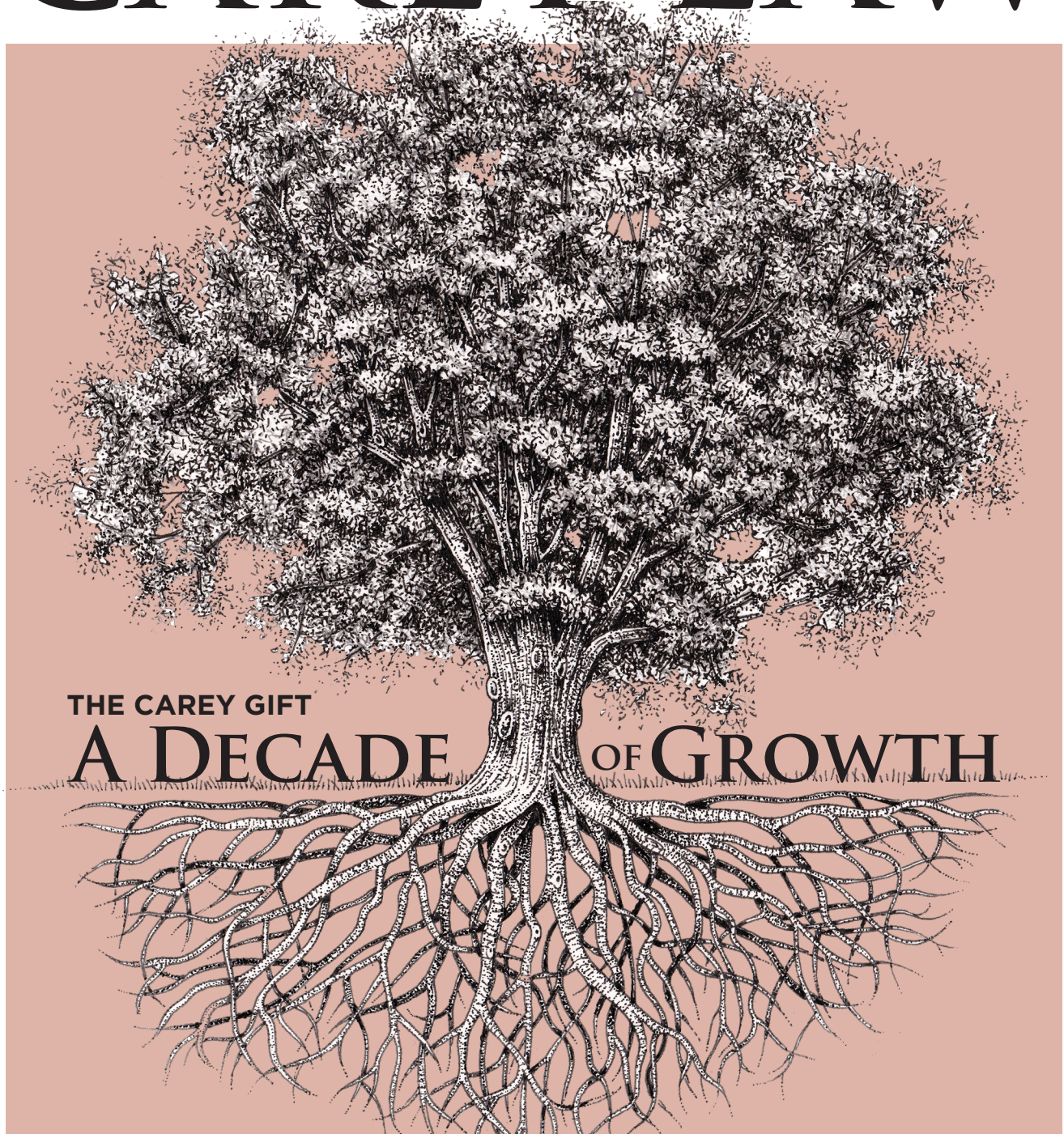


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# SCHOLARSHIP MONTH

Maryland Carey Law's inaugural month of giving kicked off in May with a focus on student scholarship support. Our goal was \$50,000. Thanks to 153 donors, the campaign generated \$70,319. Alumni and friends generously gave to scholarships and initiatives, including the Alumni Board Scholarship, Hon. Elijah E. Cummings '76 Scholarship, Diversity & Inclusion Scholars Initiative, and the General Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to everyone who made this campaign a success!

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# CELEBRATING PROGRESS



**A**S MOST OF YOU KNOW AND CAN read about on page 5, I have decided that this will be my final year as dean. Leading Maryland Carey Law has been a great privilege and one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. That is because of the extraordinary community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni with whom I have had the honor of working these past seven years. It feels fitting then that this magazine issue captures the wonderful spirit and community at Maryland Carey Law and celebrates achievements that we have accomplished together. Although this past year was challenging—fraught


with a global pandemic, assaults on our democratic institutions, and horrifying examples of racism and hate across the nation—the Maryland Carey Law community persevered together with compassion and resilience. Our law school community grew stronger than ever as we adapted to online learning and grappled with tumultuous events and ideas. We have developed a deeper sense of empathy for our clients and for each other. And we have a reinvigorated passion for ensuring that our work has a positive impact in the world.

The pages of this magazine represent a celebration of progress in spite of, and, at times fueled by, adversity.

The cover story explores the strides the law school has made in the past decade thanks to a generous gift from the W. P. Carey Foundation, which has enabled us to significantly expand opportunities for students. You will also learn about Maryland Carey Law's new Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice. With an enlarged Immigration Clinic, increased chances for students to practice legislative advocacy, scholarships, and a new Federal Appellate Clinic, the center is a shining example of how, charged by our values, we are moving forward.

Against the backdrop of a national conversation about race, we pay tribute to Professor Emerita Taunya Banks, a foundational thought leader in the Critical Race Theory movement who retired from our faculty this year. Additionally, this issue highlights some of last year's important initiatives, including the Eviction Prevention Project, a clinic collaboration that offered legal services to people in danger of losing their homes.

I am deeply proud of Maryland Carey Law's work and growth and treasure the opportunity in this magazine to step back and celebrate our progress, leading up to this moment, and that which we know will manifest as we move into the future. ■

  
Donald B. Tobin  
Dean and Professor of Law

# NEWS



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# THE BULLETIN



## UMB Award

The UMB Presidential Core Values Award for Leadership was awarded to **Nivedita Hegdekar '21**, a graduate of Maryland Carey Law's Master of Science in Law program. The Core Values Awards recognize faculty, staff, and students who exemplify UMB's core values: accountability, civility, collaboration, diversity, excellence, knowledge, and leadership.



## Justice for Victims of Crime Clinic

Established in fall 2020, the Justice for Victims of Crime Clinic gives student attorneys the opportunity to represent clients who are survivors of crimes in a range of civil proceedings. Students are supervised by **Lila Meadows '15**, who founded the clinic in cooperation with the University's Rebuild Overcome and Rise (ROAR) Center at the law school.



## Vulnerability and Violence Program Partnership

**Toby Treem Guerin '02**, co-director of the Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM), is a faculty member in the University of Maryland Graduate School's new master's degree and certificate program in Vulnerability and Violence Reduction, which takes an interprofessional approach to address the understanding of vulnerability and risk within communities challenged by violence.



## Fellowships

**E.V. Yost '20** was selected as a 2020 Open Society Institute (OSI) Baltimore Community Fellow to establish the Queer Crisis Response Unit (QCRU), a trans-led community care network supporting LGBTQ+ people experiencing crises in Baltimore City.

Associate Professor **Chaz Arnett** was named a 2021-2022 Data & Society Faculty Fellow to research issues at the intersection of race and technology.



## AALS Committee Appointments

Professor **Michael Pinard** was appointed chair of the Association of American Law School’s (AALS) section on Civil Rights, and Associate Dean **Deborah Eisenberg** now chairs the AALS section on Dispute Resolution.

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## Library Recognition

**Elizabeth S. Graham**, head of technical services for the Thurgood Marshall Law Library, received the 2021 Emerging Leader Award from the American Association of Law Libraries.

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## Honorary Doctor of Laws

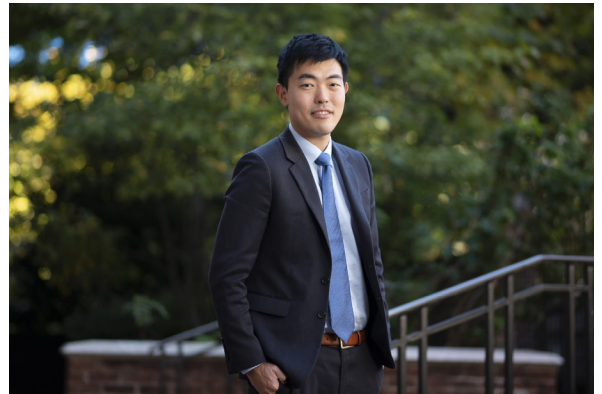
Adjunct Professor **Shale Stiller** was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree conferred by Maryland Carey Law and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) at the 2021 graduation ceremony. Stiller, one of Baltimore’s best-known and most well-respected lawyers, has shown a deep commitment to Maryland Carey Law since 1963.

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## Leadership Recognition

**C. Quince Hopkins ’89**, director of the Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention at Maryland Carey Law, is a 2021 *Daily Record* Leadership in Law honoree.



## Faculty Promotion

**Will Moon** has been promoted to associate professor. Moon came to the law school in 2018 and teaches in the Business Law Program. His current research focuses on corporate charter competition, documenting the rise of offshore jurisdictions competing in the emerging international market for corporate law. Recent publications include “Delaware’s Global Competitiveness” in the *Iowa Law Review* and “Delaware’s New Competition” in the *Northwestern University Law Review*. Last year, he was named the Maryland Carey Law Black Law Students Association Professor of the Year.

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## Environmental Law Diversity Program

The Environmental Law Program launched an initiative offering students from diverse backgrounds scholarships for studying environmental law and summer grants to pursue environmental public interest work. **Rob Velazquez ’23**, the inaugural grantee, worked at the Ike Jime Federation during his 2L summer.

**NEW FACULTY:  
DIRECTOR, LAWYERING PROGRAM  
ASSISTANT LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR**

# ANNE-MARIE CARSTENS

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in Maryland Carey Law's Lawyering Program use "the kinds of documents they will see in a real law practice" to complete assignments that follow the arc of civil litigation or criminal prosecution. The program also incorporates more skills critical to today's legal profession, and Carstens fosters direct connections between the Lawyering curriculum and the other first-year foundational courses.



*Professor Carstens is the ideal person to take our Lawyering Program to the next level..."*

*- Sr. Associate Dean  
Barbara Gontrum*

Carstens has experience teaching first-year Civil Procedure and Property, which she says helps her guide students in this holistic approach.

"Professor Carstens is the ideal person to take our Lawyering Program to the next level with her extensive experience teaching lawyering skills in addition to other first-year courses," says Senior Associate Dean Barbara Gontrum.

Carstens, who also oversees the writing center, has more than 20 years of experience in academia, government, and law

firm practice. She began her law teaching career in London, where she taught U.S. law students studying abroad while also pursuing her research doctorate in international law at Oxford University. She then spent four years as a visiting professor and researcher at Georgetown University Law Center before joining Maryland Carey Law as a visiting professor in 2019.

Carstens's research and scholarship focus primarily on cultural heritage law, property law, and international law governing armed conflicts. She has co-edited a book and published law review articles and book chapters, whose diverse topics include the interpretation of treaty rules, the wartime protection of civilian property and cultural property, the development of cultural heritage destruction as a war crime, and the use of special masters in the U.S. Supreme Court.

She received her JD from Georgetown and a DPhil in Law from Oxford. She also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia.

Carstens refers to her current role as her "third stint" in Baltimore. Prior to law school, Carstens taught as an inclusion teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools. After law school, she returned to Baltimore as a law clerk to Judge Diana Gribbon Motz on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit before practicing as a litigator in Washington, D.C. and London.

Carstens is enthusiastic about her new position because it combines her passions for teaching and for writing and editing. Plus, her favorite population to teach is 1Ls. "I love the enthusiasm that first-year students come to law school with," she says. "They are so prepared and engaged." ■

**T**HE FIRST-YEAR curriculum at Maryland Carey Law has always reflected the law school's deep commitment and innovative approach to the integrated teaching of legal theory, doctrine, and professional skills. Its latest iteration, featuring a reconfiguration of legal writing and advocacy courses into a six-credit Lawyering series, builds on this groundbreaking tradition under the leadership of Anne-Marie Carstens, the school's new Lawyering Program director.

