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“Globalization” is a word we’re hearing often these days. It has become an integral feature of the world in which the legal profession operates and the way in which law schools think about and teach law.

In keeping with the changing nature of legal practice, the College of Law has drawn upon the broad expertise of its faculty and expanded its international law curriculum to provide students access to theoretical and practical courses covering a wide range of areas, including international business, criminal justice, human rights and trade law.

DePaul law students have the opportunity to earn a JD degree with a Certificate in International & Comparative Law, or they may enroll in the joint JD/MA in International Studies. In addition, students may gain practical experience by participating in the Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic, in which they represent asylum applicants before the asylum office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or in hearings before immigration judges.

In 1991, DePaul became the first law school in the United States to establish a cooperative program when it entered into an agreement with the University College Dublin Faculty of Law in Ireland. Over the years, this program has included a semester-long exchange of students between the two law schools.

The College of Law also offers exchange programs with Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid, Spain, and the Vienna University of Economics and Business in Austria. These programs enable DePaul law students to study law in major European universities and to interact with faculty and students from across Europe. The College of Law also offers study abroad programs during the summer and over the winter break in Madrid, Costa Rica and Buenos Aires.

DePaul offers U.S. and foreign law school graduates the opportunity to earn an LLM in International Law. This program emphasizes the theoretical background and practical skills lawyers need in international law practice. Concentrations are available in International Aviation Law & Policy; International Business, Commercial & Trade Law; International Cultural Heritage Law; International Governance & Rule of Law, and International Human Rights Law & Policy and Criminal Justice.

The international coursework of the JD and LLM programs is anchored by four centers and institutes that focus on international legal and policy issues. These are the Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law; the International Aviation Law Institute, the International Human Rights Law Institute, and the International Weapons Control Center.

The international initiatives have become central to the work of the College of Law. It no longer is possible to separate domestic and international law. Every aspect of legal practice now can have, and frequently does have, an international dimension. The College of Law’s international law programs prepare our students to meet these challenges and to succeed.

Sincerely,

Bruce L. Ottley
Interim Dean

The Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign launched in May 2010 with an initial goal of $250 million. In the end, the university raised more than $333 million by the campaign close on June 30, 2014. More than 40,000 donors—67 percent of them DePaul alumni—made gifts to the campaign, Campaign giving directly expanded the university endowment by almost $155 million.

The campaign spurred a significant increase in philanthropy at DePaul University generally, and at the College of Law, in particular. Over the eight-year campaign, gifts to the College of Law generated more than $34 million. The average fundraising amount per year, $4.25 million, is more than double the average annual fundraising total prior to the campaign.

During the Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign, a generous law school graduate presented fellow alumni with a challenge. College of Law alumni would see their campaign contributions matched by the challenge donor’s named scholarship fund, regardless of the amount. The challenge was a success, raising $3,313,700 and surpassing the $3 million goal. Significant gifts supported clinical programs, faculty excellence and academic innovation in the College of Law.

“The completion of the Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign represents a considerable achievement for our university,” said the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul, at the closing event. “More important than exceeding our goals is the impact on those we serve. Because of donors like you, young women and men are going to college. They’re learning from superb faculty. They’re learning in facilities designed to teach them well. Their lives will be changed forever, and they, in turn, will affect the world in ways we cannot even begin to imagine.”

DePaul’s Two-Year JD for International Lawyers boasts diverse new students

Foreign-trained lawyers, and other graduates of foreign, non-U.S. law schools, can now earn a JD degree from DePaul in only two years. The new program opens the doors for an increased international population of foreign-trained lawyers with various backgrounds and experiences, explains Stephanie Basanez Gunn, director of law admissions.

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The program presents several unique advantages for international students. Foreign-trained lawyers and other graduates of foreign, non-U.S. law schools may apply to the two-year JD program without an LSAT score. DePaul is one of a small number of law schools to offer this option. Most importantly, graduates of the program are eligible to take the bar exam and become licensed in any state in the United States.

Basanez Gunn reports that approximately 25 international attorneys applied for the fall 2014 program, with submissions from every continent.

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Associate Professor, Northwestern University School of Law
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Ralph Hall
Professor of the Practice, University of Minnesota School of Law
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Diana Hyman Winter
Associate Professor and Dean’s Fellow, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
“Primary Jurisdiction and the FDA”

Thaddeus Pope
Associate Professor, Director of Health Law Institute, Hamline University School of Law
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Valerie Gutmann Koch
Visiting Assistant Professor, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
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“The common thread for our cases is that they all present a particular challenge, and they are all compelling,” said Albiol. “The young mother from Mexico was able to get her driver’s license, a legal job and told us the process of working with us was life changing.”

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This year, three longtime College of Law professors received Via Sapientiae Awards at the fall 2014 Convocation. The following citations honoring these faculty members appeared in the awards program.

Wayne Lewis, Emeritus Professor of Law
Wayne Lewis, DePaul University and its students are better because of your 32 years of service. You taught contracts to numbers of first-year law students and commercial law subjects such as sales, commercial paper and consumer law to equally large sections of upper-division students. By many accounts, you were sensitive to student concerns and had a genuine interest in the learning. The enthusiasm you brought to subjects and your ability to create a relaxed but challenging classroom atmosphere, in which ideas and information could be exchanged and analytical thinking skills developed, was a great value to the law school. As professor, you were one of the most respected on the faculty and received both the College of Law’s Outstanding Teaching Award and the university’s Excellence in Teaching Award. You served as associate dean of the College of Law in 2000-2001 and as interim dean in 2001-2002. You were a prolific scholar, writing a number of treatises and co-authoring a widely used casebook. In addition, you made a great contribution to the university with your years of service to the Faculty Council, serving as president during DePaul University’s centennial. You served on a number of the council’s committees, including the University Handbook Committee and served as secretary of the Committee on Academic Council. From the Academic Council, you continued to contribute in various ways.

