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BRIGHT FUTURE



THIS ACADEMIC YEAR marks the start of my tenure as dean of Maryland Carey Law, and I am thrilled. Getting to lead this institution, where I was professor and then co-director of the Clinical Law Program from 2004 to 2019, is a tremendous honor for which I am extremely grateful.

One of this law school's greatest strengths is an enduring community dedicated to supporting each other and our students, who will become the next generation of lawyers, public servants, nonprofit and corporate leaders, and policy advocates advancing justice. It has been a delight during these first few months reconnecting with

colleagues and forging relationships with people who joined us during my three years away. One of my highest priorities is to know as many of you as I can. I hope you enjoy this magazine's cover story, which will help you get to know me too.

Although the rest of this issue largely covers activities from last academic year, I am pleased to introduce the content, which includes initiatives I am proud to shepherd forward.

One of those is the Center for Dispute Resolution, which celebrates 20 years of transforming conflict into peace and positive change in courts and communities. You will also learn about Professor Mike Millemann's progress in our Post-conviction and Sentencing Clinic and Professor Bob Percival's innovative and engaging film contest.

Joining forces to offer a perspective on protecting the planet are professors Rena Steinzor and Seema Kakade, while recent graduate Bonnie Sarigianis '22 shares her experience as a student attorney in our Gender Violence Clinic. Additionally, we look back on the impactful career of Professor Emerita Karen Czapanskiy and meet our newest faculty members, Liza Vertinsky and Aadhithi Padmanabhan.

This is an exciting time to rejoin the law school. I am deeply inspired by Maryland Carey Law's work. I look forward to working with this remarkable community to forge new pathways of excellence in our classrooms, clinics, and beyond. ■

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renée Hutchins".

Renée Hutchins
Dean and Professor of Law

NEWS



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THE BULLETIN



Anniversaries

The Maryland Carey Law Center for Dispute Resolution, Center for Health and Homeland Security, and the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic are all celebrating 20th anniversaries.

White House Recognition

Maryland Carey Law was recognized during a White House and Department of Justice event for responding to the housing and eviction crisis through the Eviction Prevention Project.



Trailblazer

Associate Professor **Maneka Sinha** was named the 2021 Public Sector Trailblazer of the Year by the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C.



Executive Editor

Professor **Matiangai Sirleaf** was named executive editor for *Just Security*.



AALL Board

Associate Dean for Library & Technology and Associate Professor **Kristina Alayan** was elected to the American Association of Law Libraries executive board.



Fellowship

Associate Professor **Chaz Arnett** was named a faculty fellow at the Data & Research Institute.

Partnership

Maryland Carey Law is the first law school to participate in U.S. Cyber Command's Academic Engagement Network, a program designed to create a robust and accessible pool of qualified cyberprofessionals.

Consortium

The International and Comparative Law Program has established a new Consortium in Comparative Constitutionalism with the University of Milan School of Law in Italy and Simon Reichmann Law School in Israel.

Ranking

Maryland Carey Law ranked #1 for faculty, #2 for students, and #17 for deans in a new study examining women's representation in law schools.



Distinguished Professors

Professor **Diane Hoffmann** and Professor **Robert Percival** were awarded the designation Distinguished University Professor, which is the highest appointment bestowed on a faculty member at UMB.



Catalysts

Members of the Salsbury family: **Stuart M. Salsbury '71, Suzanne B. Salsbury '73, Benjamin S. Salsbury '07, and Rebecca C. Salsbury '08** were honored with the 2021 UMB Catalyst for Excellence Award for their generous philanthropic effort.

**NEW FACULTY:
PROFESSOR OF LAW**

LIZA VERTINSKY



Vertinsky brings expertise in the regulation of emerging technologies, health care markets and health policy; biomedical innovation; global health; and intellectual property. She is also passionate about finding ways the law can be used to pursue economic and social justice. In her previous position, she was an Emory Global Health Institute Faculty Fellow and project leader of the Emory Global Health Law and Policy Project.

As such, Vertinsky worked with student and community groups on issues of health justice.

in 1997 after which she clerked in the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Florida and then the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The Canada native's doctoral research resulted in the book, *A Law and Economics Approach to Criminal Gangs*, exploring the economic structure of street gangs.