While the Lawyering Program retains legal writing and analysis as a primary focus, Carstens says the Lawyering classes use a simulation model to emphasize "practical application" of skills rather than "discrete exercises." This model means that students



**NEW FACULTY:  
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY  
LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

# KRISTINA ALAYAN

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**T**HE MARYLAND Carey Law community is pleased to welcome Associate Dean for Library and Technology and Associate Professor Kristina Alayan, who began in the position on July 1, 2021.

Alayan comes to the law school from Howard University School of Law where she served as library director and assistant professor.

“Kristina has extensive experience as a law librarian, with a special focus on international issues,” says Professor Rena Steinzor. “She was attracted to the law school by our obvious commitment to diversity, and I have no doubt that her enthusiasm for doing whatever she can to encourage students in the study of

law will make her as beloved here as she has been everywhere else she has worked. I am thrilled she is joining us.”

Daughter of an Iranian refugee father and German mother, Alayan is first generation in her family to be born in the United States and to go to law school. Her history, she says, has shaped her values and approach to library leadership.



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*- Prof. Rena Steinzor*

“My background has facilitated a management philosophy that prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion,” says Alayan, “whether proactively supporting an increasingly talented and diverse pool of law students, investing in both recruitment and retention of outstanding staff, or building dynamic collections and services that strengthen and promote the groundbreaking work of law faculty.”

Before joining the law faculty at Howard, Alayan was the head of reference, head of content acquisition and management, and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. She also served as the foreign and international law reference librarian and lecturing fellow at Duke University School of Law, where she taught required legal research courses in the JD, LLM, and JD/LLM programs.

Alayan earned her master’s in Library Science (MLIS) with a certificate in Law Librarianship from the University of Washington School of Information and her JD from the University of Oregon School of Law with certificates in the International Law and Pro Bono programs. Her research interests include information literacy, access to justice, leadership, and change management. She specializes in foreign and international legal research and is proficient in multiple languages.

Active in the law library community, Alayan has served in various leadership positions in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), and the American Society of International Law (ASIL). In 2019 she was recognized with the prestigious American Association of Law Libraries Emerging Leader award.

Alayan is excited to work with the team at Maryland Carey Law to build on the library’s tradition of being a physical and online space where students, faculty, and alumni can come for community and a range of supports. It’s a great responsibility, she says, “to do right by our students and our faculty and help them do the critical, cutting-edge work that has meaningful impacts in the city of Baltimore, the state of Maryland, and beyond.” ■



## DEAN TOBIN TO STEP DOWN, JOIN FACULTY

**D**ONALD B. TOBIN, WHO HAS served as dean of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law since 2014, announced his decision to step down at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year and return to full-time teaching as a member of the Maryland Carey Law faculty.

“Serving as dean of Maryland Carey Law has been the greatest honor of my life,” says Tobin. “I will be forever grateful to this wonderful community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who entrusted me with leading this fantastic law school over the past eight years.”

Beginning his tenure as dean in the wake of the Great Recession, Tobin is credited with uniting the law school community to achieve a full financial recovery while simultaneously expanding student opportunities and community engagement.

During Tobin’s tenure, Maryland Carey Law launched several initiatives that have significantly increased the school’s community impact, including the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, the Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention, and the Rebuild Overcome and Rise Center. Moreover, under Tobin’s leadership, Maryland Carey Law expanded its top-ranked Clinical Law Program to include the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Justice for Victims of Crime Clinic, and a reimagined Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic.

Academic programs also multiplied since 2014 with the introduction of the Master of Science in Law program, JD tracks in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property, and a JD certificate in Cybersecurity.

Recognizing that the future success of the law school depends on recruiting and retaining excellent faculty, Tobin is particularly proud of the talented and



thoughtful faculty who joined Maryland Carey Law in his time as dean. Through these hires, the law school has achieved a valuable mix of innovative new faculty and highly accomplished academic veterans, all of whom are enriching the student experience with their scholarly output, dynamic teaching, and community engagement.

With a passion for empowering students to succeed, Tobin oversaw the doubling of scholarship spending and backed forward-leaning programs, including the Diversity Scholars Initiative and the Business Fellows Program, which offer participants special professional development opportunities and financial support. He also invested resources in bar exam preparation and expanded career development programs, yielding a dramatic increase in bar passage and employment.

Since the beginning of 2020, Tobin has deftly led Maryland Carey Law through one of the most challenging times in its history—the COVID-19

pandemic. On his watch, the law school successfully shifted to an online learning environment for the 2020-2021 academic year and returned to the building for the fall 2021 semester. Throughout the public health crisis, the law school not only continued providing an excellent legal education for students but also continued promoting access to justice through its clinics and centers, whose operations never ceased. In spite of the uncertainty the pandemic has brought, applications to Maryland Carey Law for the last admissions cycle were up 37%.

A national search is underway to identify the next dean of Maryland Carey Law. ■



THE CAREY GIFT

A DECADE

OF GROWTH

# CELEBRATING A DECADE OF GROWTH

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*A 2011 transformative gift from the W. P. Carey Foundation has enabled Maryland Carey Law to expand academic offerings and channel resources toward student success programs.*

*By Wanda Haskel*

**R**ESearchers dub the legal job market in the years following the 2008-2009 Great Recession one of the worst in history. Employment rates for recent graduates in 2011 had dipped to lows not seen since the aftermath of the 1990-1991 recession. Law schools across the country were struggling to help students find jobs, and the University of Maryland School of Law was no exception.

Enter the W. P. Carey Foundation. Under the leadership of William Polk Carey and Francis J. Carey, the foundation made a \$30 million gift, in memory of Francis King Carey (Class of 1880), to expand programs and support student success at the law school. With a new name and an injection of resources, the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law was positioned to excel and grow student opportunities just when it was needed most.

“The W. P. Carey Foundation was pleased to establish the endowment in 2011 in alignment with our primary mission of supporting business and legal educational institutions that have long standing ties to the Carey family,” says foundation Chairman and President William P. Carey II. “This gift was of heightened significance to Bill Carey and our family because it gave us an opportunity to honor our ancestor, Francis King Carey, and his legacy of leadership and civic responsibility.”

## **Student Success**

One of the most beneficial and timely ways the Carey gift has increased opportunities for students at the law school is by enabling a great expansion in the reach

and capacity of the Career Development Office (CDO), directly impacting graduate employment outcomes during the highs and lows of the legal job market.

Additional staffing and program support largely enhanced career counseling for students, innovative programming, and employer relationships. Combined, these advantages have helped Maryland Carey Law attain rates of graduate employment in the 90th percentile in many of the past 10 years. Directly following the Great Recession, the Carey gift made

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*-Prof. Michael Van Alstine*

possible programs specially tailored to a recession-era job market, including the Legal Fellows Apprentice Program, a Solo Practice Incubator Program with Civil Justice, Inc., and Jumpstart Career Opportunity Grants.

Kathryn Meader '21 is one of the thousands of students who have benefited from the high level of attention she received from career counselors in the CDO. At Maryland Carey Law, she honed her legal skills on the National Trial Team and as a student attorney in the Criminal Defense Clinic, aspiring to a career in public interest. "In every step of both my summer and post-graduate job search, the Career Development Office provided professional career guidance and support," says Meader. "As a result, I will be starting my professional legal career in the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, the largest criminal defense law firm in the state of Florida." Additionally, the Career Development Office has raised the numbers of students pursuing postgraduate public service fellowships and significantly increased the percentage of graduates entering judicial clerkships, which has garnered national attention for the law school.

Maryland Carey Law was fifth among 203 ABA-accredited law schools for the percentage of 2019 graduates obtaining judicial clerkships and this year was named one of the "Best Schools for Public Service – Clerkships" by *PreLaw* magazine.

Thanks to the Carey gift, the law school was also able to strengthen the Bar Exam Preparation Program, which supports students from year one through post-

graduation until exam-takers are admitted. Featuring a Fall Bar Prep Workshop Series and Spring Bar Preparation Course, the program also offers individual support services throughout the summer and fall administrations of the bar exam. Graduates who are unsuccessful at their first and second attempts may return for additional assessment and support before re-taking an exam. Since 2011, Maryland Carey Law has seen record bar passage rates.

### Open for Business



Another hallmark outcome of the Carey gift has been exceptional growth in the Business Law Program. In 2011 the program began offering the Business Law Track, which prepares students through core substantive courses in business law and an experiential learning component. Ten years later, Business Law is among the most vibrant programs at Maryland Carey Law with a highly active Business Law Society, annual symposium, and an array of opportunities for professional development and practice experience.

"The Carey gift was truly transformative for our Business Law Program. It has enabled us to expand our program, provide enhanced support for our students, and offer interesting and innovative events for the whole law school community," says the program's director Professor Michael Van Alstine. "Of equal importance," he adds, "the Carey gift has established

the reputation of Maryland Carey Law as a place that produces lawyers with a deep, broad, and sophisticated understanding of business law and practices."

Moreover, Maryland Carey Law has partnered with the Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business to offer a joint degree program. Students in good standing at the law school now have automatic

admission to the Hopkins Carey MBA program, enjoy tuition savings, and may apply credits from each program to the graduation requirements of the other. In the last decade, 10 students have graduated from the joint program.

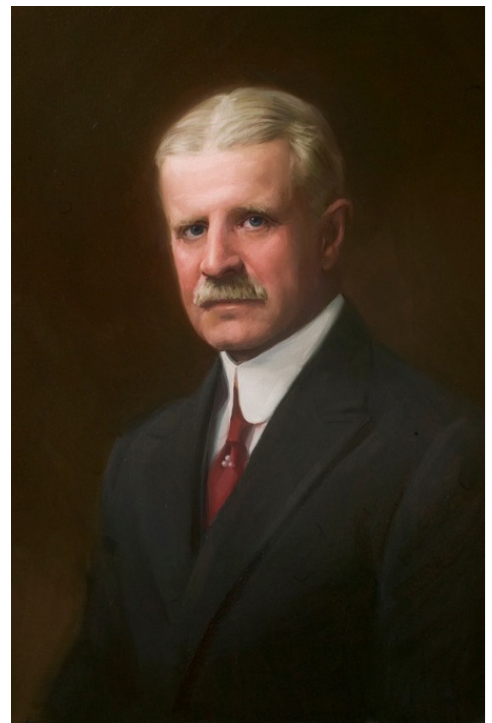
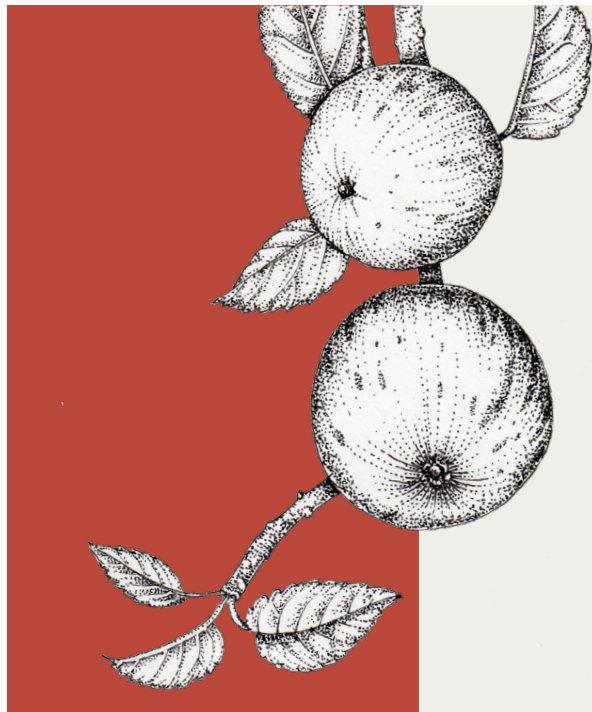
Another will be Frances Amaefuna '23 who appreciates the rigorous academic and professional networking opportunities facilitated by both prestigious institutions. "In such a short period of time I have made so many connections that foster growth and opportunity," she says. "I have had the ability to mentor and be mentored and, overall, have gained essential skills that will carry me through my legal career."

### Foundations for Future Growth

This academic year, Maryland Carey Law is pausing to reflect on and appreciate the growth the Carey gift has made possible, while focusing on a future with ever-growing opportunities for students.

"The Carey endowment has enabled a significant expansion in programs that have had a great impact on our students over the past decade, especially in the areas of career development and Business Law," says Dean Donald Tobin. "We are deeply grateful to the foundation and the Carey family for this generous gift and look forward to continuing our relationship with the Careys for years to come." ■

*Heather Foss Thomas contributed to this article.*



### Remembering Our Namesake

Earning his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1880, Francis King Carey was a lawyer, businessman, and founding member of two of the nation's most successful law firms: Steele, Semmes and Carey, later known as Semmes, Bowen and Semmes; and Carey, Piper, and Hall, which became Piper Rudnick and later merged into DLA Piper.

