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OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AS A COMMUNITY



THIS PAST YEAR WAS ONE OF THE most challenging in Maryland Carey Law's history, as we and the entire world faced a pandemic that has stolen hundreds of thousands of lives and devastated economies. Despite these challenges, I am heartened by the many ways our community has come together to support each other and provide vital expertise and assistance to our city, state, and nation. This crisis has brought our values into sharp focus and continued to strengthen our resolve to work collectively toward the greater good, which is reflected in the pages of this magazine.

The cover story explores how our health law and crisis management experts are serving the community in response to the COVID-19 threat. You will also learn about the law school's internal pivot as the virus forced us to innovate how we live, work, educate, and protect the safety of our students. Other articles highlight our faculty's thought leadership as the pandemic intersects with virtually every area of the law, and how the important public service work in our clinics continued remotely during Maryland's shut-down.

Against the backdrop of the demand for racial justice that has gained momentum since George Floyd's death, we also pay tribute to Elijah Cummings '76. His legacy of leadership lives on in the first recipient of the Cummings Scholarship and lights our way on the path to building a more just and equitable society.

Additionally, you will find out about some of last year's exciting faculty and student accomplishments achieved before the virus hit, including the launch of a constitutional law colloquium that brought scholars from around the world to Maryland Carey Law.

At press time, we are beginning a fall semester unlike any we have ever seen. While remote interaction is challenging, I am energized by the knowledge that our students are developing a competitive adaptability and the Maryland Carey Law community is deeply dedicated to supporting them along the way. ■

Donald B. Tobin
Dean and Professor of Law

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald B. Tobin".

NEWS



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THE BULLETIN



UMB Awards

Two members of the Maryland Carey Law community were selected for UMB Core Values Awards last spring. **Prof. Kathleen Hoke** won the award for excellence, and student **Kaitlyn Holzer '20** was honored for leadership. Earlier in the year, **Bill Joyner '20** was honored with the UMB Diversity Recognition Award.

Over the summer UMB announced its four 2020 Founders Week award winners with two going to Maryland Carey Law faculty members. **Prof. Russell McClain**, associate dean for diversity and inclusion, was selected as Educator of the Year. **Prof. Maureen Sweeney**, director, Immigration Clinic, is the Public Servant of the Year.



Investiture

Maryland Carey Law celebrated the investiture of **Larry Gibson** as the Morton & Sophia Macht Professor of Law at a ceremony in Westminster Hall on Nov. 14, 2019. Attendees packed the historic hall to honor the legendary professor, lawyer, scholar, historian, and political strategist who has taught at the law school since 1974.



NIH Grant

Prof. Diane Hoffmann and colleagues from the UMB campus have been awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Human Genome Research Institute. The grant funds Hoffmann's initiative to develop policy recommendations on the regulation of microbiome-based diagnostic tests, which are now available over-the-counter and through commercial and "citizen science" projects.



Skadden Fellowship

Recent Maryland Carey Law graduate **Sam Williamson '18** was awarded a highly competitive Skadden Fellowship to pursue public interest law. The two-year fellowship is among the most prestigious awards for public interest law students and early-career lawyers. Williamson is launching the first civil legal aid program in Baltimore City and Baltimore County specifically designed to eliminate barriers in housing, employment, safety, and stability for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness.



Leadership in Law

Prof. Michael Greenberger, founding director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.



Kudos

Assoc. Prof. Seema Kakade was elected an American College of Environmental Lawyers fellow and won the Environmental Futures Award from the Environmental Law Institute. Kakade is director of Maryland Carey Law's Environmental Law Clinic.



Appointment

Prof. Natalie Ram was appointed to the National Academies' Committee on Science, Technology, and Law. Ram is a top scholar on the intersection of genetic privacy and the law. She teaches in Maryland Carey Law's top-ranked Law and Health Care Program.



Bloomberg Fellow

Lydia Watts has been named a 2020 Bloomberg Fellow at the Bloomberg American Health Initiative, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Watts is executive director of the ROAR Center. Administered by Maryland Carey Law, ROAR draws on expertise from across UMB to provide interdisciplinary services for crime victims.



Toby Trean Guerin '02 (back right) with Mediation Clinic students

Alternative Dispute Resolution Awards

The **Mediation Clinic** is the 2020 recipient of the District Court of Maryland Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution's ADR Program Achievement Award. The clinic's referrals come through longstanding collaborations with the District Court ADR Program and District Court judges. The clinic also serves as the mediation program for the Baltimore City Community Relations Office of Civil Rights. **Toby Trean Guerin '02** received the Robert M. Bell Award for Outstanding Contribution to Alternative Dispute Resolution in Maryland. Guerin is managing director of the Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) and instructor for the Mediation Clinic.



NAWL Recognition

Danielle Schweizer '20 (center), was recognized by the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) with the Outstanding Law Student Award. Winners are selected for contributing to the advancement of women, promoting women's issues in the legal profession, demonstrating tenacity and high academic achievement, and earning the respect of colleagues.

NEW FACULTY: NATHAN PATZ PROFESSOR OF LAW

MATIANGAI SIRLEAF

By Chris Quirk



Photo courtesy of University of Pittsburgh School of Law

IN HER YOUTH, Matiangai Sirleaf spent significant time in Liberia during the brutal civil war that began in 1989. “My childhood was informed and defined by what I saw there,” she says, “the breakdown of the rule of law and societal norms that protect human beings.” Not surprisingly, her early experiences are foundational to her work today—in areas including global public health law, international human rights law, post-conflict and transitional justice, and criminal law.

Transitional justice, one of Sirleaf’s research interests, is a burgeoning field of inquiry concerned with questions of how to remedy and heal abuses

committed during conflicts or repressive regimes. Sirleaf’s work has examined the differing effectiveness of truth commissions in post-conflict versus post-authoritarian societies, environmental justice, and disparities in the way global public health emergencies are treated.

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She brings unique and timely expertise that will add immeasurably to our institution.”

- Dean Donald Tobin

Recent events in the U.S., from the COVID-19 pandemic to the uprising for racial justice, have compelled Sirleaf to apply her international expertise to domestic events. “One of the things I’m working on now, given the current moment, is a series exploring the use of transitional justice measures in the United States, and finding ways to foster greater racial justice in the United States,” Sirleaf says.

“We are absolutely delighted that Matiangai Sirleaf is joining the faculty,” says Assoc. Dean Peter Danchin, who directs the International and Comparative Law Program. “Professor Sirleaf is a stellar scholar who is widely recognized for her work in

international law, global health, human rights, and transitional justice. She is a pioneer in the literature on global health in international law and questions surrounding local, regional, and global transitional justice mechanisms in post-conflict societies. This is a truly exciting time for students interested in studying and gaining experience in our Health and International and Comparative Law programs.”

Sirleaf will offer classes in global public health law, international human rights law, and criminal law.

A graduate of Yale Law School, Sirleaf joins the faculty full-time after serving as a visiting professor last year. She has also taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and at Penn Law as a Sharswood Fellow. Sirleaf has published widely, including recent work in *Foundations of Global Health and Human Rights*, *Texas Law Review*, and *UCLA Law Review*.

“Matiangai is already well-known and very highly regarded here at Maryland Carey Law,” says Dean Donald Tobin. “It is a privilege to have her as part of our full-time faculty. She brings unique and timely expertise that will add immeasurably to our institution.”

For Sirleaf’s part, Maryland Carey Law’s legacy has not escaped her notice. “While there are few women of color in law faculty generally, Maryland Carey Law has a phenomenal legacy of Black women legal scholars,” says Sirleaf. “They’re giants, and I’m not going to be filling anyone’s shoes, but I’m honored to be a part of that rich tradition.” ■

NEW FACULTY: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

CHAZ ARNETT

By Chris Quirk



Photo courtesy of University of Pittsburgh School of Law

CHAZ ARNETT had some attractive options available to him after graduating from Harvard Law School. Rather than easing into his law career, Arnett opted for the crucible—trial attorney in the Orleans Public Defenders Office in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The decision is not surprising if you know Arnett, and it is rigorously in line with his long-held interests in criminal justice reform, which were forged by his observations of the Baltimore neighborhood where he grew up. “I saw how the criminal justice system, from a policing and corrections standpoint, had such a significant impact on my neighborhood. With the constant

presence of law enforcement, it often felt as if we were sort of in occupied territory,” Arnett says.

Arnett’s experience has drawn him into an innovative area of study, the nexus of criminal justice, technology, and surveillance, and the impact these practices have on historically marginalized groups. His recent article, “From Decarceration to

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His teaching and scholarship are vital in these urgent times.”

- Prof. Michael Pinard

E-carceration” published in the *Cardozo Law Review*, explores the dangers presented by the use of electronic monitoring as an alternative to incarceration. Arnett’s work has been featured in *The Crime Report*, *Jotwell*, and *Jurist*, and discussed on the Criminal Injustice and Ipse Dixit podcasts. “I’ve been particularly interested in the ways that new technologies are working to deepen and entrench old legacies of racial injustice, with the complicity of law and policy,” he says.

“Chaz’s teaching and scholarly interests in electronic criminal justice surveillance, ever-expanding forms of punishment

and oversight, and developing legal arguments to challenge both the present and future of criminal punishment have garnered significant attention from students, scholars, and practicing lawyers,” says Prof. Michael Pinard, co-director of the Clinical Law Program. “His teaching and scholarship are vital in these urgent times. His voice, in the classroom and his scholarship will enrich our students, enhance the intellectual dynamism of our law school, and contribute mightily to justice.”

Arnett returned to Baltimore in 2012 to work as an attorney in the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, representing youth in the juvenile division for three years. Then, following a stint teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, he came to Maryland Carey Law as a visiting professor, and was invited to stay on.

“At this historical moment when we are as a society confronting the deeply important issues of criminal justice and racial equality, we are incredibly fortunate to have Chaz Arnett joining our faculty,” says Dean Donald Tobin. “Our students and the Maryland Carey Law community will benefit greatly from his scholarship, and his selfless commitment in working for equal treatment under the law for all.”

This year, Arnett taps into his recent research to teach a seminar on Race, Technology, and the Law. “I’m excited about teaching the students here at Maryland,” Arnett says. “Part of the reason I went to law school was to be able to give back to people who grew up like me and had experiences like mine. There’s no better place to do that than where you’re from.” ■

TRANSITIONS



PETER DANCHIN

assumed the role of associate dean for research and faculty development, following Prof. Mike Pappas who has returned to full-time teaching. Danchin is also the Jacob A. France Professor of Law and director of the International and Comparative Law Program. As associate dean for research and faculty development, Danchin oversees faculty research and programming.



DEBORAH EISENBERG

is now associate dean for academic affairs, following Prof. Barbara Gontrum, who continues her role as senior associate dean. Eisenberg is also the Piper & Marbury Professor of Law and director of the Center for Dispute Resolution. As associate dean of academic affairs, Eisenberg oversees academic programs, including curriculum, teaching assignments, and scheduling.



MATTHEW GAVIN

is the new associate dean for admissions. Gavin comes to Maryland Carey Law from his former post as associate dean of admissions at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. He is a graduate of Suffolk Law with work experience in civil litigation.



SEEMA KAKADE

has been promoted to associate professor of law. She is director of the Environmental Law Clinic. Kakade came to the law school in 2017 after serving as an attorney with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Energy. She is a graduate of George Washington University Law School.



NATALIE RAM

has been promoted to professor of law. Ram teaches courses in the Law and Health Care Program and is a 2021 Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics. She came to the law school in 2019 from the University of Baltimore School of Law and formerly clerked for Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court. Ram is a graduate of Yale Law School.



INSPIRING ***THE FUTURE***

Photo of Randall Ainsworth courtesy of and by Winston Zhou.

The Hon. Elijah E. Cummings '76 leaves a legacy of leadership

By Wanda Haskel

AS PROTESTS ERUPTED following George Floyd's death last May, the memory of Elijah E. Cummings '76, who died in October 2019, was alive in the streets of his beloved Baltimore and across the nation. With marches remaining largely nonviolent, it was as if the congressman was leading the crowds, just as he did after Freddie Gray died in police custody five years earlier, megaphone in hand, urging peace while demanding justice.

Cummings' legacy also echoes at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law where he stayed deeply connected throughout his illustrious career, ever an inspiration.