Leonard (“Len”) Cavise, Emeritus Professor of Law and Founding Director, Center for Public Interest Law
Leonard Cavise, during your 31 years at the College of Law, you made public interest law your mission and a generation of students to do the same. As professor, you taught a wide variety of courses in the areas of evidence, criminal procedure and lawyering; you were widely read; thanks to your popularity with students, they were routinely filled to capacity. You were an early adopter of skills-based learning, establishing and directing the Lawyering Skills Program. As founder and director of the Center for Public Interest Law, you made a home for students whose values and career goals aligned with DePaul’s public interest mission. Through the center, you gave students the tools to succeed with scholarships and loan assistance programs; the DePaul Journal for Social Justice; hands-on learning in a clinic for the homeless in the South Loop; and a regular program of speakers on issues of public interest.

Andrew Gold
Professor Andrew Gold was appointed the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Private and Comparative Law at McGill University for the fall 2014 term.

Kathryn Guttenhaver, Emeritus Associate Professor of Law and Founding Director, Center for Dispute Resolution
Kathryn Guttenhaver, you have given the College of Law 42 years of service teaching and curricular innovation. After obtaining a Juris Doctor degree from DePaul in 1972, you began as an adjunct professor and, soon after, became a full-time faculty member. Within the first five years of your time at DePaul, you served as assistant dean, associate dean and then acting dean. After your initial concentration teaching Property, Remedies, and Wills & Trusts, you began your work in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Thanks to your efforts with the Center for Dispute Resolution, the program now features nine courses that provide students with opportunities for classroom and experiential learning, representation of clients during the mediation process, and experience as mediators for clients in small claims court. You were suitably honored for these contributions with the College of Law Faculty Achievement Award in 1997. Your work as director of the Center for Dispute Resolution has provided numerous continuing legal education experiences for our alumni as well as countless other attorneys, judges and professionals from other fields. In addition to your long-time work with the Center for Church-State Studies, you co-founded and directed the DePaul Family Mediation Project to help divorcing parents of different religious agree on the religious upbringing of their children. Your unique decision to require the presence of one clergy of each faith has won national recognition as an innovation that has contributed greatly to the success of the project.

Joshua Sanoff
Professor Joshua D. Sanoff was appointed a Thomas A. Edison Visiting Scholar with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 2014.

Faculty Appointments

Faculty Scholarship

Articles in Top 50 Law Reviews

Susan Bandes
Empathy and Article III: Judge Weinstein, Cases and Controversies, __ DePaul L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2015)

Monu Bedi
Equal Protection and A re-Recategorization of the Obstacles to Ordained Defense, 98 Minn. L. Rev. 203 (2014)

Facebook and Interpersonal Privacy: Why the Third Party Doctrine Should Not Apply, 54 B.C. L. Rev. 1 (2013)


Emily Cauble
Safe Harbors in Tax Law, 47 Conn. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2015)

Wendy Nettner Epstein

Public-Private Contracting and the Reciprocity Norm, __ Am. U. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2014)

Andrew Gold
On Selling Civil Recourse, 63 DePaul L. Rev. 485 (2014) (Clifford Symposium Issue)

Michael Grynyerg
More Than I: Trademark Among the Consumer Information Laws, 55 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. 1429 (2014)

Max Hevelson, Michael S. Jacobs
The Inherent Role of Bargaining Power in Contract Law, Wake Forest L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2014)

Stephan Landsman
Juries as Regulations of Last Resort, 55 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. 1061 (2014)

Daniel I. Morales
Principles of Migration, __ Wake Forest L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2014)

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Zoë Robinson
Lobbying in the Shadows: Religious Interest Groups in the Legislative Process, 64 Emory L. J. __ (forthcoming 2015)

The Incorporation Mandate and the Forgotten Constitutional Question, 2014 Wis. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2014)

The Failure of Mitigation, 65 Hastings L.J. __ (forthcoming 2014) (with R.J. Smith and S. Cutt)

Joshua Sanoff
Government Choices in Innovation Funding (B当地时间 Change), 62 Emory L. J. 1087 (2013)

Books

Patty Garstembith
DEFENDANTS OF THE PAST (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2014)

Andrew Gold
PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF PROPERTY LAW (Oxford University Press 2014) (with A. Gold and P. Miller, eds.)

Brian F. Havel
THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION LAW (Cambridge University Press 2014) (with G. Sanchez)

Bruce Ottley
UNDERSTANDING PRODUCTS LIABILITY LAW (2nd ed., LexisNexis 2013) (with R.A. Lassio)

Roberta R. Kwall

Jody Raphael
RAPE IS RAPE: HOW DENIAL, DISTORTION, AND VICTIM BLAMING ARE FUELED A HIDEN ACCOMMODATION RAPPE (Chicago Review Press 2014)

Daniel I. Morales
PRINCIPLES OF MIGRATION, __ Wake Forest L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2014)

Zoë Robinson
THE RULE OF CORPORATE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: HUSBAND SPOUSE THE new law of religion in AMERICAN (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2014) (with M. Schaefer, C. Flanders, etc.)

Joshua D. Sanoff
RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Edward Elgar Press, forthcoming 2014)

Jeffrey M. Shuman

Book Chapters

Susan Bandes

The Challenges of Quality of Life Policing for Crimes against Property, a Constitutional and the Future of Criminal Justice in America (Baldin, Parry and Richardson eds., Cambridge University Press 2013)


Andrew Gold
The Myths of Fiduciary Law, in PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF FIDUCIARY LAW (Oxford University Press 2014) (with A. Gold and P. Miller, eds.)

Robert A. Kwall

Allison Tiries
Changes are afoot in the Office of Law Student Affairs.

Michael Burns (JD ’92), longtime associate dean of admissions, is stepping up to the helm as associate dean for student affairs—and bringing aboard some new initiatives.

Born and raised in Maywood, Illinois, Burns joined the Navy before pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Public Health from Northern Illinois University. He attended DePaul College of Law as a part-time evening student.

“My career path wasn’t conventional,” he said. “It was a series of small steps that led me to my current position.” After graduating from the College of Law, Burns joined a Chicago law firm where he practiced insurance coverage litigation.

“After a couple years,” he said, “I knew that the law firm life wasn’t for me. I accepted a position at DePaul as a legal writing instructor.”

Within two years, Burns was promoted to assistant dean for DePaul’s Law Career Services Office. He then left to take the assistant dean of admissions position at Chicago-Kent College of Law. Burns returned to DePaul in 2003 to lead the Office of Law Admissions, but following Dean Diana White’s recent retirement, he was tapped to oversee both Student Affairs and Admissions.