The University of Maryland School of Law was renamed the Francis King Carey School of Law in his honor, following a \$30 million donation to the school by William Polk Carey, Francis King Carey's grandson. William Polk Carey was an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and a pioneer in global finance. He was also founder and chair of the W. P. Carey Foundation, which emphasizes accessibility to outstanding education for people around the world.

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# LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

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*New Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice expands opportunities for students to prepare for careers in immigration law.*

*By Suzi Morales*





**K**IRIA ABREU Jimenez '21 came to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic as a child. Now a citizen, she says she doesn't take her status lightly, noting that some of her immigrant friends' situations are not as stable, which makes them vulnerable to having their worlds utterly disrupted.

That is why Abreu Jimenez was drawn to a career in immigration

law. "When you see something is unfair, you have to be willing to give it all you have to make it right," she says, "even if it seems impossible." She chose Maryland Carey Law because of the school's Immigration Clinic, a hub for expertise and training in immigration law for the past 20 years.

As a third-year student in the clinic, Abreu Jimenez had the opportunity to represent clients like Dolores

(name changed to protect her identity) who immigrated from Jamaica when she was a child. Dolores served in the U.S. Army for seven years, earning various service awards but also suffering trauma which led to substance abuse and culminated in a criminal conviction. Facing deportation, Dolores turned to the Immigration Clinic for legal help. Abreu Jimenez assisted her with a petition to overturn the conviction and left no stone unturned to ensure the possibility of citizenship (now pending) for the

60-year-old. “My experience with the clinic was like no other,” says Abreu Jimenez, who was awarded the Maryland Carey Law Ward Kershaw Advocacy Award upon her 2021 graduation.

Now, thanks to a \$5 million gift from biotech entrepreneurs Marco and Debbie Chacón, the law school’s renowned immigration program has expanded to become the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, offering a dramatic increase in opportunities for students like Abreu Jimenez to gain experience in Immigration Court and in legislative and appellate advocacy.



Marco Chacón

“We are deeply grateful to Marco and Debbie Chacón for their generous and transformative gift,” says Maryland Carey Law Dean Donald Tobin. “The Chacón Center will establish a permanent immigration law center at the law school, ensuring that advocacy by students will continue to make a difference in our immigrant community.”

### **Center adds Federal Appellate Clinic**

The Chacón gift enables Maryland Carey Law to hire a tenure-track professor who will establish a new Federal Appellate Impact

Litigation Clinic as part of the Chacón Center. Because immigration appeals bypass federal district court and advance directly to federal courts of appeal, students handling Maryland Immigration Court appeals will have the opportunity to argue before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

“It’s exciting for our students to get this kind of opportunity,” says Professor Maureen Sweeney, director of the Immigration Clinic and now of the Chacón Center, adding that Maryland Carey Law is one of just a few law schools in the country offering an appellate clinic. “It’s unusual for students to have the opportunity to work at the federal appellate level, but they’ll be right in there writing briefs, making novel arguments to the court, and in some cases should be able to actually argue the cases at the court in Richmond, Va.”

### **Students to have additional experience challenging criminal convictions**

Before joining the Immigration Clinic as a staff attorney, now associate director of the Chacón Center Gabriela Kahrl ’08 had been an assistant public defender at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Many of her clients there faced deportation for criminal convictions, often for minor offenses.

Maryland Carey Law hired Kahrl for the Immigration Clinic in the midst of a groundswell of interest from students, but her position wasn’t permanent before the Chacón endowment. Now, the center will be able to provide students with further chances to challenge criminal convictions affecting their clients’ immigration status and address the scarcity of Maryland lawyers trained in the legal nuances at the intersection of criminal and immigration law.

“[Students] will have the

opportunity to do post-conviction and coram nobis (a legal challenge to a conviction because of an underlying constitutional or fundamental error) work in the state of Maryland, which is a critical part of providing holistic representation, especially to those who have been affected by racial profiling,” Kahrl says. A petition for coram nobis requests an order to vacate a conviction, for reasons such as ineffective assistance of counsel. While minor convictions may not severely impact the lives of U.S. citizens, Kahrl says they often lead to deportation for immigrants.

### **Broad advocacy includes legislative initiatives**

Additionally, the center plans to expand its current efforts in the Maryland legislature.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Sweeney says the Immigration Clinic’s legislative efforts focused on the “technical glitch” that allows Maryland Probation Before Judgment cases to trigger deportation and other consequences, as well as an initiative for public funding for access to counsel in deportation cases. This work relied on temporary funding; the Chacón gift provides sustained support for such projects.

“We are trying to impress upon students to be broad in their advocacy,” says Kahrl, who heads the policy work at the center. “When bad laws are on the books, we must make our voices heard in the General Assembly and persuade our representatives to help.”

### **Financial support for students**

Another way the Chacón endowment increases opportunities for students is by establishing the Chacón Scholarship, which will enable Maryland Carey Law to recruit the best and brightest students

interested in immigration law. The first Chacón Scholar is Rafael Moreno '24, a member of the fall 2021 entering class.

There is also financial support for spring break service trips to locations including detention centers in remote areas where representation is scarce. Sweeney says she is eager to resume the spring break trips (suspended for COVID) because they offer another avenue for students to experience real-world advocacy even in their first year of law school. "Students have a theoretical interest in the area," she says, "but once they really start talking to clients, that's when it comes alive for them."

### **Holistic approach to immigrant experience**

In addition to curriculum expansion, the inception of the Chacón Center has allowed Kahrl and Sweeney, along with the Chacón family, to consider how to shape overarching attitudes toward immigration in America, which have become central in the heated national dialogue.

"Our country is built on a lot of that ingenuity, that bravery that it takes to come to a new place, learn a new language, or just live in a different culture and work really hard," Kahrl says.

Kahrl's desire to help immigrants was influenced by her mother, who immigrated to the United States from South America. "It's interesting to grow up the child of an immigrant because you feel like you have one foot in your mother's country and in your mother's identity, or your heritage's identity, and then one foot here," Kahrl recalls. "You feel a little bit displaced and like you're not really sure how to be an American or what being an American is."

One aspect of changing the narrative around the immigrant

experience is "helping clients to exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens," says Sweeney, who is looking into developing citizenship workshops.

"One thing I have realized over the last five years, particularly, is that the power of the vote is the only durable protection for immigrants," Sweeney notes. "Until their voice is heard in the same way as anyone else's, they are vulnerable."

### **Student advocacy provides foundation for practice**

Even for students who do not pursue immigration law in their careers, the center will provide a valuable basis for future litigation and other skills.

"Many law students graduate lacking crucial practical skills and good ethical habits," says Michelle Méndez '08, an Immigration Clinic alumna and current director of the Defending Vulnerable Populations Program at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. in Silver Spring. "I wasn't one of them, thanks to the Immigration Clinic."

In the clinic, Méndez says she learned to break the case down, from asking detailed questions and follow up during the intake interview to dealing with sensitive topics.

"I'm a big believer that the way to learn to be a lawyer is to be a lawyer," says Sweeney.

According to Kahrl, the best part of her job is seeing students take on challenging advocacy projects and learn their capabilities. "They do such remarkable work and come so far in such a short period of time," she says. "They are usually so much more confident at the end of clinic than they were when they started. It's a joy to see."

Now, with the transformative gift from the Chacón family, students will have expanded opportunities

to develop that confidence and get top-level preparation to pursue immigrant justice for generations to come.

"New generations of students, jurists, and advocates will help to restore the promise of 'equal justice for all'," the Chacóns wrote in a joint statement when the center opened last spring, "and encourage the full participation of new immigrants in society who are following in the footsteps of previous waves of immigrants seeking the American dream." ■



**Inaugural Chacón Scholar  
Rafael Moreno '24**

"I am honored to be named the first Chacón Scholar. The funding for the center enables students such as myself to pursue our passion for assisting immigrants facing the complicated legal landscape while working to create a more equitable and just immigration system."

A close-up portrait of Professor Taunya Lovell Banks, a Black woman with short, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark brown, button-up jacket over a red top. The background is softly blurred, showing a warm, out-of-focus light source on the left. The text is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

# LEGAL LEGACY: TAUNYA BANKS

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*Groundbreaking critical race theory scholar Professor Taunya Lovell Banks retires.*

*By Wanda Haskel*

**T**aunya Lovell Banks, Jacob A. France Professor of Equality Jurisprudence, taught her final class at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in fall 2021. The legendary critical race theory scholar and first tenured Black woman on the law school faculty retired after an illustrious career in which she trained her sharp scholarship on exposing systemic sexism and racism and inspired generations of students and colleagues to dedicate their legal careers to the fight for social justice.

One of those students was Avatara Smith-Carrington '19, who served as Banks' research assistant during their third year. "With Professor Banks, I found a brilliant and wise teacher, mentor, and friend—committed to igniting and keeping lit the passion and drive of students striving for a better and more equitable society," says Smith-Carrington, a civil rights attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Professor Banks is an abundance of warmth, a northern star for any student looking to find their way, and a phenomenal teacher committed to creating and providing a space for students to go further while carrying the lessons of the past with them forward."

### Lifelong Activist

Born to educator-activists in Washington, D.C., Banks' original ambition to become a book illustrator lost its luster as the civil rights movement marched through

the 1960s. While an undergraduate at Syracuse University, Banks changed her major from art to political science. Then it was on to Howard University School of Law, where the high achieving student was a successful editor both on law review and an underground newspaper she co-founded, which commented on political issues and called out internal unfairness to students at the law school. After her 1968 graduation, Banks headed to Mississippi ("where the action was"), litigating voting rights and housing discrimination cases and providing assistance to Black elected officials.

Looking back on her career, Banks describes her activist path as less a choice than a necessity.

"The choice was either to live a life in which I felt I was treated like less than a citizen," she says, "or to try and make things better for not only myself but for my children and people after me. That was just what you did."

Banks began her teaching career in 1976 with posts at Tougaloo College and Jackson State. The switch to law school teaching came with an offer from Southern Texas where she became the first tenure-track Black woman and associate dean. After discovering stubborn pay inequities between male and female faculty at the Houston school, she moved on to a position as full professor at the University of Tulsa law

school—again breaking ground as the first tenured Black woman faculty member.

In Tulsa, she was introduced by a mutual friend to Professor Anita Hill who taught at Oral Roberts law school. The two bonded over lunches and the shared experience of being what Banks believes were the only two Black women law professors in the state of Oklahoma. Some years later when Hill faced a hostile panel of lawmakers during the Judge Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination hearings, Banks was part of the support system seated behind her and speaking with the press on her behalf.

During her time at Tulsa, Banks ramped up her writing efforts, producing scholarship through a lens that came to be known as critical race theory (CRT), which asserts that racism is a social construct embedded in legal systems and policies. As a foundational thinker in the



*Critical Race Theory Workshop, 1989*

movement, Banks was an original member of the historic Workshop on Critical Race Theory in which she and colleagues from around

the country, including Derrick Bell, Kimberlé Crenshaw, Stephanie Phillips, Richard Delgado, and Neil Gotanda honed the structure of this new area of scholarship. Banks remembers the workshop as “the key moment in my intellectual life when I moved into a style of writing and analysis that has carried me through to the present.” Annual CRT conferences followed for the next few years, including one co-organized by Banks. After the 1989 workshop, literature in critical race theory exploded, and its relevance continues to expand as the country reckons with systemic racism, and as the teaching of CRT has come under fire by conservative politicians across the nation.

Banks herself has been a prolific contributor to the literature, producing more than 70 articles, books and book chapters in her career. Her most recent work explores the continuing impact of gender, race, racial formation, and racial hierarchies on the quest for social equality. She also writes about law, lawyers, and legal issues in film and on television.

**Legacy of Mentorship**

In 1989, Banks made her final career move to the University of Maryland School of Law after a full court press recruitment from faculty including Robin West '79 (now at Georgetown) and renowned law professor, historian, and political operative Larry Gibson.