His commanding voice reverberates in Westminster Hall where he jointly hosted a town hall with former Maryland Carey Law professor Sherrilyn Ifill, head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and the law school in 2016. The event provided a forum for local citizens to share stories of abuses by Baltimore's police department on the city's Black residents with Department of Justice lawyers.

His image is etched in the annals of Maryland Carey Law's Black Law Students Association, over which he presided as president during his student days.

He is remembered in the classroom where he and then Baltimore City Councilman Nick Mosby co-taught a class in a series focused on issues of injustice in Baltimore.



"Elijah left all of us with the challenge to take action individually and together to make the world a better place," says his longtime mentor and friend Maryland Carey Law Prof. Larry Gibson, who was one of the few, along with former presidents Obama and Clinton, selected by Cummings to speak at the congressman's funeral.

And, indeed, Cummings' many visits to the law school were punctuated by exhortations to students and the law community at large to use their JDs to be change agents for social justice in a country that still has a lot of work to do.

Spurred by grief and a desire to honor Cummings' legacy, the Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors moved swiftly in the weeks following the congressman's death to establish a scholarship in his name. The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings '76 Scholarship Endowment supports students interested in careers in public service.

"The Cummings Scholarship," says Robert J. Kim '83, former chair of the Board of Visitors, "honors Elijah by continuing his legacy of empowering students to become legal leaders, using their education to do good in the world."

The first recipient of the Cummings Scholarship, Baltimore native Randall Ainsworth '23, promises to answer Cummings' call to action.

In high school, Ainsworth created a peer-to-peer mentoring program called Brother to Brother, which helped troubled minority students in his school succeed through community service, peer-to-peer counseling, education, and fostering a sense of brotherhood. The motto of the group was, “Once you have been restored, go back and strengthen your brother,” words that could easily have been spoken by Cummings himself.

During college, Ainsworth worked at the Center for Urban Families, establishing a curriculum for a career-readiness and re-entry program for formerly incarcerated individuals in Baltimore City. Through Brother to Brother, he met his mentor, now-retired Chief Judge Wanda Keyes Heard ’82, the first female chief judge of the Baltimore Circuit Court, where he interned as an undergraduate at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Watching Judge Heard use her position to ensure equal application of the law stirred his ambition to become a jurist, since, he jokes, Barack Obama beat him to becoming the first Black U.S. president.

With outstanding grades and an impressive resume, Ainsworth had his pick of top-tier law schools but says he chose Maryland Carey Law after comparing the cultures and environments of the different institutions. “Centered in Baltimore City, Maryland Carey Law has dedicated itself to serving and empowering the surrounding community,” says Ainsworth. “Sometimes it’s the intangible things—the sense of community that matters most.”

“Nurturing a supportive community is a salient value at our law school,” says Dean Donald B. Tobin, “and Elijah’s legacy of lifting people up is a guiding force as we continually strive to help all students reach their potential.”

One way is through the Diversity and Inclusion Scholars Initiative in which Ainsworth is also a participant. Established in 2017, the initiative is a collaboration among the law school and various firms and corporate partners, DLA Piper; Pessin Katz Law; Miles & Stockbridge; Gordon Feinblatt; Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP; T. Rowe Price; and Deloitte to support a shared vision of increasing diversity in the legal profession. In addition to financial support, Diversity Scholars receive individualized mentoring from attorneys and extensive professional development opportunities.

Programs like the Diversity and Inclusion Scholars Initiative help the law school recruit high-achieving students from diverse backgrounds, and Maryland Carey Law is proud to have the highest percentage of African American students among the top-50 ranked

law schools in the country. However, says Tobin, “we must do better.”

In the early days of one of the nation’s oldest law schools, the University of Maryland did not accept people of color. “That shameful part of our history, which I am grateful ended in 1936 with the admittance of Donald Gaines Murray after the landmark case *Murray v. Pearson*,” adds Tobin, “will always remind us that we must continually work for equality of opportunity at Maryland Carey Law.”

As critical as recruitment is, says Assoc. Dean of Diversity and Inclusion Russell McClain ’95, people from diverse backgrounds need to feel supported once they are enrolled. McClain, a top scholar in implicit bias and stereotype threat within educational environments, heads up a host of programming designed to give students from diverse backgrounds a sense of belonging in law school. Initiatives include a pre-orientation class to help diverse incoming students



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-Prof. Larry Gibson

acclimate and ongoing support for a range of affinity groups, including the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), whose trial team took first place at the national BLSA regional competition last spring.

Just as important, says McClain, is educating the whole community on issues of racial justice and promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion. Each year a portion of orientation is dedicated to discussing with students, “how diverse we are and how we appreciate the range of backgrounds that contribute to our mission,” says McClain. Additionally, the associate dean offers implicit bias and micro-aggressions workshops and trainings for faculty, students, and administrators throughout the year. After George Floyd was killed by a Minnesota police officer, McClain

moderated community discussions for the law school and UMB. Along with faculty, students, and administrators at the law school, McClain is helping to facilitate discussions about ongoing programming, curricular reform, and other ways to address issues of race, justice, and equality within the Maryland Carey Law community.

Meanwhile, Elijah Cummings' call to action may be felt most profoundly in Maryland Carey Law's Clinical Law Program, says its co-director Prof. Michael Pinard. "All our clinics work on issues of racial justice and poverty for people who are burdened with an access to justice deficit. We represent the individuals and communities Congressman Cummings cared so deeply about."

In the fall of last year, Maryland Carey Law faculty wrote a statement on the death of Elijah Cummings, giving voice to why he will always inspire his alma mater to work for social justice: "Throughout his life Congressman Cummings fought for Baltimore, cried with Baltimore, and rejoiced with Baltimore. He used his opportunities and talents to lead, to inspire, and to agitate. Truly selfless, he reached back as he climbed." ■



Prof. Russell McClain (right) with students.

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Elijah
Cummings



Famed civil rights leader, tireless public servant, and cherished Maryland Carey Law alumnus the Hon. Elijah E. Cummings '76 died in October 2019.

A Baltimore-born son of sharecroppers, Cummings began his career fighting for justice when he was 11, organizing protests, which led to the integration of a Baltimore City swimming pool.

He attended Baltimore City College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University before completing his JD at the University of Maryland School of Law in 1976.

Dedicating his life to public service, Cummings spent his early career in the Maryland House of Delegates where he was the first African American in the state's history to be named speaker pro tem.

In 1996, he won a seat in Congress representing Maryland's 7th District in a special election when Rep. Kweisi Mfume vacated his seat to lead the NAACP. In his 13th term, Cummings had risen to the powerful position of chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, the main investigative committee in the House of Representatives.

Throughout his career, Cummings remained rooted in Baltimore and stayed deeply connected to the law school as a longstanding member of the Board of Visitors and a highly engaged mentor to students.

Cummings is the posthumous recipient of Maryland Carey Law's 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award.



STEPPING UP IN A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS



LAST WINTER, THE pandemic that shut down much of the world launched a profound focus for many researchers at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Faculty and staff, notably in the Law & Health Care Program and the Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS), concentrated their expertise toward assisting the state of Maryland and the nation in facing the virus that hit every continent, causing

widespread deaths and global economic catastrophes.

Some headed to the front lines of public health and emergency centers, working on-site and often non-stop, in Baltimore City and surrounding counties. Others offered legal and ethical support to government agencies, medical institutions, local businesses and nonprofits, professional organizations, public utilities, and international airports. Experts answered countless media, email

and phone queries. They produced podcasts and webinars, wrote op-eds, and developed online resources and tools to track executive orders and advise on the allocation of scarce medical resources and liability of health care workers and institutions.

Reaching Out

Prof. Diane Hoffmann is a top scholar in health law and director of Maryland Carey Law's Law & Health Care Program. She also directs the Maryland Healthcare

Ethics Committee Network (MHECN), a membership organization based at the law school, for ethics committees at hospitals and other health care facilities throughout Maryland. Since the 1990s, Hoffmann has led MHECN in providing advice and ethics resources and conducting research to inform changes to health care policies and practices.



As COVID-19 cases were rising in Maryland, Hoffmann and colleague Anita Tarzian, of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, saw a need to help healthcare networks and the public prepare for the possible implementation of an allocation plan for scarce medical resources, particularly ventilators. They formed a COVID-19 working group drawn from MHECN with frontline physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, bioethicists, clergy, other members of ethics committees, and current and former assistant attorneys general. In March, they began holding twice weekly video conferences with the working group.

As the spring went on, the working group expanded its focus to help reduce inappropriate hospital admissions upstream and avoid hospital discharge back-ups through hospital coordination with long-term care and hospice partners. Additionally, the group collaborated with long-term care colleagues to address their challenges in accessing sufficient personal protective equipment and COVID-19 tests.

“Providing this forum has spurred knowledge-sharing among healthcare facilities across the state,” says Hoffmann, “making way for an informal consistency in ethical frameworks and practical solutions, while providing support to concerned administrators and clinicians.”

The working group continued to meet throughout the summer planning for the possibility of another surge.

Also housed within the Law & Health Care Program is the Network for Public Health Law’s Eastern Region office, directed by Prof. Kathleen Hoke ’92. The Network, with five offices around the country, provides technical legal assistance to public health officials, legislators, researchers, non-profit and community organizations, and individuals seeking to improve public health through law and policy change. As the virus caught fire, the Network began offering multiple resources on COVID-19, including webinars, fact sheets and scholarly work, along with direct access to law and policy experts. Through the Network, Hoke has advised officials on how state and local governments can protect people experiencing homelessness when a jurisdiction is under a stay-at-home order. The Network’s Eastern Region’s associate director Mathew Swinburne ’08 published work on the Network’s website around the issues of food insecurity and access to broadband for students as a public health issue during the pandemic. Kerri Lowrey ’99, deputy director of the Eastern Region, produced work on health information privacy during COVID-19, as well as protection of renters through eviction moratoria.

Demand for Network assistance has been so urgent that Hoke was able to hire four Maryland Carey Law interns for the summer, providing employment for students when many summer opportunities

had disappeared because of the pandemic.



Hoke also directs the Legal Resource Center (LRC) for Public Health Policy at the law school with its two staff attorneys and chief of staff. The LRC supports public health officials in Maryland on issues related to tobacco and injury prevention. In this capacity, Hoke worked with tobacco control lawyers across the country on the impact of the virus on vape shops and whether they can or should be considered essential businesses during a shutdown. Since the pandemic began, assisting local health departments with their tobacco control efforts has been the main focus for LRC lawyers Brooke Torton ’12 and Blair Inniss ’13.

“Public health officials and their staff have faced the pandemic with intelligence, courage, and compassion,” says Hoke. “That my team and I are able to help them through the minefield of laws that intersect with their work is an honor and the very least we can do to support them.”

Boots on the Ground

Meanwhile the Center for Health and Homeland Security, founded in 2002 by law school professor Michael Greenberger, also turned its efforts toward pandemic response. In its nearly two decades, the center has developed playbooks to respond to a broad range of emergencies for some 80 clients worldwide, including tactical responses for infectious pathogens Ebola, SARS, MERS, H1N1, Zika, and seasonal flu.

So, the more than 40 professionals at the center, many of whom are Maryland Carey Law graduates, were specially prepared to assist state and local leaders with legal analysis regarding the powers and responsibilities of state and county executives, health departments, and emergency management departments.

“I think it can be fairly said CHHS has been doing all COVID, all the time,” says Greenberger, who was in demand for interviews by top media outlets around the world since the earliest days of the pandemic. “We are doing real-time emergency responses.”

Some CHHS staffers are assigned to the front lines of county public health agencies. Netta Squires '18, a senior law and policy analyst, works in the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, where she went from writing to implementing the county's plan on volunteer management when the pandemic hit. Law and Policy Analyst Hassan Sheikh '18 is embedded in the Baltimore City office. He coordinated the complicated process of distributing limited PPE supplies to city hospitals and healthcare facilities. By summer he had an endless list of public health projects that needed to be COVID safe, including protecting the medically fragile from extreme heat, setting up vaccination clinics, and maintaining alcohol and drug prevention programs.