“My career path wasn’t planned,” he said. “I’m fortunate to have had a number of wonderful opportunities presented to me.”

Among his colleagues, Burns is widely acknowledged for his focus, drive and team-oriented leadership.

“He truly wants only the best for DePaul and for our students, and shows it in so many ways,” said Francine Solinas (JD ’73), assistant dean for strategic and community alliances. “He is available from sunup to sundown for any and all who need his assistance. He is an experienced professional who is respected by those of us who work with him here at DePaul, as well as by his professional colleagues who work with him externally.”

Passing the torch

“What can I say,” Burns quipped, “Diana White is a legend at DePaul. Diana was my dean of students when I enrolled at the College of Law 26 years ago. Diana was extremely knowledgeable about law school and university polices and requirements. When she was leaving, I told her that I wish that I could download all of her knowledge to a flash drive.

“While Diana was very good at handling the day-to-day student affairs matters, she was at her best when helping students deal with the catastrophic events that sometimes occur during law school. You will find a number of students in each class for the past 30 years who will tell you how Dean White helped them through a crisis, or how they wouldn’t have made it through without her support in a difficult time.”

Burns plans to carry on Dean White’s good work in student affairs as well as to lead several new student-focused initiatives, including improvements to the advising and registration processes and enhancements to the office staff’s accessibility.

“My main priority for student services is very simple,” Burns emphasized. “I want the law school to be a safe, comfortable and welcoming place for all of our students. Despite the challenges they will face in a very competitive job market, I want their law school experience to be positive. I want to make sure our students know that they are our priority and that faculty and staff members are here to provide them with a first-rate legal education.”

Looking ahead

“When I was an assistant dean at Chicago-Kent, the dean at the time, Hank Perritt, encouraged me to be open to taking risks. He told me that to advance in my career, I wouldn’t be able to play it so safe, but would need to take risks,” Burns said.

“That’s proven to be true for me. I advise students to build as many connections as they can during law school: connections with their classmates, law professors and attorneys, including DePaul College of Law alumni. [At the most recent] orientation, I encouraged a group of first-year students to get to know the other students in their section. I told them that 10 to 20 years from now, their classmates will be managing partners, department directors, legislators and judges. They looked at each other and laughed.”

Burns thoroughly enjoys having the opportunity to work with students at such an important time in their personal and professional development.

“It’s incredibly satisfying to help a student work through a difficult problem,” he said. “I also love the law, and enjoy being around brilliant faculty and staff members who are gifted teachers and scholars. … I love working at an institution that is driven by values and strives to treat its staff and students with dignity and respect.”

New Student Service Initiatives

Faculty Mentors: Beginning this fall, each first-year student will be assigned a faculty mentor based on their academic and career interests.

Advisory Committee: The College of Law’s new student affairs advisory committee is charged with generating ideas on ways to improve the student experience.

Registrar: This new position aims to provide better services to students with respect to registration and the administration of exams.

Accessible Staff: Student Affairs is setting up shop—Burns has already begun to staff a help desk that will be manned several hours each week. It’s located on the second floor, right outside the entrance to the student lounge.
It’s a little-known fact that DePaul offered some of the first aviation law courses in the country, along with professors who specialized in the field.

“I was wandering in the library here one day and I came across a bound volume of the lectures of a DePaul professor in aviation law from around 1940,” recalled International Aviation Law Institute (IALI) Director and Distinguished Research Professor of Law Brian F. Havel. “It even preceded the Chicago Convention of 1944, which is the fundamental law of international aviation.”

In the 1920s, College of Law Professor John William Curran taught law of agency, equity jurisdiction and trusts—and served as an early authority in aviation law. Georgetown Law Journal published Curran’s review of Carl Zollman’s Cases on Air Law in March 1930. “Besides being the nucleus of a course in ‘air law,’” Professor Curran penned in the review, “this volume should prove useful to the practitioner.”

In 1932, DePaul added two summer aviation law courses, as well as Zollman’s book, to its evening division curriculum (DePaulia archives cite James Cherry as professor). However, the fledgling field had its skeptics. By 1936, the Association of American Law Schools no longer considered the subject important enough to get its own entry. DePaul’s aviation curriculum quieted and, with the exception of Professor Stanley B. Rosenfeld’s 1970 course, air law took to the hangar.

“Aviation law had almost disappeared as a subject of study in the 1970s and 1980s—and some of the 1990s,” explained Havel. “We were surprised by that. We felt that we were stepping into a fine tradition here and that DePaul had always had a place in the study and the scholarship of international and domestic aviation law. We thought it was appropriate to pick up the reins of their good work.”

Stuart Banner’s history of airspace, WHO OWNS THE SKY (Harvard University Press 2008), discusses this initial rise, and subsequent fall, of aviation law in the United States, citing DePaul’s curriculum in the company of programs from Northwestern University School of Law and Vanderbilt University Law School.

Early aviation law proponents saw the field as “marked by the absence of ancient and inflexible methods and rules and impenetrable precedents,” wrote Banner. “Not just a specialized kind of practice, but a new field of law.”

This sentiment resonates with IALI Director Brian F. Havel. “I felt that aviation law, like the industry itself, was exceptional,” he said. “The philosophical approach of the subject is different from what we normally encounter in international law. It has an unusual combination of international and domestic law and, obviously, it has to manage highly complex issues like the supply of air transport services across borders, which means that it deals directly with issues of sovereignty and issues of collaboration between states for a greater good.”
Visionary leadership
As the son of renowned Czech glass master Miroslav Havel, who left for Ireland following World War II to become founding chief designer for Waterford Crystal, Professor Havel’s calling in aviation law wasn’t wirt large. Havel won a debate tournament in his final year at Dublin’s University College that launched him on a debate tour of U.S. universities. During his visit to New York, he accepted an on-the-spot offer for an internship at a Manhattan law firm.

He never returned to work in Ireland. Havel pursued two graduate law degrees at Columbia University in New York, practiced transnational corporate and antitrust litigation at New York firm Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison and then came to DePaul.

Over the course of his tenure at IALI, Havel has been Keeley Fellow at Wadhams College, Oxford, as well as visiting professor at Oxford, at Leiden University in the Netherlands and at his alma mater, University College Dublin. He was also named Fulbright Distinguished Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Legal Pluralism at McGill University Faculty of Law. He is a board member of the European Air Law Association and vice chair of the Advisory Board of the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden.