Banks fondly remembers the collegial and supportive atmosphere among the Maryland faculty, one of whom was Sherrilyn Ifill, now president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. When Ifill

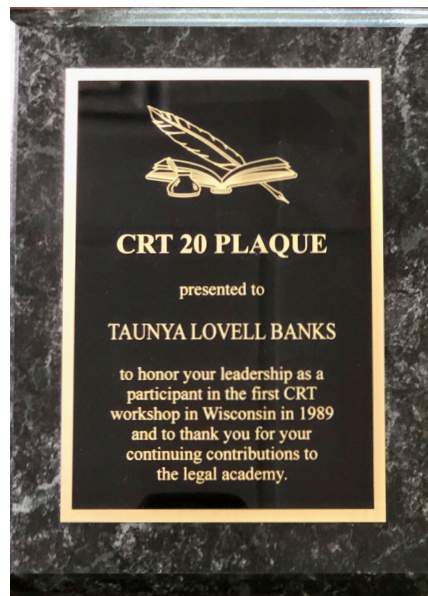
was recruited to Maryland Carey Law, it was Banks’ turn to be on the hiring committee.

“Over decades she generously shared her deep knowledge of the academy, her relentless intellectual curiosity, and her decades of teaching and writing to develop multiple generations of teachers and scholars – especially scholars of color,” says Ifill. “... She became my dear friend during my 20 years on the faculty at the law school, and her advice and counsel were critical to my development as a lawyer, teacher and scholar.”

During her tenure at Maryland Carey Law, Banks, now professor emerita, taught courses in torts, constitutional law, citizenship, and critical race theory, as well as her highly popular seminars in law in film and literature.

Banks’ CV is packed with evidence of the many ways she contributed to the legal profession and community throughout her career, such as when the 2015 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference named a junior faculty award after her and Phoebe Hadden, former dean of Maryland Carey Law, in recognition of their trailblazing scholarship and commitment to mentorship. She served on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools and was a two-term member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council. Additionally, she is past president of the Maryland Humanities Council and current member of the Board of Trustees of Center Stage, the state theater of Maryland.

But when Banks reflects on her accomplishments, those that make her proudest are when her



scholarship directly influenced law, like when her article on public toilet equity helped get Maryland's "potty parity" bill passed, and when the New York Court of Appeals cited her scholarship on colorism in a jury selection case.

Students and colleagues are well aware of Banks' important scholarly contributions, but when asked about her, they tend to highlight her impact on the people around her.

Maryland Carey Law's Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion Russell McClain '95 says Banks has been his mentor for nearly 30 years. His comments are representative of what Taunya Banks means to the people whose lives she has touched throughout her career.

"For me, Professor Banks has been instructor, mentor, motivator, role model, sage, protector, inspirer, and, for the last 15 years of my time as a faculty member, colleague and friend," says McClain. "No one can replace her, nor is there another like her. All we can hope for is that those of us who remain on the faculty can pick up the mantle and, collectively, collaboratively, try to do some small part of what she—as practitioner, teacher, and scholar—has done for the last half century."

Banks says she might have retired a couple of years earlier but was determined to match her father Professor John Lovell, Jr.'s number of years teaching literature at Howard University. His memory is with her now as she contemplates her next project,

which will likely involve his work from the 1950s on the Black theatre movement. And while she will continue to write, Banks also looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

When Banks thinks back on her career, she says she has met a lot of interesting people who have become friends and colleagues. It is the people, she adds, that she will miss the most in retirement, especially the students, whose energy and enthusiasm have sparked her intellect throughout her 44 years teaching law. ■



*University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law faculty, 2001*

# 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 2020-2021 competition season. Here, we highlight some of their successes over the past year.

## National Trial Team

### First Place, 2020 Regional St. Mary's All-Star Bracket Challenge

Team Members: Summer Akhtar '21, Daniel Mooney '21, Veronica Mina '21, Sangeetha Kannan '22, Cole Abell '22  
Coaches: Ian Anthony '13, Alex Carlson '13, Courtney Watkins '18

### Semifinalists, 2020 Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Kevin Kidwell '21, Kathryn Meader '21, Eunice Kabuga '22, Rachael Savage '22  
Coaches: Lindsey Cook '12, Lindsey Rennie '19, Aarti Sidhu '18, Emmit Kellar '16

### Semifinalists, 2021 Regional American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition

Team Members: Pavel Glazunov '21, Awurama Agyei '22, Tonecia Brothers-Sutton '22  
Coaches: Josh Ortega, Ben Garmoe '16, Ashley Fellona '18, Trevonne Walford '15

### Semifinalists, 2021 Regional Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition

Team Members: Summer Akhtar '21, Sangeetha Kannan '22, Cole Abell '22, Tonecia Brothers-Sutton '22, Eunice Kabuga '22  
Coaches: Ian Anthony '13, Alex Carlson '13, Patrick Dillon '17, Aarti Sidhu '18, Maria Stamidis '17, Ashley Fellona '18, Jhonell Campbell '19

## Thurgood Marshall National Trial Team

### Second Place, National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) 2021 Mid-Atlantic Region's Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Randall Ainsworth '23, Hanna Leonard '21, Samantha Jonjo '23, Samuel Kebede '23, Alexis Lovings '23, Tayler Littlejohn '23, Colin Forrest '23, Tamia Morris '23  
Coaches: Derrick Milburn '13, Sakkara Turpin '14, Trevonne Walford '15, Meryl Seidel '19, Emelia Hall

### Fourth Place, NBLSA 2021 National Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Randall Ainsworth '23 (Best Advocate), Colin Forrest '23, Samantha Jonjo '23, Tamia Morris '23

## Transactional Law Team

### Second Place, Duke Law's 2021 Interscholastic Transactional Competition

Team Members: Alexander Batton '21, Randi Rubinstein '22  
Coach: Joseph P. Ward '03

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

### 2021 ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Regional Competition

First Place: Kristin Wells '21 and Therian Lee '21  
Second Place: Spencer Warkentin '22, Emma Craig '22  
Team Members: Rachel Greenwald '22, Tanner Whited '22  
Coaches: Michael Goldberg '14, Nick Vogt '19

### 2021 Tulane Professional Football Negotiation Competition

First Place: Justin Meltzer '21, Mark Metrey '21  
Team Member: Maya Foster '22  
Coach: Barry Gogel '97

### 2020 ABA Law Student Division Regional Negotiation Competition

Winners: Celena Dyal '21, Garrett Unger '21  
Team Members: Ini Femi-Fatukasi '22, Erika Birk '22, Jesse Walsh '21, Mike McLaughlin '22  
Coach: Barry Gogel '97

# ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Moot Court

### Second Best Brief, 2020 National Moot Court Competition Regionals

Team Members: Daniel Mooney '21, Kyle Keraga '21, Allison Hyde '21  
Coach: Derek Simonsen '12

### Quarterfinalists, 2021 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition Regionals

Team Members: Daniel Russo '21 (Runner-Up Best Oralist), Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman '21  
Coach: Derek Simonsen '12

## International Moot Court Team

### Best English Memorial, 2021 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Team Members: Meghan Howie '22 (Third Place English Oralist), Sidney Howe '22  
Coaches: Janet Lord, Bryce Hollander '21



## Investing in Trial Advocacy

### Trial Advocacy Leadership Council enables hiring of trial team managing director

Since the late 1990s, the National Trial Team at Maryland Carey Law has provided hundreds of hours of coaching and competing for team members to hone their skills for real-world practice. The newly formed Trial Advocacy Leadership Council, made up of dedicated alumni, aims to build on this effort, first by supporting the hiring of a managing director for the trial team, Ben Garmoe '16, a former trial team captain.

“I love watching our practice trials and competition rounds and seeing team members gain confidence in their courtroom presence and knowledge of the Rules of Evidence,” says Garmoe. “I take pride in knowing students will graduate fully prepared to try cases in the real world.”

In addition to a multi-year philanthropic commitment to support the new managing director position, the council aims to host a tournament, create stronger connections between students and alumni to encourage mentoring relationships, streamline the process for recruiting judicial and practitioner volunteers, and enhance the National Trial Team’s online presence and national reputation.

# CLINIC SUCCESSES

Student attorneys in the Maryland Carey Law Clinical Law Program are afforded the opportunity to not only learn how to practice law, but also to make a real difference in the lives of the people of Maryland. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, our clinics rose to meet the additional challenges, adapting to mostly remote work and client interaction. Here are some highlights from the 2020-2021 academic year.



*Victor Scarpelli '22 (left) and Therian Lee '21 (right) at the District Court of Maryland*

**Criminal Defense Clinic** had two clients serving long sentences released under the federal “compassionate release” statute.

**Environmental Law Clinic** conducted four webinars on public participation in environmental law, state constitutional “green amendments,” and community benefit agreements. Clinic students also appealed a Planning Board decision on the siting of a gas station on behalf of a local community group.

**Gender Violence Clinic** helped several clients gain release from prison, including Eraina Pretty, Maryland’s longest serving incarcerated woman.

**Immigration Clinic** won asylum for a young woman who endured persecution because she was gay and for a well-known musician targeted because he refused to allow his music to be used by the ruling political party in his country.

**Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic** filed 15 patent and 40 trademark applications, and four copyright registrations. The clinic filed its first awarded utility patent on behalf of client and inventor of a smart glove for stroke survivors, Dr. Lloyd Emokpae, of LASARRUS (Limb Activation Stimulation and Robotic Rehabilitation Unencumbered Services), a Baltimore-based, clinic and research center.

**Juvenile Lifer Advocacy Clinic** helped a client get his sentence reduced from life to life with all suspended except time served. He was 17 at the time of the crime and was released after spending 34 years in prison.

**Mediation Clinic** provided information on mediation during “Know Your Rights” workshops in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County and developed referral partnerships and forms with local community mediation centers as part of the Eviction Prevention Project.

**Medical-Legal Partnership** represented and counseled numerous clients in Social Security Disability/SSI cases and other public benefit matters, helping one secure a waiver of over \$25,000 in VA benefits overpayment, and another with the reversal of a \$17,500 Social Security Disability overpayment.

**Public Health Law Clinic** researched state laws, drafted papers, and led webinars on protecting medical cannabis patients from discrimination, improving housing stability, and preventing eviction, and testified before the General Assembly on public health issues.

**Youth, Education, and Justice Legal Theory and Practice Class** settled a case on behalf of an elementary school client to get the student compensatory educational services. Student attorneys also worked to remove police from public schools and to re-open the cases of juvenile lifers.



# EVICTION PREVENTION COLLABORATION

## Clinics Collaborate to Provide Eviction Prevention Project

By Andrew Faught

**O**N A ZOOM FEED freighted with the nervous words of an interpreter, Kyle Keraga '21 listened as clients, many of them undocumented Latin American immigrants, voiced worries about losing housing because of COVID-related job losses, struggles to find childcare, or unscrupulous landlords.

“Universally, they were scared,” recalls Keraga, one of more than 50 students who took part in Maryland Carey Law’s Eviction Prevention Project (EPP). “None of the circumstances is easy to deal with, and they’re only made harder by the fact that a deadly virus was spreading through their community.”

The Eviction Prevention Project, which operated during the 2020-2021 academic year, is a collaboration among Maryland Carey Law’s Public Health Law, Fair Housing, Medical-Legal Partnership, and Mediation clinics and the University of Maryland,

Baltimore School of Social Work. Working in Prince George’s County and Baltimore City, the program reached around 150 clients worried about losing shelter at the height of the pandemic.

Students typically provided “quick-hit” legal advice sessions for clients, according to Kerri Lowrey '99, deputy director and director for grants and research for the Network for Public Health Law, Eastern Region, based at the law school, who led the collaboration. They also went to court, helping two clients negotiate a move-out date, one to have his case dismissed, and expunging an eviction from another’s record, which makes it easier for them to rent in the future. Others drafted policy briefs on eviction diversion, deterring serial eviction filings, limiting public access to eviction records, and right to counsel, and presented a nationwide webinar on these issues. Keraga was one of four students who testified in the Maryland General Assembly and Baltimore City Council hearings on housing-related bills.

In many cases, Lowrey says, there is little legal recourse for those facing eviction: “So much of it is just listening to people and hearing them out and empathizing with their situation, while helping them navigate the process and secure the best possible outcome.” The program, she notes, also benefitted student participants because it showed them the human ramifications of lawyering.

“This was a really tangible way for students to make a difference in the world,” Lowrey says. “I’m hoping that the students who were involved in this project, even if they go on to work in a big firm, keep this experience in the back of their heads—that they developed some working knowledge of the inequities out there, and that they can do pro bono work in some capacity to serve people.”

It’s a mindset that resonates with Keraga. Before enrolling at Maryland Carey Law, he was the state coordinator for Our Revolution Maryland, a community organization that advocates in part for permanent affordable housing and unionized jobs that pay fair and livable wages.

Keraga says he entered law school drawn to public interest work and could not pass up taking part in a public health-related clinic during a global public health crisis.