Other CHHS lawyers serve multiple clients. Trudy Henson '08, CHHS's public health

program director, is skilled in policies, planning, writing legal handbooks and conducting table-top and large-scale drills for public health emergencies and other disasters. She spent countless hours on Zoom throughout the spring and summer advising clients about concerns for re-opening, reviewing plans and policies, and refining emergency operations plans. She produced 10 COVID-related podcasts covering the pandemic's effects on mental and behavioral health, and governors' executive orders, among other subjects. In May, Henson walked lawyers and law firms through procedures to resume normal operations via a webinar with the Maryland State Bar Association. Initially, Henson was focused on helping businesses implement best practices for protecting operations and conducting partial or full shut-downs. As states began to reopen, she received an uptick in questions from businesses about how to keep their employees and their clients safe. During webinars, she offered advice on everything from teleworking to vitamin-D deficits. Under the microscope were top to bottom evaluations of the transportation systems employees use to get to work, HVAC systems, elevator use and open-air cubicles—“deeply problematic when talking about physical distance,” notes Henson.

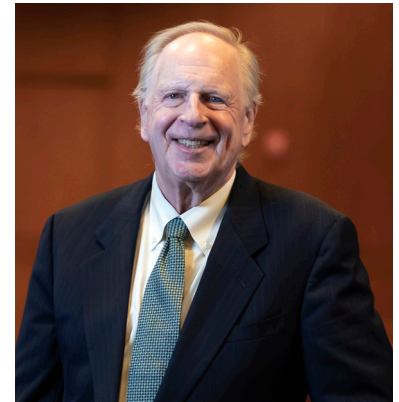
At the beginning of the summer, Henson was named to Attorney General Brian Frosh's COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force, along with Maryland Carey Law Dean Donald Tobin, to address challenges arising from the epidemic, including access to legal advocacy on housing, civil rights, and public benefits.

Training Leaders

With the pandemic raging on, the demand for legal expertise in health law and crisis management parallels the increasing need for training in these areas. Maryland Carey Law is meeting that need through academic programs

preparing the next generation to step up in a crisis.

The Law & Health Care Program offers a Health Law certificate within the JD program and Health Law specialties in the LLM and MS in Law programs. Students put theory into practice in multiple clinics, including the Public Health Law Clinic, led by Hoke.



CHHS faculty at Maryland Carey Law offer courses leading to a certificate in Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Law in the JD program and a specialization in the Master of Laws (LLM) program. Two online-only Master of Science in Law programs for non-JD students, one in Cybersecurity and one in Homeland Security & Crisis Management Law are also available. In addition, a Master of Professional Studies in Public Safety launched this fall in conjunction with the University of Maryland, College Park, along with a joint JD/MPS in Cybersecurity with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Students in these programs work on CHHS projects with real-world clients through an extensive externship program at the center.

“As the world faces unprecedented emergencies, the need for expertise in health law and emergency management grows increasingly urgent,” says Tobin. “We are proud to be on the leading edge of this important work.” ■

Ginny Cook and Wanda Haskel contributed to this story.

SAFETY FIRST

As with all educational institutions, the pandemic has created unprecedented obstacles for the students, faculty, and staff at Maryland Carey Law. COVID-19 has challenged us to be resilient, determined, and adaptable. This extraordinary time has been difficult. It has also been an opportunity for us to appreciate the fortifying support and strength we draw from each other.

Our actions, from the earliest days of the crisis, have reflected our guiding principles of protecting the health and safety of our community while continuing to provide an outstanding legal education. All departments at the law school have worked diligently to meet these principles. Here are some of the ways:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Helped keep our intellectual community vibrant through web-based discussions for faculty and students on current topics.

ALUMNI

Created a Student Emergency Fund and raised over \$20,000 from 167 alumni and friends, with an additional \$40,000 in support received from the University of Maryland, Baltimore Foundation, and AccessLex. The fund supports students facing unexpected financial hardship.

Recruited alumni to reach out to admitted students and offer their perspective, guidance, and mentorship.

ADMINISTRATION

Held virtual town hall meetings for faculty, staff, and students to answer questions.

Established an online COVID-19 FAQ and question submission form to keep students and other community members informed.

ADMISSIONS

Hosted virtual Admitted Student's Day, featuring live mock classes, live alumni panel, live current student panel, virtual tour, and specialty webinars.

Arranged for virtual class visits in the spring and summer, and hosted regular online student meet-and-greets.



FACULTY

Finished the spring semester teaching all classes, including 14 clinics, online.

Switched to pass/fail grading for the spring semester.

Widely published vital scholarship on the intersection of the pandemic and different areas of the law.

Launched a faculty webinar series to highlight the scholarship, clinical work, and research projects at the law school, many with a focus on the pandemic and its wider implications.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Created a 2020 Summer Job Program to connect students who lost jobs due to the pandemic with “replacement” internships and funding.

Offered remote career counseling, alumni panels, and career fairs; and created online guides to interviewing and remote work.

Established a virtual “Summer Career Launch Series” to connect students with alumni and other attorneys who helped educate them about the daily practice of law.

Partnered with state and national bar associations and legal employers to offer practice-specific skills training to students and recent graduates.

OPERATIONS

Helped students retrieve critical materials from the school following the building closure.

Prepared the spaces and established processes to keep any members of the school community using the building safe.

IT/LIBRARY

Shepherded the transition from face-to-face to online teaching, including distribution of equipment, live training sessions, and an extensive instructional continuity guide with information about tools for teaching.

Offered comprehensive remote access to electronic resources.

Provided remote reference and research support, including chat and email reference, online research guides, and video conferencing.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Created a special edition digital yearbook to honor the graduates in the Class of 2020. (See Honoring the Class of 2020 on page 31.)

Coordinated a “Community Connections Series” of group discussions with representatives from UMB Counseling to help students cope with the anxiety, stress, and isolation brought on by the pandemic.

EXPERIENCE



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ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Lawyers, government and nonprofit leaders, CEOs, and judges all utilize advocacy skills, including effective writing, persuasive and confident presentation, and the ability to anticipate the other side's argument. At Maryland Carey Law, advocacy offerings include intensive coursework as well as several competitive team opportunities.

Supported by coaches, faculty, and alumni along the way, students put their advocacy skills to work during the 2019-2020 competition season. Here, we highlight some of their successes over the past year.

National Trial Team



2019 Champions of Drexel's Battle of the Experts Competition

October 13, 2019

Team Members: Chukwukpee Nzegwu '20, Susan Ansari '20, Fiona Puglese '20, and Alexis Gbemudu '20

Coaches: Lindsey McCulley '12 and Justin Wallace '15

Thurgood Marshall National Trial Team



First Place at the National Black Law Students Association Mid-Atlantic Region's Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

February 6 - 9, 2020

Team Members: Briah Gray '22, Cristian Stroble '21, Eunice Kabuga '22, and Leah Levi '22

Coach: Derrick Milburn '13

Environmental Moot Court Team



Best Brief at the Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

February 22, 2020

Team Members: Sam Boden '21, Galen Rende '20, and Rachel Iacangelo '21

Coach: William Piermatte '99

Moot Court



Best Oral Advocate at the National Moot Court Competition Regionals

November 23 - November 24, 2019

Team Members: Jillian Feirson '20 (left) who won best oral advocate for the preliminary rounds, Samuel Morse '20, and Bianca Spinosa '20

Coach: Derek Simonsen '12



Transactional Law Competition

Third Place at Duke University School of Law's Interscholastic Transactional Law Competition
February 22, 2020

Team Members: Kristin Wells '21, Skyler Santomartino '20, and Kaitlin Anderson '21

Coach: Joseph Ward '03



International Moot Court Team

Sixth Place at the Philip C. Jessup Mid-Atlantic International Moot Court Competition
February 20 - 23, 2020

Team Members: Jessica Burgard '20, Stuart Davis '20, Thaakirah Cason '20, Daniel Juliao '21, and Bryce Hollander '21 (Outstanding Oralist Award)

Coach: David Prater '12



Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

Third and Fourth Place at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution's Regional Representation in Mediation Competition
February 29 - March 1, 2020

Team Members: Thérian (Jong Yong) Lee '21, Kathryn Martin '21, Caroline Scanlon '21, and Megan Hill '21

Coach: Michael Goldberg '14

CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

Each year, student attorneys in the Clinical Law Program log thousands of hours representing their clients in a variety of matters and advocating on behalf of the citizens of Maryland. Among many other successes, we celebrate the following clinic accomplishments from the 2019-2020 academic year, several of which are responses to the COVID-19 crisis.

Criminal Defense Clinic

Drafted fact sheets for clients, families, and others to explain COVID-19 related emergency orders from the Court of Appeals regarding the handling of criminal cases.

Economic Justice-Consumer Clinic

Represented a client who was illegally evicted from her home and being sued by her landlord. The case was dismissed.

Environmental Law Clinic

Wrote briefs and argued a long-standing zoning case involving a coal ash landfill in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

Gender Violence Clinic

Secured release from prison for two medically fragile clients.

Immigration Clinic

Won permanent residency for the mother in a family with two teenagers who had never known another home than the United States.

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Helped low-income taxpayers and taxpayers who have not filed in the last two years to file their tax returns to receive their economic stimulus checks under the CARES Act.

Mediation Clinic

Worked with the Maryland judiciary and government agency partners to deliver and develop best practices for online mediations.

Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

Represented a client in a complex Social Security hearing resulting in the continuation of the client's SSI benefits that were wrongly terminated in 2016, entitling the client to monthly benefits and the forgiveness of an over \$20,000 overpayment.

Public Health Law Clinic

Tracked and summarized the coronavirus bills passed in the Maryland General Assembly and wrote a policy brief on gaps in food access for children, which included information to help ensure that children displaced from school during the pandemic get daily meals.

Youth, Education, & Justice Legal Theory and Practice Class

Participated in coalitions to develop and implement strategies to raise awareness of the plight of incarcerated people at risk of contracting COVID-19 and build support for their release.



Andryse Leukey '20 (left) and Matt Galey '19 (right) with an Economic Justice-Consumer Clinic Client



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP CLINIC: THREE DECADES OF SERVICE

HEALTH outcomes for people with HIV have improved significantly since the height of the AIDS epidemic when Prof. Emeritus Deborah Weimer founded the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic 30 years ago. Still, more than 30,000 people in Maryland are living with the virus that causes AIDS. Poor communities in Baltimore City, says the current clinic director Sara Gold, are disproportionately affected by HIV as well as unmet legal needs.

That is why the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic’s mission remains to provide free legal services to clients living with HIV, as it has since its inception. The services those clients need, however, have changed. In the early days when AIDS was considered a death sentence due to a lack of treatment and prevention options, clients more frequently sought what Gold calls, “help preparing to die”—wills, advance directives, future care for children. Now, as people with HIV are able to live the same as anyone in the general population, issues continue to involve advance care planning and have expanded more into areas including employment discrimination, Social Security

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Djaq Rose Morris '21 (left) and Clare O'Donnell '21



Disability/SSI benefits, child custody, name and gender identity marker changes, and landlord-tenant disputes.

As the clinic’s title reflects, its approach is collaborative and interprofessional. Through long-standing partnerships with the University of Maryland Medical Center’s THRIVE Program for adults and the Pediatric AIDS Program (PACE), which serve HIV-positive patients, eight student lawyers a year work closely with healthcare providers and social workers under Gold’s supervision to provide trauma-informed legal services. This includes legal advice sessions at the medical clinics and representing clients in litigation and non-litigation cases. Additionally, clinic students participate in classes and interdisciplinary case conferences as part of the MidAtlantic AIDS Education Training Center’s Preparing the Future program, where they collaborate with students and faculty from across the University to develop skills working within interprofessional wellness teams.

Many students in the clinic also pursue a certificate in Maryland Carey Law’s renowned Law and Health Care Program. The year-long course is one of the clinical experiences approved within the certificate’s curriculum and satisfies the Cardin Requirement, which provides that all full-time

day students offer legal services for people who lack access to justice.

Djaq Rose Morris ’21 is one of those students. She spent her 2L year learning to build trusting relationships with clients, to understand professional responsibility and ethics, and to conduct cases from initial interview through court proceedings.

In her first appearance before a judge in Baltimore City Circuit Court last fall, Morris and her case partner Clare O’Donnell ’21 argued for their client to gain custody of her two teenage godsons. After extensive research, practice, and planning, Morris and O’Donnell felt ready for the hearing. “Prof. Gold asked every question that we could possibly be asked so that we were prepared,” says Morris. That work paid off with a successful outcome.