More recent works include, "Pharmaceutical (Re)capture" in the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law & Ethics*; "Public-Private Litigation for Health" in the *Utah Law Review*; "Genetic Paparazzi: Beyond Genetic Privacy" in the *Ohio State Law Review*; "The Problem with Relying on Profit-Driven Models to Produce Pandemic Drugs" in the *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*; and "Why Healthcare Companies Should (Be)come Benefit Corporations" in the *Boston College Law Review*.

As a visitor last year, Vertinsky taught first-year contracts and a popular seminar on corporate responsibility and social welfare. She will reprise those courses and looks forward to teaching a class she recently developed on regulating emerging technologies.

Vertinsky is thrilled to be joining the Maryland Carey Law community. Citing the welcoming atmosphere and excellence in scholarship, clinical practice, and attention to students, Vertinsky notes, "Maryland Carey Law gets the balance of the needs of students, the needs of faculty, and the needs of the community. To survive and be a healthy and successful law school, you need to have that balance and that pursuit of excellence in all of these domains." ■

JOINING THE Maryland Carey Law faculty this year is Professor Liza Vertinsky, who comes from Emory University School of Law where she taught from 2007 to 2022.

Vertinsky is a nationally recognized intellectual property and health lawyer. She is also an economist whose research is located at the intersection of law, economics, and the regulation of health care markets and emerging technologies. Her research and teaching build upon her graduate training in law and economics, her time clerking for federal district and appellate courts, and her decade of experience as a practicing biotech and high-tech lawyer focusing on intellectual property transactions and technology transfer.

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Professor Vertinsky is a superb teacher and a renowned scholar”

- *Professor and Associate Dean Deborah Eisenberg*

“Professor Vertinsky is a superb teacher and a renowned scholar,” says Professor Deborah Eisenberg, Maryland Carey Law’s associate dean for academic affairs. “When she visited with us in fall 2021, she quickly became a valuable member of our law school community. We are thrilled that she is joining us full-time.”

Vertinsky earned her JD and PhD in economics from Harvard

**NEW FACULTY:
DIRECTOR, APPELLATE IMMIGRATION CLINIC
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW**

AADHITHI PADMANABHAN



Appellate Immigration Clinic at Maryland Carey Law.

“Aadhithi’s enthusiasm for advocacy and for teaching is energizing,” says Professor Maureen Sweeney, director of the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, “and her practice experience and expertise in appellate litigation and immigration make her a tremendous resource for our students and our clients.”



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*- Professor and
Director
Maureen Sweeney*

WHEN Maryland Carey Law launched the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice last year, part of the center’s promise was to establish a new clinic that offered students the opportunity to work on immigration cases at the appellate level. With the addition of Aadhithi Padmanabhan to the faculty, that promise is now a reality.

Padmanabhan comes to the law school from the Legal Aid Society in New York, where she was a supervising attorney in the Immigration Law Unit. Her experience representing clients on immigration matters before federal courts and overseeing early-career lawyers makes her ideally suited to direct the

Growing up in a family that moved around a lot and coming to the United States as a teenager influenced Padmanabhan’s career choices. “Doing immigrant rights work is personally meaningful to me,” she says. “That’s why I went to law school.”

After graduating summa cum laude from Harvard, Padmanabhan went on to earn her JD from Yale Law School, where she participated in Yale’s immigrant rights clinic and was awarded the Charles G. Albom Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy in Connection with a Clinical Program. Following law school, she was a Skadden Fellow and then a staff attorney at the New York Civil Liberties Union. She also volunteered at the New York Immigration Coalition, an umbrella policy and advocacy organization representing immigrant rights groups throughout New York.

“Clinic was a formative experience in my legal career,” says Padmanabhan. “I want to create a similar environment for the students at Maryland Carey Law.”

The Federal Appellate Immigration Clinic at Maryland Carey Law is one of the only clinics of its kind in the country. The chance to offer students this rare opportunity also drew Padmanabhan to Baltimore.