“He has boundless energy and an ability to manage so many diverse things at the same time—it’s amazing to watch,” said IALI Executive Director Stephen Rudolph (JD ’97). “He is inspired... and he can inspire others to do great things.”

Havel is a progressive thinker who is drawn to the imaginative foundations of his field. He describes airports as transcendent entities and his academic oeuvre includes interdisciplinary scholarship like “In Search of a Theory of Public Memory: The State, the Individual, and Marcel Proust” in the Indiana Law Journal (2005).

“He is sought after by the media because the depth of his knowledge is such that he can speak on these issues extemporaneously,” said Rudolph.

Havel is often solicited around the world for his skills as a lecturer on civil aviation. Indeed, the seeds of the International Aviation Law Institute trace back to one such conference. At the 2003 International Air Transport Association conference in Singapore, Havel fell into discussion with IALI Co-Director Michael S. Jacobs, DePaul professor and internationally recognized expert in antitrust and competition law. The scholars agreed on the value of aviation law study at DePaul and began laying the groundwork for the institute.

A decade later, IALI serves as a beacon for aviation experts and students in the Midwest—and worldwide. This visibility is evidenced by the institute’s advisory board, which includes top-level authorities from around the globe.

Great ground-floor strides
From its single seminar class in 2004, the institute has greatly enriched its academic presence. IALI’s developments include new course offerings, the only LLM concentration in International Aviation Law in the United States, and a proposed Master of Jurisprudence program for non-attorneys. In fact, DePaul is only the third school in the world to offer a graduate law degree in international aviation law, along with Leiden and McGill.

IALI also owes its success to an amalgam of niche experts.

John Q. Mulligan is an adjunct professor and the institute’s third FedEx/United Airlines Resident Research Fellow. In addition to teaching, Mulligan conducts high-level research supporting other IALI faculty members.

Mike Jacobs brings highly specialized expertise to the institute. “When competition law comes into play in Asia or the EU,” Rudolph stated, “Jacobs is a highly sought after authority.” Jacobs continues to serve as a distinguished speaker on IP/antitrust issues abroad, most recently in Singapore.

Current Interim Dean and IALI Co-Director Bruce Ottley joined the institute in 2011, contributing instrumental knowledge in tort litigation—in aviation, this extends to personal injury, wrongful death and products liability—and civil procedure.

“My first day at DePaul as a student was Brian Havel’s first day as a professor,” recalled Rudolph. At the College of Law, he served as lead research assistant and project manager for Havel’s first book, IN SEARCH OF OPEN SKIES: LAW AND POLICY FOR A NEW ERA IN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION (Kluwer Law International 1997).

Following graduation, Rudolph worked as an editor specializing in aviation law at legal publisher CCH Incorporated. He started an advisory board and invited Professor Havel to chair and appoint the members. The cache of talent included Kenneth P. Quinn (JD ’85), former chief counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and protégé of former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sam Skinner (JD ’66), as well as former Virginia governor and noted transport advocate Gerald L. Baliles. In 2001, Baliles and Rudolph cofounded the journal Issues in Aviation Law and Policy. In 2007, with leadership changing at CCH, Rudolph arranged to relocate the journal to DePaul’s aviation institute. “Six weeks later,” he said, “I took an age-55 retirement from CCH and came to work here as executive director of the institute.” He laughs, “And I’m still the journal’s managing editor.”

Broadening horizons
One of Havel’s early initiatives, the “Conversations with Aviation Leaders” oral history project brings an expanding sphere of aviation scholars to DePaul. Picking up from the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, the series explores what led to—and what has come out of—what Havel refers to as a “social experiment” in deregulation. Initial interviewees included the late Fred Kahn, the chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board; and former president and CEO of New York Mike Levine. More have followed.

The most recent conversation was with FedEx president and founder Fred Smith.

In collaboration with DePaul’s Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development director, Professor Joseph P. Schwieterman, the institute also produces the IALI/Chaddick Lecture series. Now in its fourth year, the event features a guest specialist discussing airports, air traffic or intermodal transportation, which are areas of concern for both institutes. It regularly caps out at 100 guests.

But the heart of the institute is its vibrant academic program.

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Last spring, IALI introduced a new course, International Aircraft Financing Law, to more than a dozen students, many of whom were working professionals.

“We’ve started attracting people who are already practicing in the field, which is something we’d like to do more often,” said Rudolph.

IALI is in the process of introducing more academic initiatives, including an aviation products liability course to be offered this spring.

“One of the most exciting aspects of the aviation courses was the fact that the institute attracted high profile guest speakers from the aviation community,” said Thomas Wangard (JD ’13), an attorney focusing on aviation accident litigation and FAA enforcement actions at Condon & Forsyth in New York. “Thanks to DePaul’s aviation institute, I was able to attend an international aviation law conference in China, clerk with the FAA and work for a firm that handled aviation cases.”

The fourth annual IALI/Chaddick Institute Lecture held in October 2004 featured deputy administrator of the FAA Mike Whitney, pictured above.

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Pictured, from left: IALI Executive Director Stephen Rudolph, Director of the Chaddick Institute Joe Schwieterman, Deputy Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration Mike Whitney and IALI Director Brian Havel.
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Under Havel’s wing, the institute was deeply involved in the historic 2007 Open Skies air transport agreement with the European Union, a negotiation between the United States and the EU that yielded what some have called the world’s most liberal aviation agreement.

IALI held workshops and conferences to discuss the plan. Chief U.S. negotiator John Byerly, former State Department deputy assistant secretary for transportation affairs, has since joined the IALI board and visits annually for lectures and gatherings as a scholar-in-residence.

“Another one of the issues I’ve taken up as part of the theme for the institute is to investigate the relationship between government and the airline industry on the level of what I call ‘smart regulation,”’ Havel said. His new book The Principles and Practice of International Law (Cambridge University Press 2014) elaborates on this concept.

Regulations do have the capacity to change the nature of the industry, Havel explains, if they are wise regulations—if they’re not simply governmental impositions on the business models of the airlines, but actually create the possibility of new business models.