Just as the clinic has adapted to changing legal issues through the years, so too has it adjusted its

methods. When the COVID-19 crisis hit last winter, the clinic quickly pivoted to remote work and responded as new cases increasingly involved the virus. Student attorneys helped an immunocompromised client, whose employer had required him to stay home without pay, return to work. Another team advised an immunocompromised client on her legal rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act to request a reasonable accommodation in her healthcare workplace to minimize exposure to COVID-19 patients. And while restrictions on face-to-face meetings during the pandemic have presented challenges, Gold sees the shift as an opportunity to explore ways to make legal services more accessible, and may incorporate parts of the new “telelaw” model being developed in response to the crisis even beyond the pandemic.

“As we build on the clinic’s 30 years of work,” Gold reflects, “we will continue evolving to best train our students and serve our clients.” ■



POINT OF VIEW

Adryan Richardson '20 Criminal Defense Clinic



THE SAYING THAT you must see it to believe it is certainly true. However, when it comes to assuming the role of a student attorney in the Criminal Defense Clinic you must experience it to believe it.

We all have a perception or idea of a practicing criminal attorney. Most of these ideas are brought to us through a TV screen or simply observing courtroom proceedings, but neither can truly prepare you for your first court appearance before one of the toughest judges in Baltimore City. In my case, preparation proved equally useless. I recall prepping for weeks for my client's first court appearance. I spent several hours anticipating and preparing for every possible situation including requesting a postponement, creating a good cause argument, and even writing cross examination chapters for trial. I thought I had everything figured out. I was confident. I was ready. I knew exactly what my client wanted, and I knew how

to best argue for his preferred outcome.

Fifteen minutes before court began, everything changed.

The prosecutor communicated a plan that my partner and I never expected. My strategy did a complete 180. My client's desires completely changed. I had to quickly draft a new argument that completely contradicted my initial argument. I basically had to argue against myself. The pressure was certainly on. In that moment, the amount of time I had to formulate a new argument or the amount of time I spent preparing no longer mattered. I had to quickly adjust. This moment taught me the importance and value of both communicating effectively with a client and forming a relationship with a client.

From the beginning of clinic, my clinic professor, Maneka Sinha, stressed the importance of client-centered advocacy. While I understood the words, the true

meaning and manifestation of them finally became clear. In the midst of my nervousness and uncertainty, the one thing that remained constant was the knowledge I possessed of my client. Maneka reminded me that I knew my client's desires, fears, and non-negotiables. This information and the support from my professor provided me with the comfort and peace of mind necessary to successfully prepare a new argument. I was confident. I was assured. I was ready. When my case was finally called, I went before the judge and told her all about my client. In the end, we received a favorable outcome.

My client was satisfied and my partner and I received a "job well done" from the judge. Looking back on this experience, it seems that the only thing that can truly prepare you for your first court appearance is your client. This experience taught me that the rapport and relationship you build with your client is valuable, steady, and never failing. ■



COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY COLLOQUIUM

New con-law colloquium gives students a seat at the table with top scholars

CONSTITUTIONAL democracies around the world and, indeed, in the United States, are showing signs of weakening, indicating a possible global crisis with worrying implications for American and world politics. In response, Maryland Carey Law launched a special opportunity for students to engage with new thinking on this topic. The course, Comparative Constitutional Democracy Colloquium, offered for the first time in spring 2020, brings together Maryland Carey Law students and faculty, and prominent comparative constitutional law scholars from the United States and Europe.

The colloquium builds on the leading work in comparative constitutional law of Prof. Mark Graber in his recent book, *Constitutional Democracy in Crisis?*, co-edited with Sanford Levinson and Mark Tushnet; and the recent work of Prof. Peter Danchin in international

law in a new global research partnership with Australian National University and Indiana University on “Navigating the Backlash Against Global Law and Institutions.”

For the inaugural semester, co-leaders Danchin and Graber welcomed 14 students, several Maryland Carey Law faculty members, and seven featured speakers. Each presentation was followed by commentary from one faculty member and one student, after which an open discussion ensued.

Maryland Carey Law professors took turns providing a first commentary after the presentations, and the students rotated to present their critiques. Besides Danchin and Graber, faculty commentators included Professors Richard Boldt, Paula Monopoli, Max Stearns, and Marley Weiss.

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Featured Spring 2020 Presenters

Peter Quint

Maryland Carey Law
Jacob A. France Professor
Emeritus of Constitutional Law
Topic: Development of Judicial
Review in Europe

Oran Doyle

Trinity College Dublin
Professor in Law
Topic: How to Establish National
Boundaries

Fernanda Nicola

American University Washington
College of Law
Professor of Law and Director,
International Organizations, Law
and Development
Topic: The Increasing Influence
of Courts on Foreign Policy

Aziz Huq

University of Chicago Law
School
Frank and Bernice J. Greenberg
Professor of Law, Mark Claster
Mamolen Teaching Scholar
Topic: Comparative
Impeachment Law

“The idea is to get students in the habit of thinking of themselves as professionals,” says Graber, explaining how the format prepares students to speak up in boardrooms and courtrooms alike. Instead of discussing a scholarly work guided by a professor, students are equal participants in a conversation with the scholars themselves. Visiting scholars included Prof. Oran Doyle from Trinity College in Ireland, Prof. Fernanda Nicola from American University in D.C., and Prof. Aziz Huq from the University of Chicago, with discussion topics ranging from comparative impeachment law to the influence of courts on foreign policy to establishing national boundaries.

Chukwukpee Nzegwu '20 was one of the advanced law students in the colloquium. He and his classmates were required to read the visiting scholars' work, sometimes still in process, write a reflection paper, and be prepared to speak up either as a commentator or during the discussion. Having the chance to engage as equals with top scholars from around the world, says Nzegwu, was “a really unique and valuable experience.”

When Huq, whose new book *How to Save a Constitutional Democracy* won the International Society of Public Law ICON-S Book Prize, was the class's featured scholar in February, the entire law school was also treated to a program in which Huq presented on his book,

followed by a panel of faculty commentators. Nzegwu, who has experience presenting at international conferences and was a star on the Maryland Carey Law National Trial Team, also presented a student commentary, which received high praise from attendees. Nzegwu's performance in the class was a factor in his selection by faculty for the Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chesnut Prize for scholarship at graduation.

Slated for the final two meetings were Assoc. Prof. Yvonne Tew from Georgetown Law and Distinguished Visiting Prof. Penelope Andrews from New York Law School. Their sessions were replaced with presentations by Danchin and Graber when Maryland Carey Law School classes went online because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Though meeting in person is preferable, now that they have experience delivering an online seminar, Graber and Danchin are confident they could easily incorporate distant scholars back into the class and see the advantage of a remote format in alleviating the burden of travel on scholars. “Whatever the format,” Graber says, “we are looking forward to a rich array of distinguished presenters and an even richer conversation among students committed to exploring the state of constitutional democracy throughout the world.” ■

Featured Spring 2020 Presenters Continued

Ioanna Tourkochoriti
NUI Galway
Visiting Fellow
Topic: Government Ability, Freedom of Speech, and Combatting Prejudice

Mark Graber
Maryland Carey Law
University of Maryland Regents Professor
Topic: Is There a Global Constitutionalism Crisis?

Peter Danchin
Maryland Carey Law
Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, Professor of Law, Director, International and Comparative Law Program
Topic: The Nature of a Written and Unwritten Constitution



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 - Michael Van Alstine

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Maryland Carey Law faculty members are thought leaders whose scholarship is consistently published by top journals and presses. What follows is just a sampling of scholarly work from fall 2019 through summer 2020.

Taunya Lovell Banks published “The Disappearing Public Toilet,” in *Seton Hall Law Review* (2020).

Andrew Blair-Stanek published “How the IRS Should Fight the COVID-19 Economic Crisis,” in *Tax Notes Federal* (2020).

Richard Boldt published “Community Health Workers and Behavioral Health Care” in the *Journal of Health Care Law & Policy* (2020) (with E. Chung).

Patricia Campbell published “University Inventions Reconsidered: Debunking the Myth of University Ownership” in the *William & Mary Business Law Review* (2019).

Karen Czapanskiy presented “Race, Class, and Environmental Justice” at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2020).

Peter Danchin published “Navigating the Backlash against Global Law and Institutions” in the *Australian Yearbook of International Law* (2020) (with Jeremy Farrall, Jolyon Ford, Shruti Rana, Imogen Saunders, and Daan Verhoeven).

Deborah Eisenberg presented “Beyond Settlement: Reconceptualizing ADR as ‘Process Strategy’” at the Experimental ADR Conference, University of Oregon School of Law (2020).

Martha Ertman published “The Cost of Non-Billable Work” in the *Texas Law Review Online* (2020).

Leigh Goodmark published “Gender, Protection Orders, and Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life: A Study of Protective Order Filings in Arizona” in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (2020) (with Alesha Durfee).

Mark Graber published “Overruling McCulloch” in the *University of Arkansas Law Review* (2019).

David Gray published “A Right to Go Dark (?)” in the *SMU Law Review* (2019).

Kathleen Hoke presented “Food Insecurity: Proposed Changes at the Federal Level and Maryland’s Responses” at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law event, Public Health on the Frontlines: Countering Law and Policy Challenges to State and Local Innovations (2020).

Seema Kakade published “Remedial Payments in Agency Enforcement” in the *Harvard Environmental Law Review* (2020).

Russell McClain published *The Guide to Belonging in Law School* (West Academic 2020).

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Michael Millemann published “Teaching Professional Responsibility through Theater” in the *Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal* (2020) (with Elliott Rauh, and Robert Bowie, Jr.).

Paula Monopoli published *Constitutional Orphan: Gender Equality and the Nineteenth Amendment* (Oxford University Press 2020).

William Moon published “Delaware’s New Competition” in *Northwestern University Law Review* (2020).

Robert Percival presented “Transnational Environmental Accountability” at the 2020 Joint Conference of the Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators Network (AELERT) and the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE) in Adelaide, Australia.

Michael Pinard published “Race Decriminalization and Criminal Legal System Reform” in the *NYU Law Review Online* (2020).

Amanda Pustilnik published the report “Priorities for Research and Care in Temporomandibular and Craniofacial Pain Disorders” for the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, National Academies Press (2020).

Natalie Ram published “Genetic Privacy After Carpenter” in the *Virginia Law Review* (2019).

Maneka Sinha presented “Firearms and Toolmarks Examination 101: Litigation Basics,” at the 2019 Georgia Public Defender Council Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Maureen Sweeney published “Enforcing/Protection: Arguing Against Chevron Deference in Asylum and Withholding of Removal Cases” in the *AILA Law Journal* (2020).

Kevin Tu presented on “Blockchain and the Law” at the University of New Mexico School of Law (2019).

Michael Van Alstine presented on “International Business Transactions” at the University of Nebraska School of Law (2019).

Marley Weiss presented “Does Labor Movement Presence Influence the Maintenance of a Democratic State? Some Comparative and Transnational Considerations,” at Cornell Law School (2019).



PERSPECTIVE:

PRIVACY AND THE PANDEMIC

By Prof. Natalie Ram



AS THE UNITED States struggles to contain the spread of COVID-19, epidemiological surveillance programs like digital contact tracing have been touted as a critical tool to enable states not only to reopen their economies, but also to do so without a resurgence of infections. During May and June 2020, members of Congress introduced multiple bills to regulate data collection, processing, and use in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, including for digital contact tracing.

Contact tracing has long been a central component of public health response to infectious disease. Traditionally, a contact tracer interviews infected individuals to identify all other individuals with whom they may have been in contact. A contact tracer then notifies these contacts that they may be infected, assists in monitoring for symptoms, and may instruct contacts to quarantine. Traditional contact tracing thus relies on skilled workers. Done well, contact tracing, in combination with widespread testing and quarantining of contacts, can short circuit pathways of infection. As of June 2020, more than 1,400 contact tracers were already at work throughout the state of Maryland.

Many jurisdictions have also expressed interest in utilizing digital data to assist the work of human contact tracers, if not replace it. Should the United States—or any individual state—embrace digital contact tracing, and how might such a program be structured to maximize its asserted benefits while limiting its harms? In a recent paper, my Maryland Carey Law colleague David Gray and I argue that the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution supplies an answer.