“The stakes of this clinic are profound,” she says, referring to deportation, family separation and deprivation of one’s livelihood. “And because this is an appellate clinic, students will have the opportunity to multiply their impact by shaping the law on issues that affect thousands of people.” ■

Padmanabhan calls the new position her “dream job” because it combines her passions for helping immigrant communities and for mentoring people entering the legal profession. Additionally, Padmanabhan says she appreciates being in an academic environment because she looks forward to expanding her research, which explores deportation and detention policy, with a focus on the ways in which administrative law principles are developed, modified, and applied in the immigration context.

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**SHARA
BOONSHAFT '02**

has been promoted to assistant dean for development and alumni relations.



**SEEMA
KAKADE**

has been promoted to professor of law. She is director of the Environmental Law Clinic.



**MANEKA
SINHA**

has been promoted to associate professor of law. She is director of the Criminal Defense Clinic.



**COLLEEN
STANLEY**

has been promoted to assistant dean for marketing and communications.

PROFESSOR EMERITA KAREN CZAPANSKIY

Professor Karen Czapanskiy, a distinguished teacher, scholar, and activist for the rights of women and children, has retired after 39 years at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

A prolific scholar, Czapanskiy published 35 articles during her time at the law school, including her influential 1991 “Volunteers and Draftees: The Struggle for Parental Equality.” Czapanskiy taught in the classroom and the Clinical Law Program, specializing in recent years in family law and families raising disabled children.

From her earliest days at the law school, Czapanskiy provided opportunities for students who in turn made an impact on the community. In the 1980s, she created a full-service clinic for women who had been abused by

an intimate partner. She and her students also staffed a clemency project for women imprisoned for killing an abusive partner. In 1994, Czapanskiy was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Durban-Westville, South Africa. On her return, she worked with clinic students, lawyers at the Homeless Persons Representation Project, and other faculty to help women faced with the impacts of welfare reform.

Czapanskiy’s impact also extends to the larger community. In the 1980s, she co-authored the report of the Maryland Joint Special Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts. She has held leadership positions in a variety of organizations of legal educators and scholars. At the local level, she served on the Eliminating Bias Committee of the Maryland Commission on Child Custody Decision-Making, the Montgomery County Charter Review Commission, and the Frederick County Commission for Women. Additionally, she was a consultant to the ACLU lawyers suing the State of Michigan over special education for children exposed to lead during the Flint Water crisis. She has written, consulted, and spoken on issues



arising from secondary sales of structured settlements. Since 2002, she has been active in electoral politics at the local and national levels.

Czapanskiy earned degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and the Georgetown University Law Center, after which she clerked for the Honorable Rita C. Davidson, Maryland Court of Special Appeals. Before joining the faculty, she worked at the U.S. Department of Justice and taught at the University of Hawai’i Law School and the Washington College of Law.

Czapanskiy may be retired, but she hasn’t slowed down much. Her recent research has taken her into the realms of property, tax, constitutional law, and contracts as they intersect with the interests of women and of families with disabled children.

“A great pleasure in law is, every time I turn around, there is something new to learn, and I can never get bored,” says Czapanskiy. “That will continue whether or not I am in the classroom.” ■





COMMUNITY BUILDER

Maryland Carey Law celebrates the return of Renée McDonald Hutchins to serve as dean

By Wanda Haskel

WHEN RENÉE MCDONALD Hutchins began her tenure as Maryland Carey Law's 11th dean in the quiet days of August 2022, her first order of business was to arrange individual meetings with all law school employees—associate deans, food service workers, program directors, and registration specialists.

“Leaders need to be well acquainted with the people they work with toward the good of an institution,” she says, pointing to faculty and staff as well as students, alumni, clients, and partners in the legal community, “if you are going to advocate for them and be a megaphone for them and create a culture that they feel invested in.”

A faculty member and co-director of the Clinical Law Program at Maryland Carey Law from 2004 to 2019, Hutchins is in the beneficial position of already having deep roots within the law school and the Maryland bar and bench. She does not take her previous connections for granted, however, acknowledging that people's lives have changed dramatically in the three turbulent years she was gone. That is why “listening and re-connecting” are at the top of the dean's to-do list.

Being away for three years was also advantageous. She spent that time gaining experience as dean of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) David A. Clarke School of Law where she made a meaningful impact, including, among many other successes, positioning UDC to improve its Clinical Law Program ranking from #13 to #5 in the nation—during the pandemic. That success helped make Hutchins an attractive candidate for the law school's top job.