“I wanted an experience that was about helping people deal with their problems and standing up for the little guy,” he says. “The EPP and Public Health Law Clinic gave me that experience. I learned the bread and butter of being a lawyer, and I was glad that we were able to help people through some of the most difficult periods of their lives.” ■

# POINT OF VIEW

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## Monica Kulkarni '21 Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic



As with all other aspects of life last year, the world economy was severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses, small and large, experienced disruptions to their operations, in turn causing many to close their doors permanently. However, the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic at Maryland Carey Law offered a sliver of hope for many up-and-coming local businesses and creatives, providing cost-free services to help file trademarks and patents, draft non-disclosure agreements, and form business entities. Though clinic this past year was virtual, it was still the highlight of my law school career.

Our work begins with perhaps my favorite part about the clinic: Friday client-intake meetings. Hearing the stories of musicians, software creators, beverage producers, restaurant, brewery, and non-profit owners, and their visions for their businesses, was inspiring. Asking them questions not only about the legal issues they present but also about their lives, albeit through a computer screen, made the meetings personal and fun. From “Can you tell us about who owns the artwork in your logo?” to “I would love to hear some of your music, what’s your Instagram handle?,” each response from the client gave me a glimpse into their story. For many of the clients that I thought had the most interesting stories or businesses, I eagerly volunteered to be their student-attorney.

Once Professor [Julie]  
Hopkins '04 and Professor

[Edward] Yee '97 officially retained the client with the clinic, I managed the deadlines and tasks necessary to meet my client’s needs. Researching copyright issues, conducting trademark clearance searches, explaining to the client the risk involved with filing a trademark, drafting client memos, and filing trademark applications with the USPTO became second nature to me, even in just a few months of being in the clinic. The most rewarding part of it all was not only the practical knowledge I gained from working with my clients, but also knowing that I was playing a small part in helping them protect their brands and inventions.

Entrepreneurs and creatives take a gamble on the success of their endeavors, and I felt honored to work with local businesses in achieving their dreams. The clinic injected (pun intended) a sense of hope in me during an otherwise tough time clouded by uncertainty with how the world would recover from the pandemic. Now that cities are reopening, I am excited to patronize some of my clients’ establishments. Going forward, I know I will be a better advocate for my clients because of my experience in the clinic, and for that I am immensely grateful. ■

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# IN CLASS

## Environmental, Health, and International Law Programs Partner to Offer Malawi Collaboration

By Chris Quirk

**B**UILDING ON Maryland Carey Law’s strong tradition of integrating legal theory and practice, Professors Diane Hoffmann (Health Law), Bob Percival (Environmental Law) and Peter Danchin (International and Comparative Law) collaborated to imagine new ways students could work across boundaries and forge partnerships with law students and law clinics dedicated to addressing the increasingly devastating and interconnected effects of global warming in countries in southern Africa.

The result is a new Legal Theory and Practice course: Environmental Justice, Human Rights, and Public Health. The class brings together half a dozen students each from Maryland Carey Law and the University of Malawi, as well as faculty from both schools. The seminar gives participants a chance to share knowledge, ideas, and strategies to study and combat seemingly intractable problems.

“The effects of global warming are playing out in devastating ways in southern Africa,” says Danchin, associate dean for research and faculty development. “It became apparent to us that climate change has ramifications in public health and human rights realms as well, and we realized this was a moment when we could collaborate in terms of teaching and research to fashion solutions.”

The course was first offered last spring, just before the COVID-19 epidemic struck globally. That ended plans for mutual visits by the Maryland Carey Law students and their counterparts in Malawi, but the group persevered virtually, and looks forward to in-person exchanges and project work in the future.

Emily Schenning ’20, now a judicial law clerk at the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, has a longstanding interest in African environmental law and had traveled to Malawi previously. Schenning signed up for the seminar immediately after she heard about it and appreciated the



Emily Schenning '20 in Malawi

360-degree approach of the course. “We would have discussions every week with the Malawian students on international environmental law and the issues confronting their nation,” she says. “What made it much more than a legal discussion was that we went beyond legislation and discussed using public health and other measures to address some of these problems.”

The expansion into different policy areas is almost a requirement given the interconnected nature of the problems the citizens of Malawi face. Malawi is fortunate to have ample lakes and rivers, but as water resources dry up due to rising temperatures, the combined effects of poverty, drought and disease tends to increase. Pollution of the Mudi river from industrial waste has a devastating impact on those living downriver. “Our teams in the class looked at these issues, did a legal analysis, and came up with some key ideas for potential public interest litigation,” says Danchin. “We also looked at the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights, where a number of cases have been brought in recent years and explored working with NGOs and civil society advocates to create partnerships on the ground there.” These partnerships are the

engine of the project, and part of what makes it successful insists Danchin, who grew up in South Africa. “Malawians are extraordinarily gifted and resilient. This isn’t a model of parachuting in. It’s a true exchange and it’s just wonderful to watch the relationships and innovative ideas that develop. I think because of that our students learn more about what it means to be a lawyer, and what it means to protect human rights.”

Schenning notes the importance of taking the time to get to know the community you are serving. “Without that, you’re flying blind,” she says. “Working in public interest, when I take on a project now, I see the entire community as my client. I love the Maryland Carey Law focus on communities, and I think this program embodies that.”

*The Environmental Justice, Human Rights, and Public Health course was launched in large part thanks to generous funding from the David and Leslie Glickman Interprofessional Health Law Fund and is also a University of Maryland, Baltimore Global Impact Fund awardee. ■*



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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 2020 through summer 2021.



## **Virtual Constitutional Law and Economics Workshop builds a community of international scholars**

During the pandemic, Professor Max Stearns launched an online workshop for legal scholars whose work overlaps constitutional law and economics. Stearns invited top thinkers from institutions including the University of Chicago, University of Virginia, Stanford, and Columbia to submit papers. With a core group of around 10 participants, word spread internationally, and the workshop began drawing scholars from India, Israel, Germany, Italy, and Canada.

Stearns is gratified that his efforts have resulted in a vibrant scholarly community for which no travel is required. “I enjoy getting a bunch of smart and curious people together,” he says. “That’s when the magic happens.”

Stearns, the Venable, Baetjer & Howard Professor of Law, is on research leave this fall. The workshop will resume in spring 2022.

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# PERSPECTIVE: WOMEN, DEMOCRACY, AND THE PANDEMIC

By Prof. Paula A. Monopoli



**T**HE RECENT pandemic has had a disparate impact on women, particularly poor women and women of color. The economic toll was profound – nearly 3 million women forced out of the labor market, with the concomitant loss of wages, seniority, and retirement security. If women are to recover, their equal participation in democratic governance is essential. And the fundamental instrument of that participation is the vote.

Women’s right to vote was not protected by the U.S. Constitution until ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. The pandemic eclipsed the amendment’s August 2020 centennial. But the commemoration did yield a better understanding of how its ratification did not ensure voting rights for women of color. As my colleague, Professor Taunya Banks and I discussed in the law

school’s new faculty webinar series last fall, Black and Brown women were disenfranchised by poll taxes, literacy tests, and threats of violence, even after the amendment’s ratification in 1920. Native American women were not afforded citizenship until 1924. And Asian immigrant women were denied the right to become naturalized citizens until the 1940s and 1950s.

Yet, women’s long struggle for suffrage has been erased from our collective memory, as I explain in my book, *Constitutional Orphan: Gender Equality and the Nineteenth Amendment* (Oxford Univ. Press 2020). When we recover that lost history, we find that white, Black, Brown, Asian American, and Native American suffragists were all constitution-makers. Their efforts re-shaped the constitutional landscape. Using their First Amendment rights to assemble, petition for redress of grievances, and speak in the public sphere, these suffragists secured additional constitutional rights. The rights they sought were not only a matter of equal status as an abstract matter—they were also a means to an end. Voting and holding public office, in particular, were important paths to power. And that political power could dismantle the remnants of subordinating legal regimes like coverture, while ensuring equal access to custody of children, relief from gender and racial violence, and equal economic opportunity.

One-hundred years later, women have yet to achieve full participation in our representative democracy. Only 26.5% of Congress, 30.9% of state legislatures, and 30.5% of local municipal officials are female. Nonetheless, throughout 2020 women persisted. Stacey Abrams led a voting rights movement that defied the odds, and Vice President Kamala Harris made history as the first woman elected to national office in the nation’s 245-year history.

The pandemic threatens to unravel years of progress in the realm of gender equality, exacerbating inequalities like the gender pay gap. But in the Nineteenth Amendment, we find a constitutional commitment to sex-equality in democratic governance. The amendment protects our right to engage in the political process, and to demand policies that will mitigate the pandemic’s social and economic toll on American women. The Nineteenth Amendment is at the core of our equal citizenship, and the struggle to fully achieve that status continues. ■

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## PERSPECTIVE:

# CLAMPING DOWN ON FAULTY FORENSICS

By Asst. Prof. Maneka Sinha

**T**V DRAMAS OFTEN paint—and jurors often perceive—forensic methods like fingerprint, firearms, bite mark, and hair comparison analysis as cutting edge, unquestionably reliable science. But these depictions and perceptions, particularly with respect to pattern matching disciplines, in which examiners attempt to “match” markings between items, misapprehend the reality of forensics, which is far more complex. Many forensic methods lack robust scientific underpinning. Labs sometimes produce faulty work, and forensic analysts have exaggerated their conclusions or been influenced by bias. Some have even falsified evidence or lied under oath, leading to disturbing miscarriages of justice.

Yet, problematic forensic evidence continues to be admitted in criminal cases where liberty is at stake. This leaves open the question: how have we allowed such evidence to get past judges and into jurors ears? Among many other theories, researchers have posited that judges have simply not done a good enough job scrutinizing forensic evidence before allowing it to be admitted at trial. But with the recent adoption of a new standard to screen out unreliable scientific or specialized evidence at trials, Maryland has a new opportunity to do better.

Before specialized evidence like forensics can be admitted at a trial, it must first satisfy certain

relevance and reliability criteria. For decades, those criteria required only that scientific evidence be generally accepted by the relevant scientific community. This standard, established in the 1923 case, *Frye v. United States*, fails to require judges to meaningfully evaluate the reliability of evidence presented and instead allows that evaluation to be outsourced to whomever is construed to constitute the “relevant” scientific community.

In 1993, in federal jurisdictions, the Frye standard was supplanted by the Daubert standard, which mandates that judges take a more hands-on approach to determining admissibility of scientific or specialized evidence. Daubert requires judges to act as gatekeepers to determine whether or not scientific or specialized evidence is relevant and reliable before admitting it at trial. In the intervening years, the vast majority of states have followed suit in adopting the Daubert standard. Maryland, despite drifting towards Daubert for many years, did not formally abandon Frye in favor of the federal standard until just last year in *Rochkind v. Stevenson*.

However, Maryland has gone further than other jurisdictions in giving judges guidance on how to assess admissibility. The Daubert case offers several factors to help judges determine reliability of scientific evidence. In *Rochkind*, the Court of Appeals made clear that additional factors may be relevant to the admissibility determination, explicitly adding



additional tools for judges to analyze admissibility.

Maryland has now adopted a standard that requires judges to take a more critical look at purportedly scientific evidence offered at trials, and it has added clarity on how judges are to conduct admissibility assessments. The move has the potential to curb the admission of faulty forensics in criminal trials and prevent future miscarriages of justice. *Rochkind* came down in the midst of a global pandemic, so admissibility challenges were slowed. But as courts open back up and challenges are heard with greater frequency, time will tell if our judges meet the challenge. ■

**Maneka Sinha** directs Maryland Carey Law’s Criminal Defense Clinic.

# EVENTS



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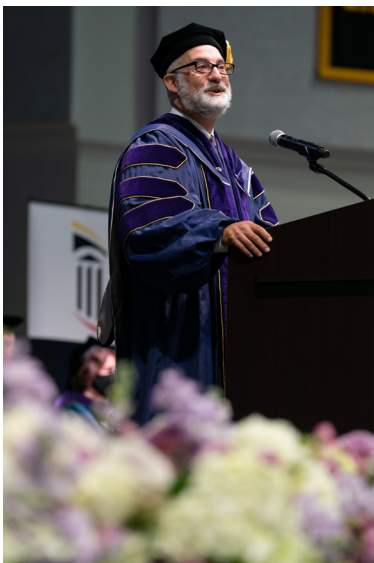
Honoring the Class of 2021  
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# HONORING THE CLASS OF 2021

As vaccination rates increased and infection rates decreased throughout the spring semester, we remained hopeful that a traditional, in-person graduation ceremony in May would be possible. Unfortunately, ongoing COVID restrictions prevented us from holding the event at that time. But on August 8, over 100 excited JD, LLM, and MSL graduates walked across the stage at UMBC's Employers Insurance Arena for their hooding.