The Fourth Amendment guarantees that “[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated.” This protection likely regulates the use of location data for epidemiological purposes, as private app developers are likely to be deemed state agents for purposes of the Fourth Amendment. Policymakers nonetheless have substantial latitude to develop these epidemiological programs within the broad constraints of the “special needs” doctrine. Significantly, special needs searches generally do not require a warrant.

But the special doctrine does not sign a constitutional blank check, permitting unregulated and mass digital location tracking. The Fourth Amendment requires prospective constraints on searches and the discretionary authority of agents to conduct them. Policymakers must ask hard questions about efficacy, including the comparative advantages of digital location tracking versus

more traditional contact tracing methods. There are good reasons to be skeptical. Current consumer location tracking tools—whether GPS or Bluetooth—are insufficiently precise to capture only close contacts, and they cannot account for beneficial features like mask wearing. Moreover, a lack of robust social supports may make quarantine economically infeasible for many. Without appropriate technological and social infrastructure, digital contact tracing is likely to sacrifice substantial privacy for only a myth of public health benefit.

Even if the public health benefits of digital contact tracing can be established, the Fourth Amendment requires that policymakers take threats to privacy seriously. Robust programmatic safeguards must be put in place to secure both privacy and liberty, including limitations on data gathering, aggregation, storage, access, analysis, and use. In particular, data gathered and stored for contact tracing must not be used beyond its justified purpose. Permitting law enforcement or immigration officials to access this data would both undermine public trust (and hence the efficacy of any program) and make such searches constitutionally unjustified.

Finally, policymakers must set clear plans for decommissioning surveillance programs. Under such a framework, we may yet achieve legitimate public health goals as we face COVID-19 while also living up to our constitutional commitments. ■

PERSPECTIVE:

IMPRACTICABILITY & FRUSTRATION IN A TIME OF COVID-19

By Prof. Michael Van Alstine

THE COVID-19 pandemic has brought economic devastation on a scale scarcely imaginable only a few months ago. In the process, it also has undermined the rights and obligations under innumerable contracts. Tenants now struggle to make lease payments and homeowners to keep current on mortgage obligations. Businesses small and large have seen their revenues evaporate, but grapple with continuing payments under long-term loans. And whole industries—airlines, restaurants, hotels—are facing an existential crisis.

As a general proposition, however, contract liability is strict liability. That is, a person is obligated to fulfill contractual promises—to make rental payments, repay loans, pay for ordered supplies—“even if circumstances have made the contract more burdensome or less desirable” than anticipated (as stated by the Maryland Court of Appeals, quoting the Second Restatement of Contracts). The COVID pandemic nonetheless has brought to the fore two relatively obscure doctrines of contract law that may be relevant in such circumstances: impracticability of performance and frustration of purpose.

Essentially flip sides of the same conceptual coin, these twin “excuses” proceed from the same premise: A person is not liable for breach of contract if an unforeseeable event fundamentally undermines the parties’ shared expectations at the time the contract was formed.

“Impracticability” applies if the event is an impediment to a party’s performance under the contract. “Frustration” applies if the event destroys a party’s purpose for entering into the contract in the first place. To prevail under either excuse, the affected party also must show that it was not at fault for causing the event and that the event was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of contract formation.

The doctrines are obscure for the simple reason that they almost never succeed. Most often, a claimant fails because a court concludes that the event in fact was reasonably foreseeable (or in other words, that the affected party assumed the risk that it would occur). They have reasoned in this vein that a party should not be able to escape freely assumed obligations if it could have protected itself—through an appropriate contractual provision—from the effects of the foreseeable event.

The COVID-19 pandemic, however, may be different. For many recent contracts, courts quite likely will conclude that the occurrence of the pandemic was contrary to the shared expectations of parties, that the event has had a fundamental effect on a party’s performance or purpose under the contract, and (obviously) that neither party was at fault for causing it. And, unusually, the courts very well may conclude that the pandemic was not “reasonably” foreseeable for contracts concluded before early this year (except for specialist epidemiologists).



Even if that is the case, the remedy may not be all that appealing. Some parties may well have a right to cancel contracts for the future. Otherwise, however, the courts have substantial discretion to grant relief “as justice requires”—and this certainly involves consideration of the interests of the other party. Thus, even if they apply, the excuses likely will not extinguish, for example, the obligation of an occupying tenant to pay accrued rent, or of a homeowner to become current on overdue mortgage payments, or of a restaurant to pay for delivered supplies.

In any event, the doctrines are certain to rise from obscurity in the weeks and months to come. Indeed, it is quite probable that notions of “impracticability of performance” and “frustration of purpose” will take center stage as our society continues to grapple with the economic impacts of the most significant public health crisis in modern history. ■

EVENTS



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Honoring the Class of 2020

Last spring, we were saddened to be prohibited from celebrating our graduating class with traditional events because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we can't wait to hold an in-person celebration when it is safe to do so. Meanwhile, we recognized our graduates in the moment with a special edition digital yearbook. Featuring student pages; messages from faculty, staff, and alumni; a photo album; and a complete listing of this year's recipients of graduation awards and recognitions, the website is a collection of memories and inspiration honoring the unforgettable Class of 2020.

These are some voices from the yearbook. Enjoy the entire yearbook at mclyearbook.com.



"With the COVID-19 crisis hitting in your final semester, you have faced challenges that no other class has seen, showing remarkable perseverance and adaptability."
-Dean Donald Tobin



"Your lives have been built for this moment in history."
-Prof. Michael Pinard



"You graduate with a set of skills that you can use to make people's lives better."
-Prof. Leigh Goodmark



"It means the world to know the time and care that the professors have put into their courses both before and after the pandemic. They have always been there for us, and I would not be here without the wonderful professors we have at Maryland Carey Law." -Bianca Spinosa '20, JD



"Reflect upon your training - see the alternatives that are already there. Move forward - you will succeed. While the times are challenging - what a wonderful opportunity to shine!" -Elva E. Tillman



"Thank you to Dean Edwards and all my professors for assisting me in tough times and challenging me to push myself to keep going." -Amanda Ri'Chard '20, MSL



"Thank you for your support and encouragements as I took small, yet profound, steps to become a young professional." -Porter (Shi) Yang '20, JD, UMB Student Commencement Speaker



"It was a privilege of a lifetime to have done my legal studies at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law." -Abraham NuQuay '20, LLM

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Note: In mid-March, all remaining spring and summer in-person events at Maryland Carey Law were canceled, postponed, or moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.

Stuart Rome Lecture

October 24, 2019
The Law and Health Care Program welcomed Prof. Allison Hoffman as the 2019 Stuart Rome Lecturer to discuss “How Economics Fails Health Law.” Hoffman teaches at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics.

2.

Judicial Reception

November 6, 2019
Students enjoyed a valuable opportunity to network with more than 50 judges at the annual Maryland Carey Law Judicial Reception, making it the most highly attended in the event’s six-year history.

3.

Scholarship Luncheon

November 15, 2019
Alumni and friends of Maryland Carey Law gathered to connect with fellow supporters and students past and present who have been impacted by their generosity. Jason ’00 and Toni St. John ’01 (pictured) delivered joint remarks at the luncheon.

4.

Fedder Lecture

November 22, 2019
The Environmental Law Program hosted nearly 200 alumni and friends for its annual Fedder Lecture. This year’s lecture was delivered by Prof. Jingjing Zhang, director of the law school’s Transnational Environmental Accountability (TEA) Project.

5.

Regional Alumni Receptions

Fall 2019
Alumni in several regions across the U.S. had the opportunity to reconnect with fellow graduates at meet-ups in D.C., Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City, and Chicago. Receptions were also held for alumni in Baltimore and surrounding Maryland counties.

6.

Just Mercy Screening

January 23, 2020
Maryland Carey Law hosted a movie screening of “Just Mercy,” the story of lawyer and activist Bryan Stevenson’s tireless quest to overturn his innocent client’s death sentence. Organized by Maya Foster ’22 with the support of the law school administration, the event also included a thought-provoking discussion led by faculty experts in the issues surrounding criminal and death penalty cases.

7.

High School Students Visit

January 31, 2020
Two hundred Prince George’s County high school students filled the seats at Maryland Carey Law to experience what law school is all about. In addition to mock classes and panel discussions, students were treated to remarks from former judge and legendary lawyer, William “Billy” Murphy, Jr. ’69.

8.

Cardin Talks Impeachment Vote

February 6, 2020
One day after the Senate’s historic vote to acquit President Donald Trump of impeachment charges, U.S. Sen. Benjamin Cardin ’67, a Democrat from Maryland and a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, shared his thoughts on the trial with students in an hourlong discussion.

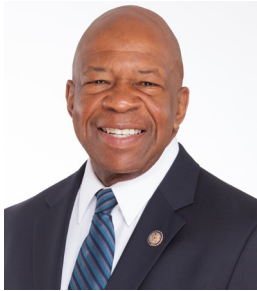
9.

Myerowitz Finals

March 11, 2020
The Myerowitz Competition provides students the opportunity to become full members of the Moot Court Board. Finalists in this year’s competition argued around a hypothetical involving the pending deportation of a homeless refugee who violated an anti-camping ordinance.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Every spring, the Maryland Carey Law community celebrates alumni during Alumni Weekend. With an executive order keeping Marylanders at home during the height of the COVID-19 crisis in April, 2020 Alumni Weekend activities were canceled or postponed, including a special event celebrating the 2020 Alumni Honors. Below are the 2020 honorees.



Lifetime Achievement Award The Hon. Elijah E. Cummings '76 (posthumously)

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given by the Alumni Board at the discretion of the dean. This year's honor is awarded posthumously to Elijah Cummings, who dedicated his life to public service. He is only the second recipient since the award's establishment in 2016. At the time of his death, Cummings was in his 13th term advocating for Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Distinguished Graduate Award M. Natalie McSherry '74

The Distinguished Graduate Award is presented to an alum who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the community. McSherry, a principal at Kramon & Graham, is recognized as one of Maryland's preeminent trial attorneys and is a leader in providing and expanding pro bono legal services to low-income Marylanders.



Mary Ellen Barbera '84 Judicial Excellence Award The Hon. Clayton Greene, Jr. '76

The Judicial Excellence Award is presented to an alum who exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence, displays extraordinary courage, energy, and tenacity in the handling of controversial and difficult cases as well as embodies strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant. Recently retired, Judge Greene's distinguished career included serving at all four levels of the Maryland Judiciary.

Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award Meghan Marsh '96

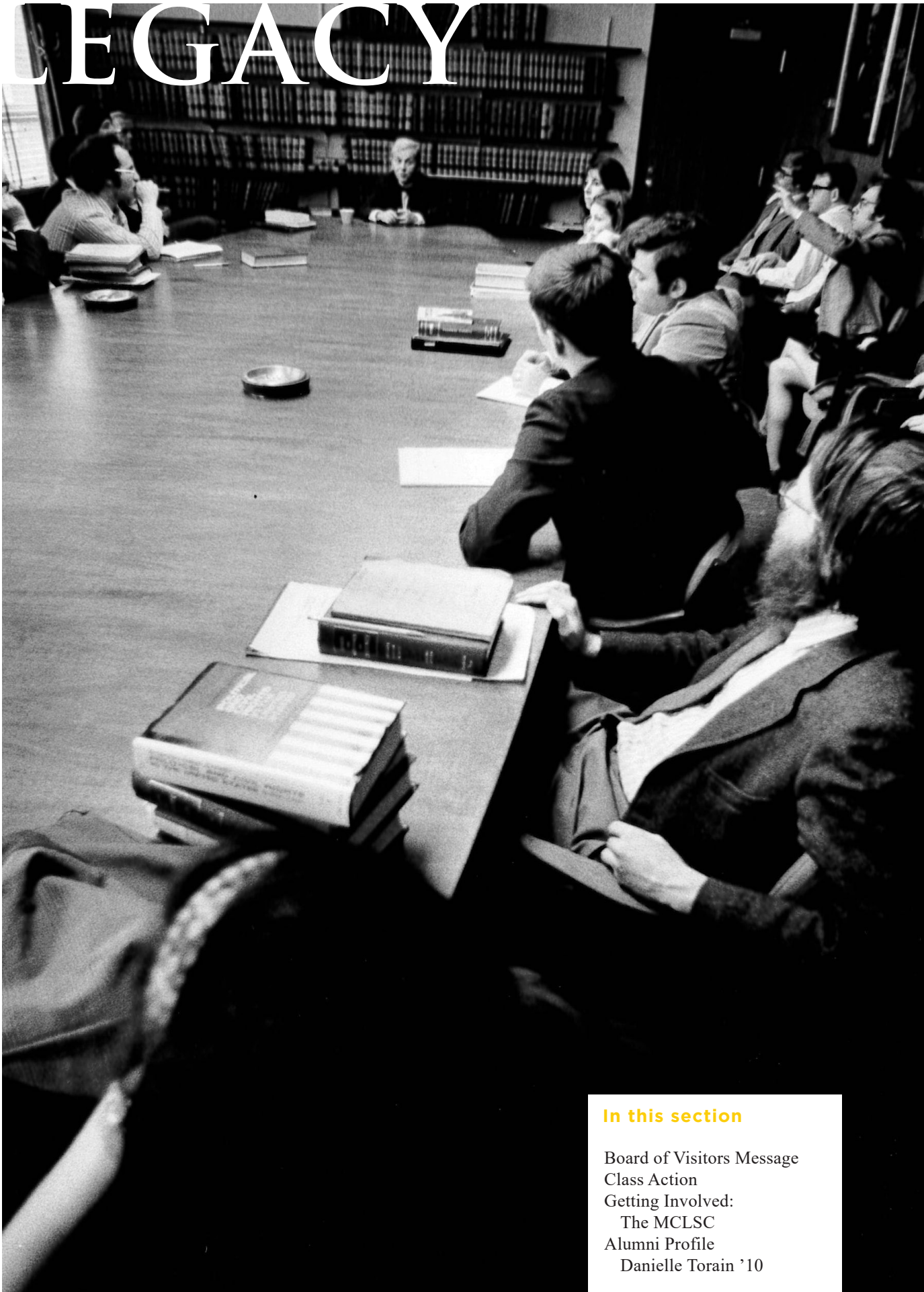
The Public Service Award is presented to an alum who has demonstrated significant and substantial contributions to furthering ideals of public service in the law. Marsh is director of operations at Disability Rights Maryland, a non-profit legal advocacy organization representing clients in civil rights cases for persons with disabilities.