“Renée Hutchins is the ideal choice to lead Maryland Carey Law,” says University of Maryland, Baltimore, President Bruce Jarrell. “She is a proven leader, and I am confident that she will continue to move the law school forward in its trajectory of producing some of the best legal minds in Maryland and the country.”

For Hutchins, the chance to lead Maryland Carey Law was irresistible.

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Diversity Matters

With the fall semester now well under way, Hutchins is beginning to look toward some of her longer-term goals, one of which involves promoting diversity within the law school and the greater legal profession.

Fighting for racial justice, says Hutchins, is in her blood. As an undergraduate math major, she had not planned on pursuing law but found that thinking like a lawyer came naturally when she aced the LSAT. In law school, the inspiration to be a lawyer clicked when she looked back on a childhood saturated by stories of her activist great grandfather organizing for school integration in 1940s rural South Carolina. His profound belief in the American justice system and the ability of people to use it toward progress has fueled her throughout her career.

In 2015, following the death of Freddie Gray while in the custody of the Baltimore Police Department, Hutchins—then Maryland Carey Law’s Jacob A. France Professor of Public Interest Law and co-director of the Clinical Law Program—was instrumental in creating, “Freddie Gray’s Baltimore: Past, Present, and Moving Forward,” an innovative eight-week practicum that brought law school professors, elected officials, and civic leaders together with law and social work students to explore the broader historic context that created the West Baltimore community where Gray lived and died.

As dean, she plans to support similar programming and expand existing initiatives like the Diversity and Inclusion Scholars Program, which provides financial and professional support for students from diverse



backgrounds through partnerships with area law firms and businesses.

The next step, Hutchins posits, is to work “very intentionally” to create pipelines of students out of Maryland’s HBCUs, such as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Morgan State University. Lifting up and providing access to students from those schools is “part of what justice looks like,” says the graduate of Spelman College, America’s oldest historically Black liberal arts college for women. From Spelman, she went on to earn a JD from Yale Law School.

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That's really why I do this. It's all for the students, so to have your joy and enthusiasm about what you are doing reflected back to you by the people you were hoping to impact is always for me the loveliest.”



Leaning into Excellence

Another goal for Hutchins is to hire additional faculty, the number of which shrunk following the Great Recession when enrollment dropped dramatically. “We reduced the size of the faculty for a lot of very good reasons,” she says, “but to ensure we are continuing to provide a first-rate program of legal education, I think we have to do some building back.”

Her reasoning is two-fold. Not only does the addition of faculty members guarantee curricular coverage, it also safeguards the mental health and work-life balance of folks who tend to spread themselves too thin in a profession that is infamous for valuing overwork.

“I believe that people should work hard, and then I believe that people should take time off and recharge and have family lives,” says the mom of two grown sons. “When people are whole people, they are happier and motivated to do their best work.” For which, she adds, the law school community deserves more national recognition.

With the UDC Clinical Law Program rankings success behind her, Hutchins is looking to raise the profile of Maryland Carey Law, asserting that the school’s *U.S. News & World Report* rankings do not reflect the merit of its programs. The answer? Amplify the accomplishments that are already happening.

“I want to speak out our excellence on a more regular basis,” she says, “to all of our stakeholders and constituents...all the time.”

Colleagues agree that Hutchins is the right person to take Maryland Carey Law to the next level on the national stage.



“Dean Hutchins is an extraordinarily gifted teacher, scholar and lawyer,” says Professor Michael Pinard, with whom she co-directed the Clinical Law Program. “As co-director, she elevated our Clinical Law Program by enhancing our national presence; amplifying our scholarship and service; ensuring that our students maximized their learning, understanding, and impact; analyzing our strengths and deficits; and working tirelessly to improve our program. She will do the same for our law school as dean.”

As for personal recognition, Hutchins is not looking for accolades—unless they come from students. Some of her greatest professional fulfillment comes, she says, from being named Professor of the Year by students or reading an evaluation expressing gratitude for her mentorship.