The day was particularly jubilant for the JD and LLM graduates who had taken the bar exam less than two weeks prior to the occasion.





**“It is a joy to be in this physical space with you and your families after so many months interacting remotely,” Dean Donald Tobin told the graduates before expressing his pride in the class’s extraordinary combination of resilience and compassion.**



**Day and evening class presidents Rebecca Carlone and Edward Healy also addressed the graduates, celebrating the tight knit bond of the class and reflecting on their memorable time in law school.**



**Keynote speaker Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks ’96 encouraged graduates to tap into their unique experience to help others and find their purpose professionally.**



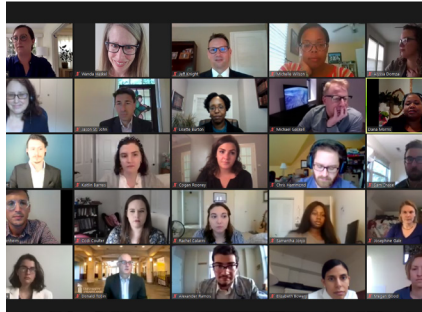
**“As we work to navigate our recovery from this pandemic, we are called to a once-in-a-generation opportunity. We can help move life forward,” Alsobrooks said. “There are so many causes that need lawyers with your gifts. In fact, you may find purpose and opportunity in an unexpected place.”**

# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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# 1.

## Faculty Webinar Series

July 2020-March 2021  
In the Faculty Webinar Series, members of the Maryland Carey Law community addressed timely, significant issues and spoke about their scholarship, clinical work, and related projects.

# 2.

## Networking 101

September 24, 2020  
Remote learning did not stop the law school from offering Networking 101 at which Career Development Office staff and the Alumni Board gave students practice and tips on building meaningful connections.

# 3.

## Crab Cake Social

October 16, 2020  
Members of the Maryland Carey Law School Club (MCLSC) were treated to a night of camaraderie and crab cakes as they came together online for the leadership giving society's annual celebration. More than 60 members of the law school community and their families logged on to chat with friends and colleagues before the main event—a cooking demonstration from Maxine '17 and Steve Phillips of Phillips Seafood fame.

# 4.

## Scholarship Support Event

November 19, 2020  
Dean Donald Tobin hosted an online celebration of scholarship support bringing together donors and scholarship recipients. Speakers included donor Caroline G. Harris '79 and her scholarship recipient Emma Kaufman '21.

# 5.

## Myerowitz Finals

March 10, 2021  
Judges and students adapted to the online environment for the Myerowitz moot court competition finals in which students compete to become full members of the Moot Court Board. Best Oralist: Christine Miles '22, Best Brief: David Spinosa '22.

# 6.

## MPILP Auction

April 4-11, 2021  
The Maryland Public Interest Law Project (MPILP) offered its annual goods and services auction online this year, raising funds to provide grants so Maryland Carey Law students can spend their summers in unpaid public interest positions. Danielle Torain '10 was the speaker for the group's online auction/keynote event.

# 7.

## Students Stay Connected

Fall 2020-Spring 2021  
Affinity groups were essential in keeping the Maryland Carey Law community strong during the pandemic. Several groups organized online banquets, awards ceremonies, discussions, and networking opportunities.

# 8.

## 2020 Alumni Awards

December 17, 2020  
The Maryland Carey Law community logged on to a special Zoom event to celebrate the 2020 Alumni Awards, honoring the Hon. Elijah E. Cummings '76 (posthumously), M. Natalie McSherry '74, the Hon. Clayton Greene, Jr. '76, Meghan Marsh '96, and Michelle McLeod '10.

# 9.

## Trivia Night

April 28, 2021  
The Alumni Board hosted an evening of trivia sponsored by Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. Alumni from across the country, spanning decades of graduation years, competed. Melissa Clarke Cruz '11, Elyse Grossman '11, Emily Hanson '11, Margaret Lankford '11, and Josh Miller '11, were crowned champions.

# LEGACY



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## GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF VISITORS

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**R**ESILIENCY. THIS is what comes to mind when I reflect on the Maryland Carey Law community over the last year. Under the leadership of Dean Tobin and his very capable team, our students, faculty, and staff have risen to the occasion, tackling obstacles and overcoming unfathomable challenges. Through it all, our alumni provided critical support, from virtual coffee chats with eager 1Ls and supporting the Career Development's Mock Interview Program, to participating on scholarly panels and engaging in our Faculty Webinar Series. Your contributions have helped us maintain our vibrancy during these unprecedented turbulent times, and for that I thank you.

The pandemic has shed light on the importance of taking care of ourselves, and each other. So

often, our well-being takes a back burner to all-night study sessions, 60+ hour work weeks, and back-to-back-to-back meetings with no down time. The Board of Visitors remains committed to supporting our students and ensuring tomorrow's legal leaders are equipped with the necessary resources and skills to thrive both professionally and personally. Significantly, with seven new board members joining us this fall, the board continues to attract new voices and perspectives to support these efforts.

With the 2021-2022 academic year underway, and a return to in-person learning and programming, I look forward to crossing paths with you in the months ahead. Again, thank you for all that you do. ■

**Howard K. Kurman '75**  
Chair, Board of Visitors

**We are pleased to welcome the following alumni and friends to the Board of Visitors:**

The Hon. Angela Alsobrooks '96  
County Executive, Prince  
George's County

Marc Broady '16  
Vice President, Community  
Impact, Weller Development

Michael Carpenter  
Senior Associate, WilmerHale

Lynnette Espy-Williams '06  
Shareholder and Chief Diversity  
Officer, Cozen O'Connor

Kristin Herber '01  
Vice President, Managing  
Counsel, Litigation and  
Insurance, Under Armour

Paul Tiburzi '80  
Partner, DLA Piper, Baltimore

Stacie Tobin '92  
Partner-in-Charge, Venable LLP,  
Baltimore

# ALUMNI

We are pleased to share Maryland Carey Law's 2021 Alumni Honors Awardees. Selected annually by the Alumni Board Awards Committee and confirmed by the board, honorees have demonstrated excellence in their chosen careers and commitment to the law school community. This year's honorees will be celebrated in December.

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## Distinguished Graduate Award Christine A. Edwards '83



The Distinguished Graduate Award is presented to an alum who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the community. Edwards, a recently retired partner of Winston & Strawn in Chicago, is regarded as a leading financial services attorney in the nation and served as chair of the firm's Bank Regulatory Practice. Edwards is a former long-standing member of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors, serving as chair from 2011 to 2015.

## Judicial Excellence Award The Hon. Alexander Wright, Jr. '74

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; and embodies strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant. Judge Wright served in the judiciary for 26 years, retiring in 2019 from the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.



# HONORS



## **Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award Michelle Daugherty Siri '02**

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. Siri is executive director of the Women's Law Center of Maryland, and previously served as president of Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board.

## **Star Award Elva E. Tillman '87**

The Star Award (awarded in alternating years) recognizes the unsung heroes among the alumni population. Those alumni who volunteer for Maryland Carey Law behind the scenes with little fanfare, and who are steadfast in their support, loyal in their hearts, and deserving of special recognition. Before retiring in 2016, Tillman worked for the City of Baltimore as its principal counsel for the Department of Law and served on Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board until 2020.



## **Rising Star Award Marshall E. Jackson, Jr. '13**

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. Jackson is a partner in the DC office of McDermott Will & Emery, with a practice focused on transactional and regulatory counseling for clients in the healthcare industry, along with advising clients on the legal, regulatory and compliance aspects of digital health.

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# 1960s

**David Cordish '63** was honored at the 2021 Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame ceremony.

**Stuart Arthur Goldstein '65** was honored by the Florida Bar for being in good standing as a member for 50 years.

**Mark Dopkin '67** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

\***The Hon. Thomas “Mike” Miller, Jr. '67** was named the J. Joseph Curran, Jr. Public Service Award winner by the Maryland Bar Foundation.

**Barry Schreiber '67** was honored by the Florida Bar for being in good standing as a member for 50 years.

**Richard Dunn '69** was appointed to the Government Contracts Advisory Council of the George Washington University Law School.

# 1970s

**William Sammons '70** was honored by the Bar Association of Baltimore City for 50 years of service to the legal profession and community and was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Paul Bekman '71** was recognized by *Continental Who's Who*.

**The Hon. Frederic Smalkin '71** was named to the Maryland Environmental Service board as secretary by Gov. Larry Hogan.

**Ann Hoffman '72** was elected to the executive board of the Metropolitan DC AFL-CIO and was sworn in as the labor-designated commissioner on the board of the DC Housing Authority.

**David Irwin '73** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Robert Curran '74** was listed in Chambers USA.

**M. Natalie McSherry '74** was sworn in as the 125th MSBA president; the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland honored her with the Distinguished Women’s Award; and she was named “Highly Recommended” by Benchmark Litigation 2021 and to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Randall Morgan '74** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Lee Ogburn '75** was named “Highly Recommended” by Benchmark Litigation 2021.

**Evelyn Darden '76** was named a *Daily Record* Icon Awards 2020 winner.

**Mark Treanor '76** won the Colby Award for his book about service in the Vietnam War and its aftermath.

**Alan Grochal '77** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**John Isbister '77** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Raymond Burke '78** of Baker Donelson earned certification as a mediator under Title 17 of the Maryland Rules.

**Emerson Dorsey, Jr. '79** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Caroline Harris '79** was recognized by Chambers USA as a leader in Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use.

**Harry Johnson '79** was recognized as a Benchmark Litigation Star.

**Thomas Ries '79** was awarded the 2020 Maryland State Bar Association, Family & Juvenile Law Section Beverly Ann Groner Award.

## STANFORD GANN '55

Stanford Gann '55 was named a *Daily Record* Icon Awards 2020 winner.



\*deceased

## MARYLAND CAREY LAW ALUMNI RECOGNIZED

Eleven Maryland Carey Law alumni were named to the 2021 *Daily Record* Leadership in Law list, including C. Quince Hopkins '89, director of the Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention at Maryland Carey Law.



### 1980s

**The Hon. Jonathan H. Rosenbluth '80** was appointed to the Joint Municipal Court, serving the Borough of Madison, Borough of Chatham, Township of Chatham, Township of Harding and the Township of Morris.

**Andrew Levy '81** was recognized by Chambers USA for his work in Litigation: General Commercial in Maryland.

**The Hon. Jeffrey Margolis '81** joined the California Office of Tax Appeals as a supervising administrative law judge.

**William Shaughnessy, Jr. '81** will serve as in-house counsel at SunMed Growers.

**Alan Rifkin '82** was named a *Daily Record* Icon Awards 2020 winner.

**William Carrier, III '83** was named a “legal lion” in connection to his defense of Best Buy in *Law360* and to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Diane D'Aiutolo Collins '83** was named managing partner at Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP.

**Donald Judges '83** retired as vice provost for distance education at the University of Arkansas.

**David McManus, Jr. '83** was recognized as a 2021 Super Lawyer.

**J. C. Sullivan's '83** comedy heist novel *Shark and Octopus* was published by Adelaide Books.

**The Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera '84** was named the Maryland Bar Foundation's 2021 H. Vernon Eney Endowment Award recipient and a *Daily Record* Icon Awards 2020 winner.

**Dr. Arthur Appleton '84** was interviewed by BBC Radio.

**Daryl Sidle '85** was recognized as a 2021 Super Lawyer.

**The Hon. Alphonso Andrews '86** was nominated for a seat on the Virgin Islands Superior Court.

**Kathleen Birrane '86** was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 Health Care list.

**Gardner Duvall '86** was listed in *Chambers USA*.

**Ava Lias-Booker '86** was welcomed to the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center's operating board.

**Brian Gibbons '87** was named to *The Daily Record* 2021 Influential Marylanders list.

**A. Tonya Ellington Odom '87** was named assistant director of the FBI Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs.

**Brian Balenson '88** was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**P. Matthew Darby '88** was recognized by *Continental Who's Who*.

**Don Hubbard, Jr. '89** joined Excelerate Energy's development team as vice president of gas and power.

**Henry Talavera '89** was named to the *D Magazine* 2021 Best Lawyers in Dallas List.

### 1990s

**The Hon. Daneeka Varner Cotton '91** and her sister (**The Hon. Donnaka Varner Lewis '02**) made history as the first sisters to serve on the state bench simultaneously; Judge Cotton was also chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.



## CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

**David Fischer '91** joined Keller & Heckman LLP.

**Sarah Lenz Lock '91** is senior vice president for policy in AARP's Policy, Research and International Affairs.

**Sharonne Robinson Bonardi '92** was named the 2021 recipient of the Federation of Tax Administrators' Harley T. Duncan Award for Leadership and Service.