Rising Star Award Michelle McLeod '10

The Rising Star Award recognizes a recent graduate whose exemplary contributions of service and leadership, either professionally or at Maryland Carey Law, have brought credit to the graduate and this institution. McLeod is an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division where she litigates complex civil rights cases in the division's Voting Section and Housing and Civil Enforcement Section.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF VISITORS LEADERSHIP



Greetings to the Maryland Carey Law community. My name is Howard Kurman, and I am honored to begin my service as chair of the Board of Visitors. I am a proud graduate of the Class of 1975 and have served on the board since 2014.

In early March, I hosted an alumni event at my firm, Offit Kurman, for Double Terps like myself who attended the University of Maryland, College Park for undergrad and went on to Maryland Carey Law for their legal education. None of us could anticipate that just a few weeks later the school would need to shift its entire operation to a remote format, postpone Alumni Weekend, and cancel all other in-person programming indefinitely. Like many of you, I looked forward to celebrating my reunion this year and connecting with friends and classmates, old and new. The world had a different plan, and the festivities are on hold.

The Board of Visitors has continued to conduct its meetings virtually, but we all miss that in-person connection, chatting

with students and faculty in the halls, and getting together at alumni receptions and other community events. We are all facing challenges, personally and professionally. While I do not know what the future has in store, I am confident in the strength of the Maryland Carey Law community and know we will persevere. I welcome you to reach out to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations (410-706-2070 or alumni@law.umaryland.edu) with any ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

I thank you all for your continued support of our students, our faculty, and our law school. Now more than ever the next generation of Maryland Carey Law alumni will need our guidance and mentorship, and I know we are up to the task.

I am wishing each of you good health, and look forward to seeing you, whether it be on a Zoom webinar or in-person, when the time is right. ■

Howard K. Kurman '75
Chair, Board of Visitors



“I am humbled to have this opportunity to help guide a distinguished institution like Maryland Carey Law through our current times. More than ever, our state and nation needs leaders who are well-grounded legally and academically – and who can embrace diverse perspectives and backgrounds. I look forward to working with Chairman Kurman, the board and the entire Maryland Carey Law community in positioning our great school for the future.”

-Tamika Tremaglio '95
Vice Chair, Board of Visitors

CLASS ACTION

1950s

Arnold Weiner '57 was honored at the eighth Simon E. Sobelhoff Award Reception and Dinner.

1960s

Herbert Belgrad '61 was named “Lawyer of the Year” in the Baltimore region by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Guy Maseritz '66 was selected as an Esteemed Listee in Marquis *Who's Who in America* (2019).

Mark Dopkin '67 was named by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

University of Maryland, College Park Main Administration Building was named for the **Hon. Thomas “Mike” Miller, Jr. '67** who was also named in *The Daily Record*'s 2019 list of Icon Honors winners.

James Constable '68 was named in *The Daily Record*'s 2019 list of Icon Honors winners.

1970s

Randall Lutz '70 joined Pessin Katz Law.

William Sammons '70 was named by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Charles Moran '71 was recognized by *Chambers USA* in its 2020 rankings.

Glenn Cooper '73 was named to the 2020 *Super Lawyers for Maryland*.

David Irwin '73 joined Kramon & Graham, P.A.

Robert Curran '74 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Natalie McSherry '74 was honored at the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's 40th annual Distinguished Women Awards and recognized for legal excellence and client service by the 2020 legal ranking guide, *Chambers USA*.

Deborah Hunt Devan '75 received a Pro Bono Service Award from the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center.

Stephen Fruin '75 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Lee Ogburn '75 was recognized for legal excellence and client service by the 2020 legal ranking guide, *Chambers USA*.

Evelyn Darden '76 was inducted into the Howard County Women's Hall of Fame and inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame.

The Hon. Clayton Greene, Jr. '76 retired from Maryland's highest court.

John Karas '76 was named trustee emeritus by the John Carroll School Board of Trustees.

Alan Grochal '77 was named by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

John Isbister '77 was named by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

The Hon. Martin Welch '77 received the 2019 the Anselm Sodaro Judicial Civility Award from the Maryland State Bar Association.

Harriet Cooperman '78 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* as a Lifetime Achievement honoree and named to the 2019 Corporate Employment Lawyers Hall of Fame by *Lawdragon and Human Resources Management* magazine.

George Lawler '78 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

J. Michael McGuire '78 was named “Lawyer of the Year” by *Best Lawyers in America*® for Labor-Law Management.

MITCHELL SILK '86

Mitchell Silk '86 was named assistant secretary of the treasury for international markets and development.



Tracy Brown '79 received the Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award from the Women's Law Center of Maryland.

Emerson Dorsey, Jr. '79 was named by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Caroline Harris '79 was profiled in CityLand.

Harry Johnson '79 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020 and named in *The Daily Record's* 2019 list of Icon Honors winners.

1980s

Timmy Ruppertsberger '80 was named to the Baltimore County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Paul Tiburzi '80 was named in *The Daily Record's* 2019 list of Icon Honors winners.

Chief Judge Wanda Keyes Heard '82 retired and was named in *The Daily Record's* 2019 list of Icon Honors winners.

William Carrier, III '83 was named by *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Alan Cason '83 was named a 2020 Influential Marylander.

Sam Faddis '83 spoke at Keystone College Constitution Day.

Dr. Arthur Appleton '84 published "Globalization and Pandemics: Global Problems Require Global Responses."

The Hon. Bruce Friedman '84 was appointed to the district court in Baltimore County by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Joy Sakamoto-Wengel '85 received the Pro Bono Service Award from the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center.

PAUL FIORAVANTI, JR. '97

Paul Fioravanti, Jr. '97 was confirmed as vice chancellor of Delaware's Court of Chancery.



Kathleen Birrane '86 was appointed Maryland Insurance Commissioner.

Gardner Duvall '86 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Brian Gibbons '87 was inducted into BGE & *The Baltimore Sun's* Business & Civic Hall of Fame.

Irwin Kramer '87 was honored by the Maryland State Bar Association with the David Hjortsberg Award.

The Hon. Richard Trunnell '87 was appointed to the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court.

Elizabeth Wiggins '87 was appointed to succeed James Eaglin as the Federal Judicial Center's director of research division.

Phyllis Hildreth '88 filled a vacancy on the Community Oversight Board.

Charlton Howard, III '88 was appointed Maryland state prosecutor.

Wesley Payne '88 was elected president of the Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Jonathan Flora '89 joined Ballard Spahr LLP.

Rose Matricciani '89 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Henry Talavera '89 was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law category.

The Hon. Halee Weinstein '89 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

1990s

Robert Carney '90 was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2020.

Mary Roby Sanders '90 was named to *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

Jack Condliffe '91 received the Pro Bono Service Award from the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center.

Darren Kadish '91 began his term as president of the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

Trish Weaver '91 was appointed litigation practice co-chair for Paley Rothman.

Jay Hancock '92 was named state and local tax practice leader by LBMC.

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Laura Henninger '92 was elected chair of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees.

Prof. Kathleen Hoke '92 received the inaugural UMB Presidential Core Values Award for Excellence.

Jon Laria '92 was recognized by Chambers USA in its 2020 rankings.

Cynthia Penny-Ardinger '92 was appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to the Maryland Transportation Authority Board.

Jodi Cavanaugh '93 joined the Habitat for Humanity Choptank board of directors.

Nancy Loube '93 was promoted to vice president at Brunswick Corporation.

Shari Crittendon '94 was appointed general counsel at Kansas State University.

Michael Field '94 was named senior policy advisor in the Baltimore County Executive office.

Andrew Jezic '94 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Steven Anderson '95 received a 2020 American Association of Law Libraries Hall of Fame award.

Alexandre Rene '95 was chosen as a 2020 Rainmaker by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

Tamika Tremaglio '95 was named to *Washingtonian's* Most Powerful Women in Washington.

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks '96 was spotlighted by *The Washington Post* for her leadership of Prince

George's County during the COVID-19 crisis and named to *Washingtonian's* Most Powerful Women in Washington.

Rich Benenson '96 began a term as Brownstein's managing partner.

Jeff Greene '96 is now director of the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

The Hon. Mark Carmean '97 was named to the Calvert County Circuit Court.

STACIE TOBIN '92

Stacie Tobin '92 was named new partner-in-charge of Venable LLP's Baltimore office.



Barry Gogel '97 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Nancy Greene '97 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Deacon Darryl Kelley '97 was awarded John Carroll Society's 2019 Pro Bono Legal Service Award.

Virginia Rowthorn '97 was promoted to assistant vice president for global engagement at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Michael Stodghill '97 was promoted to managing attorney at GEICO's Claims Legal.

Ilana Subar '97 was listed among 2020 *Super Lawyers*.

Paul Dietze, PhD '98 joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP's Life Sciences Industry Team.

N. Gordon Knox '98 joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the firm's Real Estate Practice Group, Baltimore office.

K. Nichole Nesbitt '99 was named chair of The Network of Trial Law Firms for 2020.

Lila Shapiro-Cyr '99 was recognized by Chambers USA in its 2020 rankings.

Jason Weiner '99 was named to the Baltimore County Economic Development Advisory Board.

2000s

Mojdeh Bahar '00 was appointed associate director for innovation and industry services for the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Peter Burstein '00 was named president and CEO of Units Storage of Baltimore.

Amy Cavero Much '00 was named vice president of legal at Protenus.

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Jason St. John '00 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* and named to the Baltimore County Economic Development Advisory Board.

The Hon. Del. Charles Sydnor '00 was appointed to fill a state Senate seat.

James Benjamin, Jr. '01 was named Baltimore County attorney and appointed to the Maryland Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission.

Sara Fidler '01 was named president of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA).

The Hon. Michael Siri '01 was appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to the District Court in Baltimore County.

Timothy Adelman '02 was named general counsel and chief legal officer of Luminis Health.

Jessica Bowman '02 is now executive director for the Plant Based Products Council.

Toby Treem Guerin '02 was selected for the Robert M. Bell Award for Outstanding Contributions to ADR in Maryland.

Rudhir Krishtel '02 wrote an article for the ABA's *GP Solo Magazine* called "To Young Lawyers on Practicing Mindfulness."

Kathryn Christensen Mills '02 was named to *The Hill's* Top Lobbyists 2019.