“That’s really why I do this,” she says. “It’s all for the students, so to have your joy and enthusiasm about what you are doing reflected back to you by the people you were hoping to impact is always for me the loveliest.”

Still, if she wished to toot her own horn, it would be an easy job.

At Yale, she was chair of the Moot Court Board of Directors, and, after graduation, clerked for the late Nathaniel R. Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Her extensive legal experience spans federal and state courts across the country, including the high courts of New York and Maryland where she served three four-year terms on the Appellate Courts Judicial Nominating Commission. Currently, she is serving on the board of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. She also taught in NYU’s groundbreaking Lawyering Program, which has influenced legal writing curricula nationally.

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The New York native is a leading expert on the Fourth Amendment and criminal appellate practice. Her legal scholarship, which sits at the intersection of criminal procedure and social science, has been published in leading law journals and cited by numerous U.S. Courts of Appeals and state appellate courts. She authored the textbook *Developing Professional Skills: Criminal Procedure* and is co-author of the textbooks *Learning Criminal Procedure* and *Essential Lawyering Skills*. She also has written about racial profiling and the practice of stop-and-frisk, and has provided legal analysis and insight for media outlets such as MSNBC, Voice of America, and C-SPAN.

In 2017, Hutchins was elected to the prestigious American Law Institute, a national association of distinguished lawyers, judges, and academics that works to clarify and improve the law through the publication of restatements of the law and model codes.

A Pivotal Moment

Five minutes talking with Hutchins is enough to reveal her sparkling ability to engage and inspire people. Her enthusiasm and positivity are deeply compelling, as is her incisive mind.

Describing her research interests, she switches into teaching mode, grabbing a piece of paper to illustrate how the Fourth Amendment relates to a case in which police searched garbage bins on property commonly considered her client's. She draws the Baltimore City alley, the property lines, and the trash receptacles while animatedly explaining the legal implications.

"I love to think about everyday processes and the way they impact everyday Americans," she says. "Neutral rules, when overlaid by a history that is fraught with any number of inequities, enhance and amplify those inequities in invisible ways."

And never, she emphasizes, has it been more important to consider these issues and train lawyers who care about facts, the rule of law, and justice.

"American democracy is incredibly powerful and incredibly fragile," warns Hutchins. "Now, more than ever, the work that law students are being trained in and being sent out to do is vitally important. Schools like Maryland Carey Law do the vital work of training lawyers to practice justice."

Although Hutchins feels the weight of this solemn responsibility, she is also filled with hope inspired by a generation of young people whom she sees fighting for justice in spite of growing threats and challenges.

That hope is echoed, too, by the chorus of voices at Maryland Carey Law singing a song of optimism and confidence in Hutchins' leadership.

“We are absolutely thrilled that Renée Hutchins is Maryland Carey Law’s new dean. She is a brilliant, dynamic and compassionate leader,” says Amy Petkovsek '06, immediate past president of the Alumni Board. “Dean Hutchins values the vital role the next generation of lawyers has in protecting our democracy. Her past connections to the law school bring an invaluable insight, and with her inspiring leadership and wisdom at the helm, the law school will surely reach new heights of excellence.” ■



PEACEMAKERS

The Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) marks two decades of transforming conflict into peace and positive change in courts and communities

By Wanda Haskel



C-DRUM staffers (l-r) Kemi Sanni, Toby Treem Guerin, Deborah Thompson Eisenberg, Nancy Schertzing, Stacy Smith, Aisha Samples

WITH THE continuing trend toward legal cases being resolved through alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the word “alternative” has become a misnomer. Since the 1980s, the percentage of cases decided at a trial has dropped to about 2%. That is why dispute resolution processes, such as negotiation, mediation, and restorative justice have become a primary area of necessity and innovation.

Enter the Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of

Maryland (C-DRUM) Francis King Carey School of Law. Founded in 2002 by ADR pioneer Roger Wolf, the center trains the next generation of lawyers to navigate conflicts and solve problems in constructive ways, and is a leader in developing and improving the quality of dispute resolution processes in Maryland’s courts, schools, workplaces, and communities.

“C-DRUM is dedicated to teaching and researching process strategies, such as negotiation, mediation, and restorative justice,” says C-DRUM’s faculty director Professor Deborah Thompson

Eisenberg, associate dean for academic affairs, “that transform conflict into positive change in the legal system and in countless other spheres.”