“It’s ironic that the industry serves international trade and creates opportunities for international mergers and acquisitions, but is everywhere restricted by an archaic regulatory system that doesn’t allow foreign ownership of airlines,” he remarked.

“We’re looking at all of that, not necessarily because we’re beating the drum for the airlines, but because we’re looking at what is rational in terms of regulation. I think it’s a fascinating subject and I think that the students welcome the opportunity to see how the world’s most visible service industry is constructed and how it might be reconstructed in the future.”

Taking off

“One of the things I like about our DePaul graduates is that they’re always blessed with a sense of initiative," Havel said. “Many of my students have taken off around the world and have become proficient in the law, the culture and the business practices of other countries. I can think of at least a dozen students who have done this in the last few years.”

Alumnus Cade Miller (LLM ’13), now an attorney with the FAA, is duly prepared to return the day at work. The courses helped to create an understanding of how complex aviation policy and regulation can be. Class discussions that we had on aviation policy allow me to participate in many complex FAA discussions at work, including those on unmanned aircraft systems.

“As part of the Field Placement Program, I was able to clerk at the FAA Great Lakes Region. The connections and experience from this clerkship were integral to my hiring at the FAA as an attorney.”

Similarly, the future for aviation law looks busy.

“The regulatory side there is economic regulation and antitrust regulation through various departments of government,” said Rudolph. “You also have safety regulation, the FAA (which licenses and supervises pilots, airlines and aircraft mechanics and repair stations), and you have—especially since 9/11—the TSA and all of the security issues—those are regulatory parts of the industry. The newest area, of course, is unmanned aircraft systems, known to the public as ‘drones.’ There are attorneys needed in all of those areas.”

Most recently, Havel joined a high-level EU panel alongside the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security (his former Paul, Weiss colleague Jeh Johnson) and participated in an EU Passenger Rights Workshop in Belgium marking the 10th anniversary of the European Union’s air passenger rights legislation.

Along the celebratory continuum, the institute recently commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the Chicago Convention, at the Hilton Chicago hotel on Michigan Avenue, where it was negotiated and signed in December 1944. One of the few original signatories to this agreement, titled to IALI byemeritus professor and founder of the International Human Rights Institute, M. Chenif Bassiouni, was displayed prominently at the commemoration.

On the cusp of this momentous milestone, and with many more on the horizon, DePaul’s IALI will soon celebrate its own 10-year anniversary in friendly skies.

Q. You are a partner at Baker & McKenzie, specializing in national and international transactions. What does a typical week entail for you?

My typical week is filled with actual and virtual travel around the world. Last month I flew twice to Zurich and plan to be in Amsterdam in a week. The virtual travel is easier than hopping planes and involves conference calls, video calls and emails with all corners of the world. My world is truly 24/7 with mornings on the phone with European clients and colleagues, days tied in with those in the states and Latin America, and in the evenings filled with Asia. In fact, if I stay up late enough, the cycle starts all over with Europe pinging me around midnight with calls often in German. But, I must admit, they are days (and nights) that I would never trade.

Q. What makes a successful international lawyer?

To be a successful international lawyer, you first need to be a great substantive lawyer. You need to be the “go to” for certain transactions, disputes or specific matters. Then, once you’re a top-notch M&A lawyer, for example, you can wade into the deeper waters of cross-border deals. What’s different now, compared to when I started, is that today nearly every deal is an international deal, nearly every dispute is an international dispute, and nearly every matter is an international matter. The days of “local” problems. All seem to touch and cross borders. So, the learning curve is much steeper than when only one set of legal rules and norms needed to be considered.

Q. What drew you to the LLM in Taxation program at DePaul?

When I joined Baker & McKenzie, I was tapped for a number of tax projects. DePaul offered a superb LLM in Taxation program, which fit both my schedule and helped me build up that knowledge base. Although I have spent my career as a cross-border transactions lawyer, the tax grounding is valuable for every deal as we structure and work to manage the tax consequences to the buyer and seller.

Q. What is one of your proudest achievements?

I have been honored to represent many companies in the largest transactions in the company’s history. These have been billion dollar deals or ones that otherwise have transformed the company. To be in the board room and the general counsel’s office as such watershed decisions are being made is a highlight of anyone’s career. And, I’ve been fortunate to have had many of them. However, I save pride for when I truly impact the lives of the underserved.

Overall, the last 30 years of international law has become, on the one hand, far more complicated with each country adding laws to address more and more cross-border issues. Curiously, though, these developments are in many ways leading to the homogenization of laws. At the behest of multinational corporations and governmental bodies, the laws are converging on many levels. An example in the headlines nearly every day is how anti-bribery and corruption are being focused on by countries up and down the economic ladder. What’s on the horizon, and what’s interesting for LLM in Taxation students, is how the world’s tax laws, which have many differences, respond to that momentum.

Q. Is there a prospective (or current) student that has inspired you?

I just had the pleasure of having a student from DePaul study abroad in France this semester. The student is doing an LLM program in France in the area of corporate law and is looking to move to a corporate law firm in Chicago upon graduation. The student is already breathing and living the laws of France and is still working for Baker & McKenzie. He’s been with the global firm for his entire 30-year career—and he’s covered considerably diverse terrain along the way.

Q. What is your advice for international law students hoping to study, or currently studying, in the United States?

The United States is, now more than ever, an essential building block for any international lawyer. The U.S. language, style and law permeate all transactions today, and time spent in the states will pay off many times over.

Q. Do you have any advice for international law students hoping to study, or currently studying, in the United States? How can they make the most of their time there?

Q. Do you have any memorable experiences from your time at the College of Law?

I most certainly enjoyed my days at DePaul, in particular the program and classes. Nearly everyone in the LLM program had busy days and brought valuable experiences and expertise to the classroom. Discussions were the most valuable part of the LLM program.

Q. Are you active on Twitter? How important is visibility as an international professional?

Visibility and one’s personal brand are important. But, only if there is substance to back it up. Twitter, LinkedIn and all social media can enhance one’s reputation, but only after the foundation of being a great lawyer has been built.

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International lawyer Megan Kossiakoff’s (JD ’06) young career has taken her on a whirlwind world tour, from countries in Eastern Europe to sub-Saharan Africa, and soon Central Asia. But her journey began right here in Chicago, with the discovery of a medieval manuscript at a museum exhibition.