Michael Pedone '02 was appointed chief legal counsel by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Michelle Daugherty Siri '02 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Shayon Smith '02 was named a 2019 Minority Corporate Counsel Association Rising Star.

The Hon. Matthew Solomson '02 was confirmed by the Senate to the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Laura Hammel '03 spoke at the AIPLA "Women in IP" event in Rio de Janeiro.

Ranak Jasani '03 was named to *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

David Robbins '03 rejoined Jenner & Block as a partner and co-chair of the firm's Government Contracts Practice.

Tracy Steedman '03 was named to *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

The Hon. LaKeecia Allen '04 was named to *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women list and was appointed to the Prince George's County District Court bench by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Leonard Kelly '04 received a Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service pro bono award.

Gregory Schwab '04 was appointed general counsel of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Stacy Hege Tapke '04 was placed on the Columbus East High School Wall of Fame.

The Hon. H. James West '04 was named county administrative judge of the Circuit Court for Charles County by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Jessica Meeder '05 led the opening of the Washington office of FeganScott.

Julie Reddig '05 was named a 2019 Leading Women honoree and selected for the Women Who Lead Initiative class of 2020 by *The Daily Record*.

Melanie Santiago-Mosier '05 was named to *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

Laura Boone '06 was named senior program officer for Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, WV.

Aaron Casagrande '06 was named to *Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under* Hotlist.

Jennifer Curry '06 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

Jim Heinen, Jr. '06 was elected equity partner at Armstrong Teasdale.

AVA LIAS-BOOKER '86

Ava Lias-Booker '86 was named to *Savoy's* Most Influential Women in Corporate America list and an honoree for *Baltimore Business Journal's* Leaders in Diversity 2020.



Delora Sanchez Ifekauche '06 was selected by *The Daily Record* for the Women Who Lead Initiative class of 2020.

Marshall Klein '06 was honored at *Baltimore Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 event and appointed to the Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation board of directors.

Scott Lloyd '06 was promoted from counsel to principal at Offit Kurman.

Caitlin McDonough '06 was named to *The Daily Record's* 2019 VIP List.

Amy Petkovsek '06 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Jaymi Sterling '06 was promoted to deputy state's attorney with the St. Mary's County state's attorney office.

Lauren Capitini '07 joined Husch Blackwell's Banking & Finance Practice in Madison, Wisconsin.

Jason Downs '07 was appointed chief deputy attorney general for the office of the attorney general (OAG) for the District of Columbia.

William Gamgort '07 was elected partner at Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP.

Andrew Katzenberg '07 was selected as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Matthew Klaiber '07 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* as a Generation J.D. honoree.

April Birnbaum Mackoff '07 was named to *The Daily Record's* 2019 VIP List.

Cara O'Brien '07 was named a 2019 Leading Women honoree and to the Women Who Lead Initiative class of 2020 by *The Daily Record*.

THE HON. WILLIAM FERGUSON, IV '10

Bill Ferguson '10 was confirmed as president of the Maryland Senate.



Alicia Wilson '07 was listed among the nation's most influential executives by *Savoy* magazine.

Nina Basu '08 was named to *The Daily Record's* 2019 VIP List.

Ellen Dew '08 received a Pro Bono Service Award from the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center.

Gregory Emrick '08 joined Offit Kurman.

Jennifer Fox '08 was named a 2019 Leading Women honoree by *The Daily Record*.

Jeffrey Greenberg '08 was named Baker Donelson's Pro Bono Committee office chair for Baltimore.

Matthew Hinker '08 joined O'Melveny's Restructuring Practice Group.

Christine Jochim '08 was appointed chair of Groundwork Denver's board of directors at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

Sebastian Kurian '08 was named a 2019 Minority Corporate Counsel Association Rising Star.

Melissa Martinez '08 was honored at *Baltimore Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 event.

Marcus Wang '08 was appointed chair of the Baltimore County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Brandon Draper '09 was elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation and published "Zoom Justice: When Constitutional Rights Collide in Cyberspace" for the *Northwestern University Law Review*.

Amy Hennen '09 was promoted to director of advocacy and financial stabilization at Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service.

Geoffrey Kravitz '09 was named Sunderland town administrator.

2010s

Christopher Dahl '10 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

Cara Frieman '10 was selected by *The Daily Record* for the Women Who Lead Initiative class of 2020.

Joshua Kahn '10 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

Christopher Sweeney '10 joined the Washington, D.C. construction law practice of Cozen O'Connor.

Danielle Torain '10 was named director of Open Society Institute-Baltimore.

Natalie Amato '11 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* as a Generation J.D. honoree.

Emily Billig '11 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

Amy Caiazza '11 was elected partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

Beth Evans '11 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

Louis Malick '11 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

David Pantzer '11 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Serra Schlanger '11 was named director at Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, P.C.

William Tilburg '11 was named executive director at the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission for the Maryland Department of Health.

Matthew Williamson '11 was named solicitor general of the State Court of Walker County.

Hughes Naizy '12 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

Justin Redd '12 was named to the 2020 edition of *Maryland Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars."

Hillary Scholten '12 announced her campaign for Congress in Michigan's 3rd District.

Eric Smith '12 was elected to Nelson Mullins' partnership in the firm's Greenville office.

MARC BROADY '16

Marc Broady '16 was hired by Weller Development as vice president of community impact.



Sarah Rose David '13 was named a 2019 Leading Women honoree by *The Daily Record*.

Daniel Davis '13 was appointed chair of the Florida Bar Clients' Security Fund for the 2019-2020 term.

Letam Duson '13 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* as a Generation J.D. honoree.

Carlos "CJ" Santos '13 was appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to the Maryland Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

James Valentine '13 was named a 2019 RARE Champion of Hope.

Laura Dunn '14 was named a 2019 Leading Women honoree by *The Daily Record*.

Mallory Finn '14 was named to *The Daily Record's* 2019 VIP List.

Sarah Mersky '14 was named to *The Daily Record's* 2019 VIP List.

Robert Moss '14 joined J. Alexander Law Firm's Dallas office.

Alyssa Navarrete Thorn '14 was selected as a 2019 Leading Women honoree and to the Women Who Lead Initiative class of 2020 by *The Daily Record*.

Alyssa Domzal '15 was named co-chair of the Urban Land Institute Baltimore's Revitalization & Reuse Product Council.

Clifford Glover III '15 was named a "Top 40 Under 40" lawyer by *The National Black Lawyers*.

Anthony May '15 was awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* as a Generation J.D. honoree and received a Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) pro bono award.

Alexandra Stulpin '15 joined Comengo Law Group.

Susan DuMont '16 was honored with a Pro Bono Advocate Award by Miles & Stockbridge.

Alexandria Montanio '16 was named corporate social responsibility administrator at Gordon Feinblatt LLC and awarded 2020 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record* as a Generation J.D. honoree.

Joe Sweeny '16 was sworn in as a director on the Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter's board of directors and as chair of the chapter's young lawyer's division.

Ashley Wetzel '16 joined Wilson Elser.

Jarrett Horowitz '17 joined Connolly Gallagher.

Anika Jones '17 was named a 2019 Leading Women honoree by *The Daily Record*.

Zoe Kerasidis '17 joined Pessin Katz Law P.A. as an associate in the firm's wealth preservation group.

Yvette Pappoe '17 was named a "Top 40 Under 40" lawyer in Maryland by *The National Black Lawyers*.

Drew Ricci '17 joined the labor and employment group at Pessin Katz Law P.A. as an associate.

Hannah Bondurant '18 joined Baxter Baker.

Emily Bryant-Álvarez '18 joined Delaware law firm Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

Joseph Ecker '18 joined Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP.

Taylor McAuliffe '18 was honored with a Pro Bono Advocate Award by Miles & Stockbridge.

Katherine Rodriguez '18 joined Semmes Bowen & Semmes as an associate.

Brett Turlington '18 joined Delaware law firm Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

Sam Williamson '18 was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to aid homeless LGBTQ youth in Baltimore.

Sarah Wicks '19 served as keynote speaker at University of Minnesota's Rare Disease Day.

Kaitlyn Holzer '20 received the inaugural UMB Presidential Core Values Award for leadership.

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MARYLAND CAREY LAW SCHOOL CLUB

Members of the Maryland Carey Law School Club (MCLSC) are philanthropic leaders committed to sustaining the law school's ability to educate future leaders and shape law and policy. Donors who give \$1,000 or more during the fiscal year (July 1–June 30) become members of the MCLSC.

MEET THE CO-CHAIRS



Ranjit S. Dhindsa '95
Partner, Hollingsworth LLP

“I support Maryland Carey Law because the school transforms diverse students into passionate, empowered, inspired catalysts who advocate for equal justice, safeguard fundamental legal rights of clients, transform communities and society at large, and exercise leadership to promote the egalitarianism paramount to our democracy.”



The Hon. Marcella A. Holland '83
Senior Judge, Circuit Court
for Baltimore City

“I support Maryland Carey Law School at the MCLSC level because the law school gave me the legal and networking background that jump started my legal career, which eventually led me to become Maryland's first African American female Administrative Judge. Diversity and inclusion are very important to me and still much needed in the legal profession, so I give because I want to reach back and make it possible for minority law students to gain that same legal education and opportunity.”



Bryan K. Saxton '09
Managing Member,
Saxton Law

“I support Maryland Carey Law because I believe in the importance of giving back. I was fortunate to receive financial assistance to attend Maryland Carey Law as the Osborne Scholar. That experience enabled me to do things I would not have been able to otherwise. Giving is my way of helping others to have similar experiences.”



Sarah Shepson '19
Associate,
Covington & Burling LLP

“Attending Maryland Carey Law was made possible for me through the generous donations of our community. As a recent graduate, supporting Maryland Carey Law at the MCLSC level is particularly attainable at a reduced introductory rate, and I encourage other graduates to seek out these great opportunities to easily expand your philanthropic impact.”

In addition to helping create a legacy of legal excellence, MCLSC membership benefits include access to special events and exclusive updates from Maryland Carey Law. For more information about the MCLSC, visit:
www.law.umaryland.edu/Alumni/Ways-to-Give/MCLSC

UNSTOPPABLE

Alumni Profile: Danielle Torain '10

By Chris Quirk

POWERHOUSE, DYNAMO, FORCE OF nature. These are some of the words that come to mind as you listen to Danielle Torain '10 talk about her work and her ambitions.

Torain has dedicated her career to public service and took the helm as executive director of the Open Society Institute (OSI)-Baltimore in January. The Open Society Institute is part of Open Society Foundations' global network of philanthropic institutions dedicated to advancing equality and justice. Its sole field office in the United States, the Baltimore office focuses on the root causes of drug addiction, an over-reliance on incarceration, and obstacles that impede youth in succeeding in and out of the classroom.

"At OSI, we leverage and really maximize what resources we have to catalyze change," Torain says. "That might mean building community infrastructure, partnering with local agencies to think about how to fortify their capacities, driving public and private resources to local communities, supporting the work of local grassroots leaders and social entrepreneurs, and facilitating dialog to get folks thinking about strategy and plans for action together."

Torain's interest in studying law came from her desire to sharpen her effectiveness in the public service sector with a keener understanding of institutional mechanisms. "I was very curious about how those macro frameworks impact the day-to-day lives and experiences of people. A mentor recommended law school because it would give me a clearer picture of that, and of the connections between systems. Over time, I've also found and appreciated that my legal education additionally equipped me with the analytical and technical skills needed to deconstruct and reconstruct policies, systems and institutions in my day-to-day work. This grew into my current passion for and focus on building and resourcing a more sustainable infrastructure for positive change in Baltimore and other places like it."



The Baltimore native credits some of the unique facets of Maryland Carey Law with preparing her for the practical challenges of her professional career. "At one point I was working with the Baltimore Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice on innovative court models and community-based alternatives to youth detention and incarceration. I had learned about that at Maryland Carey Law already, which was kind of a unique area to cover in law school at the time," she says. "In addition, I attended the Evening Program, as I was working full time, and that added a layer of depth to my education in ways I could not have imagined beforehand. Although it was not always easy for me, as a working student, I was applying things I was learning every day in a very real way."

During and after law school, Torain built an impressive resume reflecting her deep dedication to public service. Besides working in the mayor's office in multiple capacities, she was senior director of strategy and development at the Center for Urban Families, an executive at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a senior consultant for Frontline Solutions, a social justice-oriented firm, and founder and principal of her own boutique consulting practice, before signing on to lead OSI-Baltimore. All before the age of 40.