Preparing Law Students

The Center for Dispute Resolution anchors Maryland Carey Law’s Dispute Resolution Program, which ranked 12th in *U.S. News & World Report* for 2021.

The program offers the Dispute Resolution Track, in which students prepare for careers as civil litigators; transactional attorneys; in-house counsel; public

policy leaders; and third-party neutrals, such as mediators, collaborative attorneys, and ombudsmen. Students choose from a rich array of core and elective courses in negotiation, arbitration, mediation, transitional justice, restorative justice, collaborative law, and more.

Through the center's Mediation Clinic, student attorneys mediate civil cases in Baltimore-area district courts, helping people avoid eviction, arrange debt repayment plans, and address contract disputes. In recognition of the clinic's long collaboration with the judiciary, the District Court of Maryland's ADR Office selected the clinic for its 2020 ADR Program Achievement Award. Students also participate on a flourishing ADR team, which competes with other top law school teams across the nation.

The Dispute Resolution Program stands out because of its commitment to giving students chances to explore the application of conflict processes to address complex problems, prevent violence, and promote social justice. In the Erin Levitas Initiative for the Prevention of Sexual Assault, law students deliver a sexual assault prevention curriculum, grounded in principles of restorative dialogue, to Baltimore City middle schoolers. In the Ronna K. Jablow Community Mediation Fellowship, law students spend a summer embedded at the nonprofit Community Mediation Maryland, supporting initiatives such as re-entry mediation, police-youth dialogue, mediation research, and

other community mediation projects.

Eric Peterson '23 is a student in the Dispute Resolution Track. He spent his IL summer as a Jablow Fellow and participated in the Mediation Clinic. Peterson says skills gained during these experiences have supported his

lawyers and courts. The School Conflict Resolution Education Program began as a partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education and Maryland Judiciary in 2004. Schools around the state received over 200 conflict resolution education grants, as well as extensive training and support

from C-DRUM, to establish conflict resolution programs, including peer mediation, restorative practices, anti-bullying programs, and socio-emotional learning curricula.

One such school is south Baltimore's Benjamin Franklin High School, in which C-DRUM has been a longtime presence supporting its bilingual peer mediation program. The partnership, "has allowed ESOL learners to gain access to problem solving skills; restorative questioning; empathetic listening; and leadership skills," says Milagros M. Schwartz, Benjamin Franklin's program coordinator, "that will serve them to help others."



The Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention employs restorative circles

professional and personal growth. "Beyond just making me a stronger mediator, these skills have made me a better communicator," says Peterson. "I feel like I'm prepared to face whatever challenges come my way as I continue my legal career."

Helping Maryland's K-12 Schools Resolve Conflicts

Since its founding, C-DRUM has emphasized the need for conflict resolution education beyond

C-DRUM also piloted an attendance mediation program to reduce truancy and chronic absences in Baltimore schools, and then transitioned the initiative to Community Mediation Maryland to expand the program statewide. "C-DRUM's restorative justice and mediation work in schools recognizes that inequities tend to begin at a very early stage," says Eisenberg, noting that the Charles Crane Family Foundation, which funds violence prevention initiatives, has consistently

supported C-DRUM’s work in this area. “Experience has shown that schools that implement restorative justice or peer mediation programs tend to have better learning climates, fewer suspensions, and improved academic outcomes,” she adds. “Conflict resolution education also provides students with a sense of voice and agency; they learn how to ‘talk it out to work it out’ for problems in their own lives, and in our democracy more broadly.”

C-DRUM has advocated for disciplinary changes to prevent the “school-to-prison pipeline,” which refers to the likelihood that students who are suspended from school are more likely to become involved with the criminal legal system. In 2018, the Maryland General Assembly appointed C-DRUM to chair a 26-member interdisciplinary Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices to study and propose reforms to Maryland school disciplinary practices. The commission recommended the implementation of restorative approaches in Maryland schools to build strong learning climates and promote more effective and equitable discipline. Those recommendations led to reform of Maryland’s school discipline laws, which now require a rehabilitative and restorative approach to discipline.