Kossiakoff focused her undergraduate and graduate studies in history and the arts, earning a master’s degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. While a graduate student, she worked in local museums coordinating exhibitions that involved obtaining copyright permission for images. That’s when she discovered the story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, an illuminated manuscript that tells the story of the Jewish exodus from Egypt. Impressed by the measures museum officials and community members took to protect the manuscript during the 1990s Bosnian conflicts, she focused her master’s thesis on the practical aspects of protecting cultural heritage during the conflict. With a desire to dig deeper into cultural heritage studies, Kossiakoff enrolled at DePaul College of Law.

“DePaul was the only place to go because of my background and upbringing,” admitted Kossiakoff. “People in Eastern Europe and Africa were very interested in my story. I originally saw this as a professional and personal endeavor.”

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Kossiakoff credits DePaul and the skills learned in cultural heritage law and legal writing programs with impacting her professional success. “In international environments, you are often working in English-language environments with people who are not native English speakers. It is hugely valuable to an organization to have someone who has excellent legal drafting skills, which is something that DePaul taught me.”

By the end of her stretch in Kosovo, Kossiakoff was the head of the ICO’s legal unit and was directly involved in drafting constitutional amendments to help end Kosovo’s supervised independence.

“As part of my position with the ICO in Kosovo, I was able to draft legislation that required government officials and religious leaders from the minority community to work together to protect cultural heritage. It was an important part of the post-conflict reconciliation process.”

After a brief assignment with the World Bank, Kossiakoff moved on to her next post with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in Juba, South Sudan. She supported the constitutional review process in South Sudan by drafting sample text for inclusion in the permanent constitution and advising committees of the National Constitutional Review Commission, a process that stalled in 2013 when South Sudan ultimately descended into civil war.

“I joke that as my career progresses my living conditions get far worse. I spent nearly a year living in a shipping container in South Sudan having very little freedom of movement,” Kossiakoff said. “You have to think creatively to get work done when there are so many unforeseen events and restrictions.”

While at DePaul, Kossiakoff served as an editor of the Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property Law (now the Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property Law), and interned at the Field Museum of Natural History, the U.S. Department of State’s Cultural Heritage Center, and the Art Law Department at Herrick Feinstein LLP.

After earning her JD, Kossiakoff took a position as a law clerk at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), in the Hague, Netherlands. Following her work with the ICTY, she stayed in the Netherlands and enrolled in an LLM program in public international law at Leiden University. Since then, Kossiakoff’s legal career has taken her from one international post to another.

Kossiakoff’s next stop was Kosovo. There, she served as a legal advisor to the International Civilian Office (ICO), a UN organization which mandates to supervise and support Kosovo’s government in its process to become a fully independent state. At the ICO, she worked extensively on drafting legislation to ensure that sites of religious and cultural significance would be protected.

In May, Fredric W. Meek published his second novel, PAIN REPUBLIC, a historical fiction novel concerning the first civil war of ancient Rome. His first novel and the basis for his recent historical novel, STONE, was a New York Times bestseller.

In July, Stephen M. Komie was appointed to the Illinois State Board of Education as principal in the North Central Private Equity M&A practice. He was also elected chair of the Regional Transportation Authority board.

Jonathan Leslie Loew was promoted to principal at Much Shelist. As a member in the firm’s Litigation & Dispute Resolution group, he concentrates his practice on civil trials, complex and critical motions and appellate matters.

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Class Notes

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Jack Marcus recently retired from the practice of law. Prior to retiring, Marcus served as a civil service attorney, associate judge, insurance and medical malpractice arbitrator, and circuit court mediator. He currently resides in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Wendy U. Larsen was recognized on the 2015 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys. The list is published annually in the peer-reviewed publication Best Lawyers.

1975

Hon. Arlander Keys (LAS ’72), retired after having served 19 years on the bench as a U.S. magistrate judge. Judge Keys will join JAMS Inc., where he will work as a mediator and arbitrator. He has also been appointed to the screening committee that will assist in the selection of the next U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

Stephen M. Komie was re-elected to the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Edward Frank Novak III received a rank 1 from Chambers USA in Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations. He is an attorney at Polsinelli Phoenix, Ariz., office. A shareholder of the national law firm Polsinelli, he has been invited to become a member of the Litigation Counsel of America. He was also selected as a Southwest Super Lawyer in the category of Criminal Defense: White Collar.

1977

Kenneth John Weinberger joined Marcor as principal on North America Private Equity M&A practice.

1980

Robert Alan Bedros (BUS ’75) joined Harris Winer Harris LLP in Chicago as partner. He is a veteran tax controversy lawyer with more than 30 years of experience representing business and individual taxpayers, including large multinational public and privately-held companies subject to the IRS Large Business and International examination program.

Hon. Henry R. Simmons has been named managing partner of Clifford Law Offices.

Hon. Terrance W. Gainer (LAS MS ’76) received the 2014 Reunum Novum Award at the 24th annual seminary salaries dinner hosted by St. Joseph College Seminary. The award recognizes leaders in labor, government and business.

Joseph Allen Drazen was ranked in the 2014 edition of Chambers USA. A partner at Quarles & Brady LLP, he focuses his practice on environmental law, including water rights.

The board of directors of the American Planning Association (APA) has selected James Michael Drinan as executive director of both the APA and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), the association’s professional institute.

Ira Neil Helfgot was sworn in as a member of the board of managers of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers at their 80th Anniversary Annual Meeting in June.

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Richard D. Fischer received a Fulbright Specialist Program Award in Law for the country of Vietnam. He will be teaching at the School of Labor and Employment Relations at Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City.

Michael Leroy Molinaro joined Akerman LLP as a partner in the firm’s bankruptcy and reorganization practice group.

John Steven Paniagua joined Clark, Hill PLC as a member of the firm’s intellectual property practice group.

Steven Alan Betts is president of the Chanen Development Company, an affiliate of Chanen Construction, headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz. He was recently elected as one of three directors at Tjon Rancho Co.

Michael Patrick Kane is CEO and managing director at Boral, Australia’s largest building products and construction materials supplier.

Larry R. Rogers Sr. (DHL ’09) was awarded the Leonard M. Ring Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

Donald John Ramself spoke at the National College for DUI Defense, which was held at Harvard Law School in July.