**Caroline Ciraolo '93** was named president of the American College of Tax Counsel.

**The Hon. Sherri Koch '93** was named district administrative judge for Montgomery County.

**Jeffrey Gordon '94** joined O'Melveny in Washington, DC.

**Brett Ingerman '94** was named to the inaugural *Daily Record* Power 100 list and to the *Baltimore Business Journal* 2021 Who's Who in Law list.

**The Hon. Michael Studdard '94** began the 2020-2021 term on the Monumental City Bar Association Executive Board.

**Assoc. Dean Russell McClain '95** published *The Guide to Belonging in Law School* (West Academic Press).

**Angela Alsobrooks '96** and **Joy Arnold Russell '96** were featured in "The county where Black women hold power — a few miles from the White House" in *The Washington Post*. Alsobrooks was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**William "Bill" Mathias '96** was named co-chair of the Baker Ober Health Law Group at Baker Donelson.

**Carrie Ricci-Smith '96** was announced by the U.S. Army as a member of a panel for an independent review at Fort Hood.

**James Fisher '97** was appointed deputy city attorney of Denver.

**The Hon. Karen "Chaya" Friedman '97** was honored at the 2021 Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame ceremony.

**David Lapp '98** was appointed People's Counsel of Maryland by Attorney General Brian Frosh.

**Kraig Long '98** is a winner of the *Baltimore Business Journal* 2021 Leaders Diversity Award.

**Gilda Claudine "Dini" McCullough '98** joined Maryland Legal Aid as the new chief attorney in the Montgomery County office.

### DAVID HODNETT '07

David Hodnett '07 was appointed director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Brown Advisory.



**Nancy Whiteman Greene '97** is now CEO, the first woman in the role, at Miles & Stockbridge; she was listed on the *Baltimore Sun* 25 Women to Watch 2020 and on the first *Baltimore Business Journal* Enterprising Women of Excellence list.

**The Hon. Stacy Mayer '97** was elevated to the Baltimore County Circuit Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

**Catherine Stavlas '97** will succeed Felicia C. Cannon as clerk of court at the United States District Court District of Maryland.

**Eric DeVito '98** was appointed to the Greenberg Gibbons board of directors.

**Ericka Downie '98** joined Nelson Mullins.

**K. Nichole Nesbitt '99** was named managing partner of Goodell DeVries.

**Shanna Ramirez '99** was appointed interim chief legal and ethics officer, general counsel, and board secretary at CPS Energy.

## 2000s

**Mojdeh Bahar '00** was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**David Goldman '00** was appointed general counsel and director of corporate development of Associated Capital Group.

## CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

**Anthony Matricciani '00** joined Hartog, Baer & Hand as a senior associate.

**Peter Newsham '00**, DC police chief, was hired by Prince William County Police.

**Lou Patalano '00** is now senior corporate vice president and chief legal officer at Sentara Healthcare.

**Andréa Wilson '00** was named chief legal officer with Amatus Health.

**Christopher Steer '01** is now a partner at Sessa & Dorsey LLC.

**Suja Varghese '01** was appointed chief counsel in the Office of the Superintendent for St. Mary's County Public Schools.

**Thomas Herndon, Jr. '02** joined Scarinci Hollenbeck's New York City office as partner.

**The Hon. Donnaka Varner Lewis '02** and her sister (**the Hon. Daneeka Varner Cotton '91**) made history as the first sisters to serve on the state bench simultaneously.

**The Hon. Elizabeth Morris '02** was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**J. Manuel "Manny" Ocasio '02** is the new Luminis Health chief human resources officer.

**Stephanie Kaye Baron '03** was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**Anirban Basu '03** was named chief economist of Maryland Bankers Association.

**Christina Bolmarcich '03** joined Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP.

**Laura Bouyea '03** was elected to firm partnership at Venable.

**Lindsey Erdmann '03** was promoted to principal of McNamee Hosea.

**Jonathan Herbst '03** joined Steinberg Sports & Entertainment.

**Brandon Maslan '03** joined "Get Yourself the Job" as co-host.

**Jason Morrissey '03** was appointed legal counsel for Southwestern Vermont Health Care.

**Brian Southard '03** was named to the "Best Lawyer" list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Emily Wein '03** became vice president and general counsel at University of Maryland Medical Center.

**Dondrae Maiden '04** was selected as director, Indian Trust Litigation, at the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior.

**Alexis Burrell Rohde '04** was appointed register of wills for the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County.

**Amanda Costley '05** and **Shante Willis '05** released a children's book, *Oakley and Ivan and the All-Nighter*.

**Joseph Mack '05** received the Florida bar president's Pro Bono Service Award.

**Erica Schwartz '05** was elected to the board of directors of Aveanna.

**Gabrielle Shirley '05** joined Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP.

## THAILA SUNDARESAN '08

Thaila Sundaresan '08 joined Davis Wright Tremaine's San Francisco office as a partner in the technology and communications practice, and was selected as a 2020-2021 Leadership Advancement Program Fellow by the National Asian Pacific Bar Association.



**Robert Bacon '06** is now director of client experience at Green Arrow Financial.

**Melissa Boone '06** joined the Haymarket Media Inc. board of directors.

**Lee Carpenter '06** joined the law firm of Niles, Barton & Wilmer.

**Aaron Casagrande '06** was named to the Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under Hotlist and recognized as a Benchmark Litigation Star.

**Jennifer Curry '06** received Baker Donelson's Work-Life Warrior Award.

**Lynnette Espy-Williams '06** was named a 2021 Diversity in Business Honoree at Cozen O'Connor.

**James Heinen, Jr. '06** was named practice group leader for the Intellectual Property Practice Group at Armstrong Teasdale.

**Delora Ifekauche '06** was named a 2020 Top Lobbyist by the National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics.

**Anastasia Thomas Nardangeli '06** joined the Dover Motorsports, Inc. board of directors.

**Amy Petkovsek '06** was promoted to deputy chief counsel for Maryland Legal Aid.

**Indira Sharma '06** was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**Jaymi Sterling '06** was appointed to the Asian American Hate Crimes Workgroup by Gov. Larry Hogan and was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

## MARCUS WANG '08

Marcus Wang '08 was named to Maryland's Asian American Hate Crimes Workgroup by Gov. Larry Hogan along with Jaymi Sterling '06.



**Catherine Toppin '06** joined Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery's Chicago office as partner.

**Shaan Chima '07** was named vice president and associate general counsel, workout and recovery, at BankUnited, N.A.

**Dorcas Gilmore '07** was appointed to the Global Boatworks Holdings, Inc. board of directors.

**The Hon. Krystin Jane Richardson '07** was appointed to the Baltimore County District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

**Reena Shah '07** was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**David Sharfstein '07** was elected partner at Hogan Lovells.

**Fred Smalkin, Jr. '07** joined Evisort.

**Alicia Wilson '07** was appointed to Kennedy Krieger Institute's board of directors, named to the Black Enterprise 40 Under 40 list, and featured in *Baltimore Magazine*'s "She's Got Next."

**Jeffrey Greenberg '08** joined Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP.

**Samantha Kravitz '08** was elevated to principal of Markham Law Firm.

**Meaghan McDermott '08** is the new chief attorney of Maryland Legal Aid's Community Lawyering Initiative.

**Michelle Mendez '08** was nominated for The Elevate Prize.

**Cara Murray '08** was named to the Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under Hotlist.

**Rita Piel '08** joined Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC as a partner.

**Steve Gottheim '09** was promoted to general counsel of the American Land Title Association.

**Radiance Harris '09** published *Trademark Like a Boss*.

**Robert Maddox '09** was elected counsel at Richards, Layton & Finger.

**Joseph Selba '09** was elected secretary on the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association board of directors.

**John Sunder '09** was elected to firm partnership at Venable.

## Anya Anton Marino '12

Anya Anton Marino '12 was named Harvard Law School's LGBTQ+ advocacy clinical instructor. She is one of the first two transgender women of color to teach at Harvard Law School.



## 2010s

**Kali Book '10** joined Nelson Mullins.

**Ricardo Johnson '10** was named by the *Baltimore Business Journal* as a Leader in Health Care.

**Nicole McConlogue '10** joined the faculty at the West Virginia University College of Law as an associate professor and clinic director.

**Danielle Torain '10** was chosen for *The Daily Record* 2021 Maryland's Top 100 Women list.

**Jamar Brown '11** was promoted to partner at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP and named to the *Baltimore Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Class of 2020 list.

**Brent Ceryes '11** was made a partner at Schochor, Federico and Staton.

**Eric Lee '11** was hired as athletic director at Greens Farms Academy.

**Louis Malick '11** was elected principal at Kramon & Graham and was named to the "Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch" list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Natasha Mehu '11** was appointed director of Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Office of Government Relations.

**Juan Rossi '11** was elected shareholder at Polsinelli for 2021.

**Hillary Scholten '11** joined Miller Johnson as senior counsel.

**Tony Torain, II '11** joined Polsinelli's Washington, D.C. office and was named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

**Aaron DeGraffenreidt '12** is the 2021 Maryland Bar Foundation's Edward F. Shea Jr. Professionalism Award recipient.

**Tattiana Goluskin '12** joined the Maryland Center for Legal Assistance.

**Summer Hughes Niazy '12** was named to the "Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch" list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Chelsea Ortega '12** was named to *The Daily Record* Leading Women 2020 list.

**Justin Redd '12** was named to the "Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch" list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Jhanelle Graham Caldwell '13** was elected partner at Goodell DeVries.

**Chelsea Jones Crawford '13** began the 2020-2021 term on the Monumental City Bar Association executive board.

**Hannah Levinson Cross '13** made partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.

**Letam Duson '13** was sworn in as the 37th president of the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys of Maryland, Inc.

**Will Harrington '13** was named to the "Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch" list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Derrick Milburn '13** began the 2020-2021 term on the Monumental City Bar Association executive board.

**Gregory Reeves '13** accepted a principal position in Ernst & Young LLP's National Tax Practice.

**Brad Rifkin '13** was elected partner at Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC.

**Laura Dunn '14**, founding partner, L.L. Dunn Law Firm, expanded the firm to a second office in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Victoria Eagles '14** was named to the *Baltimore Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Class of 2020 list.

**Akeel St. Jean '14** was elected to lead the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce.

**Mehreen Imtiaz '15** joined Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC.

**Arnold Abraham '16** was named to the 2021 edition of Maryland Super Lawyers Rising Stars.

**Alexandria Montanio '16** was named to the *Baltimore Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Class of 2020 list.

**Michael Vinluan '16** was elected to a three-year term as a governor for the American College of Legal Medicine.

**Rachel Cooper '17** joined McKesson Corporation as cyber security counsel.

**Ryan Cullen '17** joined Nelson Mullins.

**Vanessa Destime '17** was honored by the National Bar Association.

**Hannah Bondurant '18** joined Tydings as an associate.

**Andrea Marcin '18** is Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service's new Equal Justice Works fellow in the Elder Justice Program.

**Gabrielle Phillips '18** joined Blank Rome LLP's Washington, DC, office as an associate.

**Robert Berman '19** joined Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP.

**Suhani Chitalia '19** joined Public Policy Partners.

**Meredith Storm '19** joined Pessin Katz Law as an associate.

**Timothy VanCisin '19** joined Tydings as an associate.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

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# GIVING SPOTLIGHT:

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## A Lasting Legacy: Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment

**S**HELDON “SHELLY” Altwarg ’65 credited his education and experience at the University of Maryland School of Law with enabling him to find and develop a lifelong career he loved. Using his skills and aptitude, he provided counsel and legal advocacy to countless families and small businesses in northern New Jersey communities for nearly 60 years.

When Altwarg passed away in 2020, his wife knew she wanted to carry on his legacy at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Thus, the Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment was created.

Through the family’s generosity, and a \$2 million bequest, the Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment will support incoming Maryland Carey Law students for years to come.

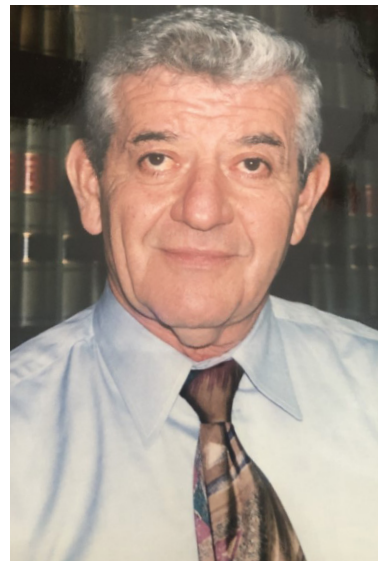
Born in 1934, Altwarg completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers Newark before moving to Maryland to pursue his legal education.