Her talent at balancing the pragmatic and the holistic is part of what makes Torain an effective leader. "I've always found myself in this role of connecting people and connecting worlds and seeing things from a macro perspective, but understanding how to roll up my sleeves and dive in to help people to make those connections to enact change," says Torain. "I think that comes from a belief that it's not just what we're trying to achieve, but it's how we're achieving it, and who we achieve it with, that is so important, and often transformative." ■

- June Auerbach '55
- Joseph Baumgartner, Jr. '55
- C. Peter Beler '54
- Lois Berge '73
- Allan Blumberg '59
- David Bodley '89
- Steven Charles '71
- John Clark, Jr. '80
- Timothy Clarke, Sr. '71
- Richard Cover '57
- The Hon. Elijah Cummings '76
- Thomas D'Alesandro, III '52
- Mathias DeVito '56
- John Ditto, Jr. '58
- Roger Eldridge '00
- Edgar Feingold '58
- Patricia Ferraris '89
- Harry Fox '69
- Allan Gerson '72
- Col. James Gleason '73
- Marilyn Goldstein '85
- Ruthellen Hammer '53
- V. Lanny Harchenhorn '70
- Clyde Hartz '63
- Dennis Henderson '72
- L. Stephen Hess '60
- Michael Jackley '70
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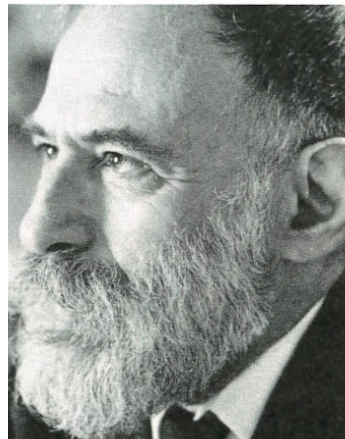
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Editor's Note

The fall 2019 issue of Maryland Carey Law Magazine mistakenly placed the Hon. Dorothy J. Wilson '90 on the In Memoriam list. We extend our deepest apologies for this misprint.

OSCAR S. GRAY

Jacob A. France Professor Emeritus of Torts



ONE OF THE nation's preeminent torts scholars and a beloved faculty member, Oscar S.

Gray died Oct. 3, 2019. "Oscar was an extremely impressive and special person," says Dean Donald Tobin, "who had a huge impact on Maryland Carey Law and U.S. tort law."

Gray was the son of a furrier whose initial shop was located on Paca St. in Baltimore. He decided to attend Yale Law School because, as he said in a 2011 interview, "law [is] a mechanism for bringing about social change, and ... a way—perhaps the most striking way—of fighting for the righting of wrongs." At Yale he was introduced to torts by Harry Shulman and Fleming James and worked as a research assistant with Fowler Harper.

After his 1951 law school graduation, Gray began his career as an attorney-adviser at the Legal Adviser's Office of the U.S. Department of State. From 1957 until 1971, he was vice president and director of a nuclear materials startup company and served as special counsel to the President's Task Force on Communications Policy. He was also acting director of the Office of Environmental Impact for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Gray joined the faculty at the University of Maryland School of Law in 1971, actively teaching

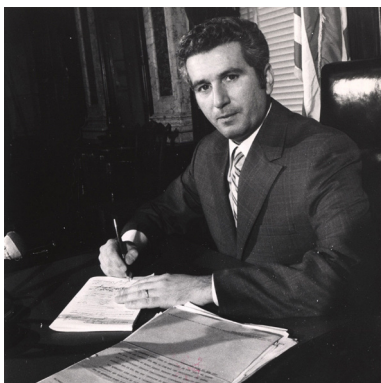
until 1996. He published the second and third editions of the definitive six-volume treatise on tort law, *Harper, James and Gray on Torts*, and was a co-editor of the influential torts casebook, *Cases and Materials on Torts*. During the mid-1990s, he served as chair of the AALS Section on Tort and Compensation Systems. In 2010, Gray received the William L. Prosser Award for lifetime service from the section.

Prof. Don Gifford, who was dean of the law school in the 1990s and is the current Jacob A. France Professor of Torts, remembers his friend and colleague as a "steadfast figure of uncompromising integrity and commitment to scholarly excellence and precision in the use of language."

Gray was a dedicated fan of baseball and his Baltimore Orioles. For decades, he "scored" each game he attended with pencil and paper. He also enjoyed chamber music and opera and was a serious wine collector.

In 2018, Gray celebrated 50 years of marriage with Dr. Sheila Hafter Gray, a leader in the psychoanalytic education and accreditation community. She joined the Maryland Carey Law community to memorialize her husband at an event at the law school in December. ■

THOMAS D'ALESANDRO III '52



BALTIMORE'S 43RD mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III '52, died on Oct. 20, 2019. "Thomas D'Alesandro was a champion for civil rights and a principled public servant," says Maryland Carey Law Dean Donald Tobin. "He led with strength and compassion during a time of great struggle in our city's history."

D'Alesandro became mayor of Baltimore in 1967, just a few months before Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated and Baltimore erupted with rioting, burning and looting, leaving six dead and 700 injured.

As mayor, he worked to root out discrimination, presiding over civil rights legislation, and appointing multiple African Americans to his administration, including the first Black leaders of the city's schools and fire department. One of those appointments—to the city school board—was current Maryland Carey Law Prof. Larry Gibson.

Raised in Baltimore City's Little Italy, D'Alesandro came from a storied Baltimore family. He was the eldest brother of Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and son of Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., who also served as Baltimore mayor (1947-1959).

A 1949 graduate of Loyola College, D'Alesandro went straight to the University of Maryland School of Law, earning a law degree in 1952, the same year he married Margaret Piracci at the Baltimore Basilica.

After serving four years in the Army, D'Alesandro began his political career on the city Board of Elections Supervisors until gaining a seat in 1962 on the Baltimore City Council, on which he also served as president.

The Baltimore native chose not to run for a second term as mayor, and after considering a run for governor, rejected that idea, too, instead using his law degree to set up a law firm with fellow University of Maryland School of Law graduate, Jacob Miliman '51. D'Alesandro and Miliman dedicated their careers to representing people in the community, those most in need of advocacy and justice.

In 1998, Jack Eddinger, D'Alesandro's former press secretary, wrote in *The Baltimore Sun* that D'Alesandro was Baltimore's first modern mayor, asserting that not only did he preside "over its emergence as a Renaissance City that it is today, but he gave it unmatched leadership. Much of what other mayors get credit for began in those tumultuous four years, from urban design and labor law reform to streamlined governmental administration and the flowering of the vital alliance between the city and the Greater Baltimore Committee."

D'Alesandro is survived by his wife of 67 years, five children and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He died at home in North Baltimore at the age of 90. ■

CASUAL CONVERSATIONS

STUDENT



BRANDON WHARTON

Class of 2021
BS, Towson University

Hometown: Frederick, Maryland

What student organization(s) have you been involved with at Maryland Carey Law?

Maryland Law Review (currently editor-in-chief; previously staff editor) Black Law Students Association, Joint Committee on Faculty Appointments.

Who is your favorite Supreme Court Justice?

I have a deep admiration for Justice Elena Kagan's writing abilities. Her opinions are conversational, easy-to-follow, and well-reasoned.

What is one personal or professional goal that you are currently working toward?

Everyone who knows me knows that I rarely cook. I've been trying to spend more time in the kitchen during quarantine. Results have been mixed.

Name something that people would be surprised to know about you.

I lived in Louisiana for a little bit growing up. Yes, I even had the accent.

What is your best moment at Maryland Carey Law thus far?

The best moment was when I found out that I would be serving as the editor-in-chief of the *Maryland Law Review*. It's a lot of work but incredibly rewarding.

What is your favorite TV show?

"Succession" on HBO is terrific. I can't wait for Season 3!

What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?

Canton Waterfront Park

Brandon Wharton's photo courtesy of and by Lauren Castellana, Towson University

FACULTY



MANEKA SINHA

Assistant Professor of Law
JD, New York University School of Law
BS, University of California, Berkeley

Hometown:

Van Nuys, California. It's a little district of Los Angeles, in the San Fernando Valley.

Who inspires you?

My former colleagues at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. They are my mentors, friends, and heroes.

What is one personal or professional goal you are currently working toward?

Becoming productive working from home!

What book(s) are you currently reading (or have recently read)?

Do comic books count? I'm in the middle of the X-Men Age of Apocalypse story line now. Anything about a band of rebels fighting for justice is right up my alley.

What do you like most about our campus? Or, what is your favorite place on campus?

I love our campus! I love running into students on the stairs and high fiving them in the halls (pre-pandemic, of course). But my favorite place is the courtyard. I'm a

true sun-loving Californian and any place I can sit outdoors with some reading is ideal.

What is your best memory of teaching at Maryland Carey Law (thus far)?

In just a year, I already have many. But probably the best are the moments when students, after practicing an argument for days or weeks, go into court and drop the mic.

Who is your favorite fictional lawyer?

Vinny from "My Cousin Vinny!"

What is your favorite Supreme Court case of all time?

I don't have one. There is a tendency towards reverence, sometimes blind, of the Supreme Court, especially those decisions containing citable, soaring rhetoric that I try to push back on. That's because, when you peel away the surface, many, if not all decisions are the product of thoughtful, fierce advocacy and activism. So, I prefer to focus on the behind-the-scenes players who lay the groundwork for those big decisions by fighting for change in the background.

GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND CAREY LAW COMMUNITY

STAFF



MIKE GREEN

Director of Information Technology
BS, Columbia Southern University

Hometown: Hampstead, Maryland

Who inspires you?

My daughter inspires me every day to make me want to become a better version of myself.

What is one goal you are currently working on?

I'm currently pursuing my MBA at UMGC. I would also like to complete my PMP certification in the next year or two.

What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?

The National Aquarium is my favorite attraction, and I like taking morning walks with my dog through Federal Hill on the weekends.

What is the best part about working at Maryland Carey Law so far?

I love working with such a diverse group

of faculty, staff, and students. I enjoy the flexibility to explore and implement the latest technologies to give our students the best educational experience possible.

Name something that people would be surprised to know about you.

I served 8 years on active duty in the United States Air Force and have deployed multiple times in support of operations globally. I was lucky enough to visit over 25 countries while serving.

What was your dream job as a kid?

Like most kids growing up in Maryland I wanted to play for the Orioles. I also wanted to be a pilot.

What is your favorite TV show or movie?

My daughter and I started re-watching "The Simpsons" during quarantine and it certainly stands the test of time.

Hometown: Lakewood, Washington

Who inspires you?

My parents. My Dad is the hardest working person I know; he just retired last month at age 76. My Mom is an inspiration. She grew up in South Carolina and can do practically anything. I wish I could be so self-reliant. It is from them that I learned the value of hard work and the power of prayer.

What is one goal you are currently working toward?

I want to be an entrepreneur. I have my own law firm with 10 employees, but now I want to use that business and legal experience and develop a product or service that people can benefit from on a daily basis.

What is your best memory of Maryland Carey Law?

Without a doubt, being in the Women, Leadership, and Equality Program. I learned so much from both the academic component and the practical component. The program is run by a superwoman, by the name of Paula Monopoli. I still do

not know how she teaches full time, runs the WLE Program, writes books, raised a family, and made it all seem so effortless.

Do you have any advice for recent law school graduates?

Once you find your first job, make yourself indispensable to your boss, no matter what kind of work it is. A little "hustle" goes a really long way, especially if it is sustained.

Who is your favorite fictional lawyer?

Atticus Finch. Atticus is principled and fearless, even if he loses the respect of his town. He is committed to the truth and achieving justice.

What book(s) are you currently reading?

Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell. He is always so interesting and appeals to my love of psychology. I also read the Bible as much as I can.

What is your favorite Supreme Court Case of all time?

Brown v. Board of Education. Being an African American woman, this case made it possible for me to pursue my dreams. It

ALUMNI



LEAH DURANT '04

Principal at Law Offices of
Leah V. Durant, PLLC.

BA, University of Maryland, College Park

leveled the playing field so those with talent and hard work could succeed no matter the color of their skin. It paved the way for passage of the Civil Rights cases of the 1960s. And I am also so proud that the case was argued by Thurgood Marshall, an icon whose name has become synonymous with law and justice.



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