Cynthia Marie Van Ort is the North America chief privacy officer for Citigroup.

David L. Pollak was named the Poling Chair of Business and Government at the University of Illinois in Evanston where he provides a year of undergraduate study at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business. He is chairman and founder of Vulture Inc., and executive vice president for Cox Automotive.

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Kevin John Kawa has been named assistant vice president at GEICO and will lead the company’s staff counseling operations for the Midwest and areas west of the Mississippi, excluding Louisiana.
Bernadette McNicholas joined Kamerlink Stark Powers & McNicholas LLC as a named partner.

Michael Edward Webster is a Republican candidate for Illinois Secretary of State running against Jesse White.

1987
Hon. Paul Eugene Stestman was elected vice president of the Michigan Judges Assn. for 2005 at the annual summer meeting in Traverse City, Mich. in August.

1988
Ronald E. Kingsley (LLM ’88) acquired Lake County Appeal, a tax appeal firm located in Lake Forest, Ill.

Adria East Mossing was recently sworn in as the second vice president of the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois.

1989
Vincent Raymond Biskupic was appointed to the Outagamie County Circuit Court by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker.

Anne R. Pramaggiore (DHL ’79) received the 2014 Finalist Award at the 24th annual seminar salutes dinner hosted by the Ohio Chamber Seminary. The award recognizes leaders in labor, government and business.

1990
Kareem M. Irfan has been appointed as a director at Syrospec Global Holdings.

Michele Melina Jochner (LLM ’92), a partner at Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck LLC, was recently recognized by her peers as a 2014 Leading Lawyer in the area of family appellate law and was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2015.

Shawn Stephen Kasserman, a founding member of Tomaski Kott Kasserman LLC, in Chicago, has been elected as first vice president of the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Martin Thomas Tully joined Akerman LLP as a partner in the firm’s litigation practice group.

1991
Deanna C. Johnson was appointed circuit court judge for the 21st Judicial District by Tennessee governor Bill Haslam.

1992
Robert James Berg (MED ’00) was named the 2014 Distinguished Teacher at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, Ill.

David Lewis Newman joined Loeb & Loeb LLP as senior counsel in the firm’s Chicago office.

Julie Ann Sullivan, a lawyer at the Miller, Johnson, Kalmazoo, Mich., was admitted to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers as a fellow.

1993
Christopher Francis Dekker was named vice president, general counsel and secretary of the Brunswick Corporation. He started at Brunswick in 2010 as associate general counsel and most recently as interim general counsel and secretary.

John Louis Nisivaco, a partner in the Chicago personal injury firm of Boudreau & Nisivaco, LLC, has been re-elected to the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Brent Samuel Silverman was recently invited to join the William K. Thom American Inn of Court, designed to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. He is a litigator at Reminger Co. LPA.

Elizabeth Felt Wakeham joined Botto Gilbert Gehrs Lancaster PC in Crystal Lake, Ill. She focuses primarily on family law, personal injury, medical malpractice, civil litigation, mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

1994
Hilary Harker Remijas is intellectual property manager for the District Assisting National Board Inc., in Chicago.

Jill Alison Wolowitz (LLM ’96) was promoted to vice president of health policy, Illinois Division, at Blue Cross Blue Shield.

1995
Randy Sparks was named general counsel of MidFirst Bank in Oklahoma City.

1996
Mary M. Arrigo was named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Jeffrey D. Barclay joined Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC in Royal Oak, Mich.

Jeffrey Alan Cerny has been appointed as chief legal and financial officer at OPF Capital Corporation.

Brian W. Chakian joined Periman Bajandas Yevoli & Albright PL as a partner. He previously served as chief legal and financial officer for Z Trim Holdings, Inc.

Donald Wesley Knapp has been named assistant state’s attorney for McLean County, Ill.

David James Navetta, a nationally recognized leader in cybersecurity, privacy and data protection law, joined Norton Rose Fulbright as a partner at their Denver office.

Steve S. Sandvoss was promoted to executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections, where he has worked since 1988, most recently as general counsel. He will begin as executive director on Jan. 1, 2015.

Gracia Maria Shillfrin received the 2014 Charles Nothnagel Award from the Illinois American Institute of Architects in recognition of her exemplary dedication to public service.

Leslie Tector (LLM ’96) has joined Quarles & Brady LLP as a partner in the firms Health Law Practice Group.

Brenda Renee Tremi co-founded Pathways Immigration Law LLP, a practice representing individuals in a wide variety of immigration matters.

1997
Edward W. Lam (LLM ’97) joined Holland & Knight LLP as a partner in the firm’s syndication group.

Thomas John McAdams (LLM ’97) was elected to his first full six-year term as a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge. He was previously the acting chair of the Wisconsin Tax Appeals Commission and an attorney in private practice.

David T. Meehan joined Ulmer & Berne LLP as a partner. Previously, he worked at BMO Financial Group as vice president and general counsel.

James Edward Phelan opened his own firm, Phelan Law Group Ltd., a civil litigation trial firm that concentrates exclusively on personal injury and construction defect litigation.

Billee Renee Ward joined the Detroit-based firm Dickinson Wright PLLC. She specializes in health care, corporate law and commercial transactions.

1998
Tanya Lorraine Jachnik is the first full-time Title IX Coordinator at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. She previously served as executive associate director for the office for access and equity and Title IX coordinator at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Michelle Deshaye Jackson has been named general counsel for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

1999
David Belongia Mark joined Duane, Morris & Moore LLP as a partner in the firm’s trial practice group.

Chris Michael Gavin joined Perkins Cole LLP as a partner. He will work in the firm’s New York office in the financial transactions and restructuring group.

Wendy Marie Musielesk (BUS ’99) was elected to DuPage Bar Association Board of Directors, as a partner at Esp Kreuzer Cores LLP where she focuses her practice on family law.

Edward Gerald Quinlisk joined Aronstein & Lahr LLP as a partner in the firm’s corporate transactions and counseling practice group.

2000
Matthew D. Ports has been elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Nancy Kaymar Stafford and her husband Bill Bagwell received the 2014 Newport Restoration Foundation’s Doris Duke Award for the renovation and restoration of their bed and breakfast, the Cliffside Inn in Newport, R.I. Stafford is the 2014-15 rule of law deputy officer for the international law section of the American Bar Association and co-editor of Corporate Responsibility for Human Rights: Impact, New Expectations and Paradigms (ABA Book Publishing 2014).