C-DRUM continues to help schools establish restorative communities and reform their disciplinary approaches, providing training for educators and students in school districts across Maryland. Additionally, C-DRUM and the

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) formed the Restorative Approaches Collaborative, combining their expertise in an unprecedented effort to inform and support school districts statewide in the implementation of restorative approaches.



The Public Policy Conflict Resolution Fellows Program trains top Maryland leaders

Promoting a Culture of Conflict Resolution

C-DRUM advances effective approaches to conflict in public policy and workplace settings as well. The Public Policy Conflict Resolution Fellows Program, co-sponsored by the Maryland Judiciary, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), and Maryland Carey Law, brings together a diverse group of Maryland’s top leaders in government, business, education, and the non-profit and faith-based areas to enhance their conflict resolution and consensus-building skills. This program has taken on new importance at a time when democratic dialogue and decision-making at every level of government is strained. In the past 15 years, the program has offered eight classes to 178 fellows.

C-DRUM also provides ADR professional skills training and

helps employers establish workplace mediation programs. Through the years, C-DRUM has provided train-the-trainer mediation trainings for federal and state government agencies and local universities. Most recently, C-DRUM launched the Workplace Mediation Service for its own university—the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

A New Mission

In recognition of the 20th anniversary, C-DRUM has reimagined its mission statement to better capture the breadth of its work: C-DRUM advances conflict processes to transform relationships, systems, and the world. The new mission statement, says Toby Treem Guerin, C-DRUM’s longtime associate director, “reflects the work we do and aspire

to. The power of dispute resolution can be transformative, and we want to share that with the world.”

In honor of the anniversary milestone, C-DRUM is hosting a series of events this year to celebrate the center’s work and reconnect with alumni and partners. Notable programs include a visit from restorative justice theorist John Braithwaite and a panel discussion featuring authors from the forthcoming book, *Star Wars and Conflict Resolution*.

Deborah Thompson Eisenberg and Toby Treem Guerin contributed to this article.



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ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Maryland Carey Law's advocacy program provides students with opportunities to build skills in oral and written advocacy, transactional law and alternative dispute resolution through intensive coursework and competitive teams. Supported by volunteer alumni coaches, faculty, and the Salsbury Director of Trial Advocacy Ben Garmoe '16, the program's national reputation continues to grow. Here are some highlights from the 2021-2022 season:

National Trial Team

First Place, Quinnipiac/ABA Criminal Justice Trial Competition

Team Members: Vanessa Agbar '22, Lindsay Hemminger '23, Meredith Johnston '23, Nicholas Spiller '23

Coaches: R. Alexander Carlson '13, Maria Stamidis '17, Jhonell Campbell '19

First Place, American Association for Justice Northeast Regional Tournament

Team Members: Tonecia Brothers-Sutton '22, Lindsay Hemminger '23, Meredith Johnston '23, Eunice Kabuga '22

Coaches: R. Alexander Carlson '13, Eshawn Rawlley '14, Courtney Watkins '18



(left to right) Eunice Kabuga '22, Meredith Johnston '23, Tonecia Brothers-Sutton '22, and Lindsay Hemminger '23

Moot Court

Semifinalists, Ellen A. Hennessy Employee Benefits Moot Court Competition

Team Members: J. Elizabeth Gale '22 (Best Oral Advocate), Natalie Lucas '22

Coaches: Natalie Amato '11, Matt Haven '12, Kenesha Raeford '19, Bianca Spinosa '20



(left to right) J. Elizabeth Gale '22 and Natalie Lucas '22

ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



Junior Dufort '23

Thurgood Marshall National Trial Team

Third Place Mid-Atlantic Region's Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Jordan Danso '22, Junior Dufort '23 (Best Advocate), David Karpay '23, Samuel Kebede '23, Tayler Littlejohn '23, Tamia Morris '23, Wesley Payne '23, Robert Velazquez '23

Coaches: Derrick Milburn '13, Emelia Hall, Meryl Seidel '19, Sakkara Turpin '14, Trevonne Walford '15

Third Place National Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Jordan Danso '22, Junior Dufort '23, David Karpay '23, Samuel Kebede '23, Tayler Littlejohn '23, Tamia Morris '23, Wesley Payne '23, Robert Velazquez '23

