a four-year term as commissioner of buildings and public property in the Village of Palos Park, Ill., in April 2011.

## 1990

**Martin T. Tully** was elected to a four-year term as mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. He continues to represent clients full time in various complex litigation matters as a partner with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

## 1991

**William H. Reynolds** was appointed city administrator of Pensacola, Fla. Previously, he was U.S. Senator Arlen Specter's chief of staff and served as a

county administrator in two counties in Wisconsin and Michigan. He also worked as a Marine Corps criminal prosecutor and retired from the Reserves in January 2010 after 27 years in the military.

## 1993

**John L. Nisivaco**, a partner in Chicago personal injury firm Boudreau & Nisivaco LLC, was elected to a three-year term on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association. Previously, he served three terms on the ISBA Assembly. Nisivaco also is a past chair of the ISBA's Standing Committee on Judicial Evaluations and the Tort Law Section Council, and is a board member of the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the ISBA. He has been the editor of ISBA publication Tort Trends for the past 11 years.

**M. Catherine Taylor**, associate director at The Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL), was a speaker at an eldercare/adult guardianship mediation training in Chicago last August. Her presentations, "Guardianship for Adults: The Practitioner's Perspective," and "Possible Alternatives to Guardianship: Planning for Incapacity," drew on her vast experience as an attorney in the areas of disability and elder law. In addition to her work with CDEL, she serves on the advisory board for DePaul's Center for Public Interest Law.

## 1994

**Dawn M. Gonzalez** moved her insurance coverage practice to become a partner at Baugh Dalton Carlson & Ryan LLC in Chicago. She also recently spoke on advanced duty to defend issues at the Nashville, Tenn., claims conference for the insurance industry trade group PLRB.

**Maureen H. Pulia** was appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn to a one-year term as an arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

**Anthony R. Taglia** was selected for inclusion in the 2010-2011 edition of Who's Who in American Law. He is a partner at Golan & Christie LLP in Chicago and specializes in corporate and transactional law.

# Class Notes

## 1995

**Lisa Acevedo** of Quarles and Brady LLP helped coordinate and implement an event honoring Illinois Hispanic law professors. Co-sponsored by the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois and Quarles and Brady, the event aimed to aid the diversification of the legal community.

**Reginald S. Gibson Jr.** was appointed to the 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Rick Scott (R-FL). His term began October 2011 and ends in July 2015. Gibson has been the vice president and associate general counsel for Hospital Management Services of Florida Inc. since 2009.

## 1997

**David M. Adler** was named a 2011 SuperLawyers Rising Star and was brought on as partner at entertainment law firm Leavens Strand Glover & Adler. He also taught Music Law at DePaul last fall.

**Vincent M. Auricchio** was named one of Illinois' Outstanding Young Attorneys in Business Litigation for 2011.

## 1998

**Ron S. Brand** is listed in Southern California Rising Stars as one of the top attorneys in the region for 2011. Brand is a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP in Irvine, Calif.

**Adam R. Moreland** joined Chuhak & Tecson banking group as a principal.

## 1999

**Mitchell B. Goldberg** was named one of DePaul's 14 under 40 in the fall 2011 issue of DePaul Magazine.

## 2000

**Matthew F. Carmody** was named partner at Loeb and Loeb LLP. He works in the firm's Chicago office focusing on complex intellectual property, business and financial services litigation.

**Hon. Stephanie K. Bowman** was appointed a U.S. magistrate judge for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati.

**Don Rath** joined Laser Spine Institute in June 2010 as vice president of human resources and corporate services, and was recently promoted to senior vice president of operations.

**Frank A. Sommario**, an attorney at Chicago personal injury law firm Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was named a 2011 Super Lawyers Illinois Rising Star.

## 2002

**Amy L. Witt** was appointed 2011-2012 editor of the law journal for the American Bar Association Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section. She is an insurance coverage attorney at Plunkett Cooney in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

## 2003

**Anthony P. Steinike** was elected partner at Quarles & Brady LLP. He also was selected for inclusion in the Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars edition in the area of business litigation and is a member of the Leading Lawyers Network.

## 2004

**Brian P. Hanlon** was named the new holder of the Coleman Foundation Professor of Entrepreneurship endowed chair at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. A member of the North Central faculty since 2006, Hanlon teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in entrepreneurship, business law and marketing.

**Angelita E. Hernandez** was promoted to partner at Lindquist & Vennum PLLP in Minneapolis, where she practices real estate and construction litigation.

**Betsy J. Levstik** was named partner at Cook Alex Ltd., a Chicago intellectual property law firm.

**Dana A. Rice** was elected partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in Chicago.

**Cyrus K. Toufanian** is board certified in Criminal Trial Law. He also was elected secretary for the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

## 2005

**David M. Buddingh**, former in-house counsel with Fidelity National Financial, has joined Baker & Daniels LLP as an associate. He will practice construction law and real property litigation in the firm's Chicago office.

## 2006

**Sangeeta Relan** was featured in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. She first became involved with the Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago in law school and continued with AABA Chicago after graduation.

## 2007

**Todd S. Hofmeister** joined Michael Best & Friedrich LLP as an associate in the firm's Chicago office. He focuses on patent work involving drug discovery and development, specialty polymers and polymeric resins, and molecular biology/genetics-related technologies.

**Azam Khan** will serve as deputy chief of staff in the Office of the Under Secretary and Director at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He joined the office in September 2009 as a special advisor to the under secretary, counseling on matters related to strategic planning, policy and political issues, and operations.

## 2008

**Amy L. Jonaitis** is an associate at newly formed Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove LLP in Chicago.

**Elliot M. Riebman** represented former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich from June 2009 to July 2011 at his trial and retrial on federal corruption charges. He served as one of Blagojevich's attorneys in the June 2010 trial to review documents and wiretapped recordings. In October 2010, Riebman was appointed by Judge James Zagel as one of four attorneys to represent Blagojevich at his retrial in April 2011. At the retrial, he played a significant role, cross-examining witnesses and arguing before the court.

**Michael D. Sevin** is an associate at newly formed Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove LLP in Chicago.

## 2009

**Matthew S. Brockmeier** moved to Arlington, Va., to work as policy and research associate at the Law & Economics Center at George Mason University School of Law.

## 2010

**Max Elliott** opened Law Offices of Max Elliott Ltd. in June. She designed her practice to use technology for wills, trusts and estate planning to better serve today's modern family, including single parents and the LGBT community.

**Jodi S. Green** joined law firm Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson in November 2010, where she specializes in the defense of architects, engineers and design professionals in construction, design defect and professional liability lawsuits.

## In Memoriam

Anthony W. Rosinia (JD '38)

John P. Healy Sr. (JD '40)

John T. Kennedy (LAS '40, JD '46)

James T. O'Connell (JD '49)

Paul A. McLennon (JD '50)

Leonard J. Houha (JD '53)

Remo N. Picchietti (JD '58)

Serle I. Mosoff (JD '68)

Howard F. Davis (LAS '71, JD '74, LL.M. '80)

Rolfe F. Ehrmann (JD '75)

Charles R. Goerth (JD '77)

Uvaldo Herrera (JD '88)

Rachel L. Wasserman (JD '95)

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