2001
Elizabeth Bernones-Rotchford was elected as a director to the Kane County Bar Association Board of Managers. She was also recently appointed to the board of directors of the Kane County Bar Foundation.

Shelly Ann DeRoue joined Freeborn & Peters LLP as a partner in the firm’s bankruptcy and financial restructuring practice group.

Ann Marie Theresa Wahls (CSH ’97) joined Latham & Watkins LLP as a partner in the litigation department where she will focus on intellectual property litigation and counseling.

Scott Corey Ryan joined the national law firm Polsinelli as a shareholder in the Philadelphia office where he will be a member of the national construction, energy, real estate litigation practice.

2002
Jeremy Aaron Klotz was appointed director of GUCCI, the Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionville, Ind.

Christopher Todd Miller was named partner at Kelley Kronenberg. Miller will serve as the managing partner of the firm’s Chicago office in addition to his practice on construction, retail and commercial litigation.

Sarah Elizabeth Panici was named as one of 10 Modern Healthcare’s Up & Comers of 2014. She currently serves as vice president of risk management and insurance at Advocate Health Care, where she has worked for more than a decade.

Andrea Joanne Zurek Neumann has been installed as president of the DuPage County Criminal Lawyers Association. She is a senior assistant public defender with the Office of the DuPage County Public Defender.

David Joseph Scriven-Young was elected to the Chicago Bar Association’s board of managers and as a spokesperson for the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division.

2004
John Aaron Stafani (LLS ’93) joined the firm of Wachtell, Lawrence & Froman. He continues his work helping individuals and families cope with a loss as a result of trucking accidents, nursing home abuse and neglect, catastrophic injury or wrongful death.

Nick Seung Lee was named a shareholder at Bishop Dietsch & O’Connor, Ltd., a full-service intellectual property law firm, focusing on litigation and transactional matters pertaining to intellectual property law relating to patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and unfair competition.

2005
Erin S. Davis was promoted to partner at Kominarik, Bresler, Harwick & Gudmundson LLC.

Mathew T. Sipiron is a partner at the Law Offices of Richard L. Pullano. He was recently appointed to the 40 Under 40 by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.

Adam S. Tracy (MBA ’05) will be moving to Los Angeles to manage the Securities Compliance Group’s new West Coast location. Tracy is founder, general counsel and managing partner.

Nicolle M. Onorato joined the family law firm of Nettick & Stafani LLC as a senior associate.

2006
Sloan Letman (JD ’75) was named to the 40 Under 40 by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.
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Michael J. Cassel was named director of global corporate citizenship for Boeing corporate offices. He will lead charitable giving efforts in the Chicago area and broader Great Lakes region.

Benjamin E. Gehrt, has been promoted to partner at Clark Board Smith LLP.

Michael Charles Jurasak (LLM’06) joined Dinsmore & Shohl’s Chicago office as a partner in its corporate department. There, he will offer guidance in mergers and acquisitions, tax planning, wealth planning and general corporate law.

Melissa M. Ngo joined Wu Weiser & Associates as executive director. She provides oversight and board development to multiple medical boards of directors.

Chantelle A. Porter was elected to serve on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Chad M. Poznansky joined Clark Hill PLC in the firm’s real estate practice group.

Micah L. Wheat is a tax partner at Plants Moran, an international certified public accounting and business advisory firm.

Crystal M. Wildeman has been chosen as an up and Coming Lawyer by Indiana Lawyer. She is a civil litigator and defense trial attorney at Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn LLP in Evansville, Ind.

Jeremy S. Wynes was hired as the Midwest regional director of the newly-opened Chicago office of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

2007
Shelby Natal Davis received the President’s Award for Outstanding Service from the Black Woman Lawyers’ Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. Davis is an attorney with Fordham LLP.

Matthew T. Layman has joined Daley Mohan Groble PC as an associate. Layman will focus his practice on commercial and tort litigation for railroad and other transportation sector clients.

2008
Geoffrey T. Burkhardt joined the American Bar Association as a staff attorney and project director. He will focus on improving indigent criminal defense systems.

Shay-Ann Heiser Singh was promoted to partner at Kirkland & Ellis.

Patrice Perkins is principal attorney and real law educator at her firm Creative Genius Law, which focuses on contracts and intellectual property for creative entrepreneurs.

Christina Maxine Riepel was hired as a trademark examining attorney at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va.

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2009
Valerie Robin Sherman was promoted to assistant director of gift planning at Northwestern University where she focuses on estate gifts, endowment management and life income plan strategies.

Garrett Lee Wulfsohn (BUS ’09) joined Nora & Tanzillo LLP as an associate. Wulfsohn will focus his practice on medical malpractice defense.

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Alexandra Martinez appeared on the live broadcast of Chicago Countertop TV on Sept. 16. She is a family law attorney with Patters’ Rights and the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving Ltd.

Frank Theodore Tebbe (LLM ’01) accepted an attorney position at the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

2014
Timothy P. Duffy, attorney and principal partner at T&M Duffy Enterprises in Chicago, was hired as the boys varsity lacrosse coach at Lyons Township High School. Duffy previously played lacrosse professionally in the UK and was a gold medalist at the 2004 London Olympics. He is founder of Aite Up Lacrosse.

Michael H. Fleck joined Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate in its intellectual property practice group in Chicago.

Kristina K. Green helped win a $10.9 million settlement on behalf of the family of Illinois State Trooper James Sauer, who was killed by a trucker who fell asleep behind the wheel in March 2014. She is an associate attorney with Kralovec, Jambois & Schwartz in Chicago.

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Keith M. Cronin accepted a position as an associate at Lorton B. Siegel and Associates, where she will focus her practice on plaintiffs’ personal injury and negligence.

Daniele R. Crumbl, an attorney with the Law Offices of Jeffrey Leving Ltd, was featured on the August 12 broadcast of Chicago Countertop TV.

Sara Suleman joined McDonald, Hopkins LLC as an associate in the intellectual property practice group.

Rochelle L. Turtis joined Bruning and Associates PC as an associate at their Schaumburg, Ill. office. She will focus her practice on divorce and family law.

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