“In my 58 years of teaching (and still counting), Sheldon Altwarg

was one of a handful of the most brilliant students I have encountered,” says Shale Stiller, renowned Maryland attorney and long-standing adjunct faculty member. “So much so that I persuaded my law firm to offer him a position, an offer I have made on less than a half dozen occasions.”

Graduating in 1965, Altwarg was grateful for his professor’s proposition but chose instead to pursue his legal career, “practicing a little bit of everything,” according to his wife, in his home state of New Jersey. First he worked with his father-in-law, then with a long-time law partner and friend, until his retirement in 2012.

“We are honored to carry on Shelly’s legacy here at Maryland Carey Law and are deeply grateful for this incredible gift,” says Dean Donald Tobin. “Student scholarships are more important than ever, and the Sheldon Altwarg Memorial Scholarship Endowment will create meaningful impact in the lives of tomorrow’s legal leaders.” ■



# LAW RUNS DEEP

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## Alumni Profile: Marc Broady '16

*Vice president of community impact  
at Weller Development draws on  
family legacy of public service*



**M**ARC BROADY '16 HAS PUBLIC service in his blood. His grandfather, the Hon. Robert B. Watts '49 worked as a civil rights lawyer alongside Thurgood Marshall and went on to become the first Black judge on Baltimore's Municipal Court.

Following in those illustrious footsteps, Broady completed his JD at his grandfather's alma mater in 2016, working during the day as a data and budget specialist for Baltimore City Schools and attending law school at night.

"My memories of law school are very fond," says Broady, recalling how he felt especially welcomed by legendary faculty member Professor Larry Gibson, who had been closely associated with Judge Watts.

It was Gibson's dear friend and mentee, the now deceased U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings '76, who hired Broady fresh out of law school as a counsel and policy adviser during the congressman's final three years representing Maryland's 7th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cummings assigned Broady to lead the creation of the Baltimore Chapter of former President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, in which Broady has remained active to honor his mentor. "I want to see it through for him," he says.

With his ingrained community spirit, Broady also volunteers on multiple boards, including ROCA, a program designed to help high-risk young men transform their lives. This year Broady joined the Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors.

The Baltimore native calls his current position as vice president of community impact for Weller Development "a continuation of public service within the private sector." His job is to act as a bridge between the community and the developer of the Port Covington district in South Baltimore. Broady also spearheads the implementation of an agreement with the city requiring that development of the area includes support for women- and minority-owned business, education initiatives, and affordable housing.

"I don't expect to leave a larger-than-life legacy like my grandfather and Congressman Cummings did," says Broady, "but I feel proud to do work that is helping improve the lives of people in the city they both loved." ■

George Aitken '95  
 Jane Barrett '76  
 Allen Baumgardner '67  
 Rosemary Betts '53  
 Thomas Biddison '65  
 Jack Billig '58  
 Edward Blanton '60  
 Harry Blumenthal '61  
 Brian Bregman '05  
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# ALAN HORNSTEIN

## Professor Emeritus



Maryland Carey Law lost a luminary on December 17, 2020, with the passing of Professor Emeritus Alan Hornstein. An expert in contracts, evidence, and jurisprudence, Hornstein taught 18 different courses at Maryland Carey Law and left a lasting impression on countless students in his 32 years of teaching.

“We are deeply saddened by the death of Professor Hornstein,” says Dean Donald Tobin, recalling the vital role Hornstein played in overseeing the design and construction of the law school building erected in 2001. “His strategic thinking will be with us and generations of law students for many years to come.”

After graduating from Rutgers Law in 1970 and spending two years as law clerk to Judge Frederick P. Bryan, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, Hornstein joined the faculty in 1972. He served as associate dean from 1987 to 1991, acting dean in 1991-'92 and associate dean again in 2001-'02. Hornstein retired in 2004 but stayed highly connected with the law school as professor emeritus and a member of the Board of Visitors from 2007 to 2018.

“Alan was a very good friend, loyal, helpful, and very funny,” remembers Professor Emeritus William Reynolds. “He was more interested in the theory of teaching than anyone I have ever known,

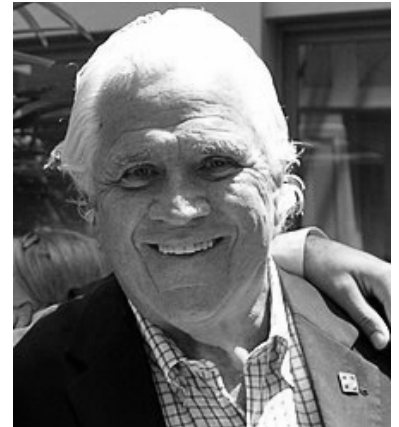
and that led him to a strong interest in curriculum reform. In that and many other ways, Alan left a deep and lasting impact on the law school.”

Hornstein played a key role in the integration of theory and practice into the curriculum, pioneering the use of practice simulation in first-year courses, among other initiatives. His early use of PowerPoint slides to teach Evidence is legendary among graduates who took his classes. Hornstein made many lasting contributions to the legal profession, serving as a member of the American Law Institute; presenting annual seminars for judges under the auspices of the Federal Judicial Center and the Maryland Judicial Institute; participating in the drafting of Maryland's Rules of Evidence; and authoring, among numerous other publications, annual editions of the Maryland Evidence Courtroom Manual.

While Hornstein will long be remembered for his scholarship and impact on teaching and learning at the law school, his most tangible legacy lives on in the spacious halls and wired learning spaces of the Maryland Carey Law building. From the soaring atrium to the extra wide wheelchair ramps, the well-equipped moot courtroom to the courtyard fountain, Hornstein's presence will always be felt at Maryland Carey Law. ■



# THOMAS V. “MIKE” MILLER ’67



The Maryland Carey Law community mourns the loss of longtime Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller '67, who passed away on January 15, 2021.

“We lost a great Maryland leader,” says Dean Donald Tobin. “He loved Maryland, and he loved helping other people succeed. He will be greatly missed.”

Miller served as president of the Maryland Senate for 33 years, longer than any other Senate president in Maryland history, and spent a total of 50 years in the Maryland legislature.

A Democrat, Miller presided over a progressive agenda, with major accomplishments associated with health care, education, and the Chesapeake Bay. Miller drove the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership between the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and the University of Maryland, College Park, strengthening the University System of Maryland’s impact on education, research, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

Born in Clinton, Maryland, Miller was the oldest of 10 siblings. He attended the University of Maryland, College Park, graduating with a degree in business administration in 1964, and continued on for a law degree from then University of Maryland School of Law in 1967. That same year, Miller was admitted to the Maryland bar and began practicing law in his hometown.

Miller won a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates in 1970 and

switched to the state Senate in 1974, representing the 27th District, which includes parts of Calvert, Charles, and Prince George’s counties. In 1983, he was elected chair of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, a role he held until becoming Senate president in 1987. From 1994 to 2000, Miller headed the national Democratic Legislative Campaign, raising money and helping Democrats get elected in state legislatures across the nation.

In law school, Miller met classmate U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin '67. Shortly after Miller’s death, Cardin tweeted, “Mike Miller was larger than life, a good friend, a good man who loved his family and community, and an incredible public servant who dedicated himself to his beloved Maryland ... Our lives were intertwined, starting with our days together at the University of Maryland Law School and then serving together in the Maryland General Assembly. Myrna and I were privileged to have Mike Miller in our lives for all these years.”

Also during his time in law school, in 1965, Miller married his wife, Patti. She and their five children and 15 grandchildren survive the senator.

Following his death at age 78, Miller lay in state in the rotunda of the Maryland State House for two days in January, a suitable honor for a man who published these words on his website: “It remains the greatest honor of my life to serve our community in the Maryland Senate.” ■

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Richard Schreiberstein '74  
The Hon. Allen Schwait '63  
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Thomas Swiss '74  
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July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

# CASUAL CONVERSATIONS

## STUDENT



### HANNAH APONTE

Class of 2022  
AB, Brown University

#### What is your hometown?

Belchertown, MA

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

Some include the *Maryland Journal of International Law* (editor-in-chief); Latinx Law Students Association (president); OutLaw (co-chair); and National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group (co-founder).

#### What has been your favorite course/topic of study at this point in your law school career?

I have really enjoyed every course I have taken so far.

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

I just started my summer position, so I am hoping to make an impact in that environment and learn as much as I can.

#### Name something that people would be surprised to know about you (a “fun fact”).

I was a pretty serious basketball player until I went to college. I am 5’2”, so I think that would surprise a lot of people.

#### What is your most memorable moment at Maryland Carey Law thus far?

During 1L Orientation, we had a session to discuss *Storming the Court* by Brandt Goldstein. I made a comment about Mr. Goldstein’s portrayal of women in the book. Someone who became a close friend heard my comment, and she told me that is when she knew we had to be friends. I like knowing such a small moment led to one of my most valued friendships.

#### What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?

My girlfriend and I enjoy walking along the Inner Harbor and ending up at Federal Hill Park.

## FACULTY



### CHAZ ARNETT

Associate Professor of Law  
BA, Morehouse College  
JD, Harvard Law School

#### What is your hometown?

Baltimore

#### Who inspires you?

People who make unimaginable sacrifices to pave the way for future generations. People like my mother and my grandparents. People who continue pushing knowing that the fruits of their labor will not be realized in their lifetimes. People who are always brave, because they have to be.

#### What was the last book or article that you read?

*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*

#### What do you like most about Baltimore?

That it is unquestionably the greatest city on the planet!

#### What has been your most memorable moment of teaching at Maryland Carey Law thus far?

Most memorable was the effort so many

of my students put into showing up every day [for online classes], learning from and leaning on one another, being vulnerable through sharing personal experiences, and finding creative ways to connect coursework to what was happening in the world.

#### Regarding your time as a law student, what words of advice would you give your younger self?

Share your voice as many times and as often as possible. Your personal experiences of trauma and struggle only make you a stronger advocate; they are not a weakness.

#### Where do you enjoy traveling for vacation or spending time to unwind?

Whenever I can I love traveling to various countries on the African continent. My last international trip before the pandemic was to Ghana.

# GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND CAREY LAW COMMUNITY

## STAFF



### JENNIFER POLLARD '03

BS, Towson University  
JD, University of Maryland School of Law

#### What is your hometown?

This is a tough one. My dad is a minister, so we moved every couple years. I grew up predominantly in small towns in Western Pennsylvania but moved to Maryland and went to high school in Frederick County.

#### Who inspires you?

People who follow their passions while treating others with kindness.

#### What is one goal you are currently working on (personal or professional)?

Teaching kids kindness through Little Loving Hands, a side project I do that teaches kindness through crafts that kids make and then donate to charities.

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

The student interaction. Because the student body is constantly changing, my work is constantly changing and adapting to each

new class, but the joy in helping someone on the path to fulfilling his or her dreams stays constant.

#### Name something that people would be surprised to know about you (a “fun fact”).

My house was hit by an F4 tornado as a kid.

#### What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?

In my current phase of life, I'd say seeing a show at the Hippodrome with the family (with dinner at one of Baltimore's great restaurants before the show).

#### What was your dream job as a kid?

I wanted to be a pediatrician when I was a kid but gave up that dream when I realized I didn't enjoy the sight of blood!

#### What is your hometown?

Prince George's County, Maryland. I have lived and traveled around the world but feel that I am part of something important here.

#### Who inspires you?

My 20-year-old daughter. She helps me see the world from a very different perspective.

#### What is one goal you are currently working toward?

Still trying to learn something new every day.

#### What is one of your proudest accomplishments in your career?

Seeing Prince George's County lead every jurisdiction in Maryland in job growth for six consecutive years.

#### Do you have any advice for recent law school graduates?

Think of your law degree as an entry to multiple career options, not just the

traditional practice of law, but as a powerful skill set for public service at the local, state, or federal level.

#### What is your favorite Supreme Court Case of all time?

*Reynolds v. Sims*. One person one vote applied to state legislatures. There is still work to be done, of course, but this decision changed how Americans were governed at the state level to an unmeasurable degree.

#### What was your favorite course or topic to study in law school?

Constitutional Law with Professor Quint. It is probably the only course I took from which I can still quote multiple cases by name.

## ALUMNUS



### DAVID IANNUCI '79

President & CEO  
Prince George's County Economic  
Development Corporation  
BA, University of Maryland, College Park



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Maryland Carey Law looks forward to welcoming back our alumni community in 2022 for another weekend to celebrate and reconnect with classmates. We will be celebrating reunions with alumni whose graduation years end in 0, 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7.



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