Coaches: Derrick Milburn '13, Emelia Hall, Meryl Seidel '19, Sakkara Turpin '14, Trevonne Walford '15

Dispute Resolution Program Team

Third and Fourth Places 2021 ABA Negotiation Regional Competition

Team Members: Frances Amaefuna '23 (advanced to nationals), Delia Bennett '23, Natalie Gibson '23, Rebekah Paradis '23, Japera Parker '24 (advanced to nationals), Nikita Vozenilek '23

Coaches: Barry Gogel '97, Josh Chazen '14, Thérian Lee '21

Transactional Law Team

Second Place, Overall and Drafting, Duke Transactional Law Competition

Team Members: Alex Kim '22, Nick Curtis '23, Devin Hardin '23, Julia Levine '23, Gedalia Winchell '23, Randi Rubinstein '22, Kevin Johnson '23

Coaches: Joseph Ward '03, Teresa Carnell '92

International Moot Court Team

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Salman Siddiqi, Top 50 Oralist in the United States

Coaches: Professor Peter Danchin, Professor Janet Lord, Bryce Hollander '21

CLINIC SUCCESSES

Criminal Defense Clinic:

Students got several clients out on bail and represented four clients through the trial stage. None got jail time. Students secured a client's release after serving more than 13 years of a 22-year sentence.

Environmental Law Clinic:

Students conducted complex research, document drafting, and direct engagement with communities and pro bono counsel on multiple environmental justice issues in the mid-Atlantic, including in pollution, transportation equity, and historic preservation.

Fair Housing Clinic:

Students filed some of the first housing discrimination cases under Maryland's recently passed HOME Act for clients who were discriminated against in attempting to rent homes using housing vouchers, and counseled families in brief advice sessions on landlord-tenant/housing issues.

Gender Violence Clinic:

Students represented victims of violence in parole, commutation, pardon, protective order, name change, divorce, and custody cases and testified on medical and geriatric parole and second look bills.

Immigration Clinic:

Students won asylum for a Congolese family and a Honduran transgender woman, obtained citizenship for a longtime client, brought a wrongly deported father back to the U.S., and expedited an Afghan Special Immigrant Visa.

Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic:

Students prepared and filed patent applications for 17 inventions in the areas of early detection of disease (diabetes and COVID), blood clot remediation, and computer security; and helped clients obtain four patents and register 15 trademarks.

Justice for Victims of Crime Clinic:

Students represented more than 30 clients, including gunshot wound survivors, undocumented community members seeking safety for themselves and their children, and family members of Baltimore City homicide victims.

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic:

Students helped restore 501(c)(3) status for a non-profit that supports women living with HIV/AIDS, helped a client settle a \$20,000 IRS debt with a \$1,360 offer in compromise, and successfully negotiated an IRS repayment plan for a husband and wife.

Mediation Clinic: Students handled 81 case referrals and conducted 11 mediations resulting in eight settlement agreements for parties involved in contract, tort, and landlord-tenant disputes.

Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic:

Students addressed housing, income, family, and personal stability by advising, counseling, and/or providing ongoing representation to more than 70 clients in cases including SSI/Social Security Disability ALJ hearings, adult guardianship, and employment discrimination; eviction and poor housing conditions; and medical and financial powers of attorney, living wills, and simple wills.

Post-Conviction and Sentencing Clinic:

Students represented five life-sentenced prisoners who were convicted of crimes committed when they were juveniles in their petitions for re-sentencing.

Public Health Clinic:

Students testified on Maryland bills concerning access to counsel in eviction cases, protection for medical cannabis users, problem gambling, and eligibility for SNAP benefits, and advised an NGO on law and policy to reduce maternal health disparities for Black people.

Youth, Education and Justice Clinic:

Students represented children suspended or expelled from school, and individuals serving life for crimes committed as children/young adults. Students also testified in favor of the Child Interrogation Protection Act, the Juvenile Justice Reform bill, and a bill aiming to decriminalize schoolchildren.



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Gabrielle Williams '22, Justice for Victims of Crime Clinic

POINT OF VIEW

Bonnie Sarigianis '22 Gender Violence Clinic



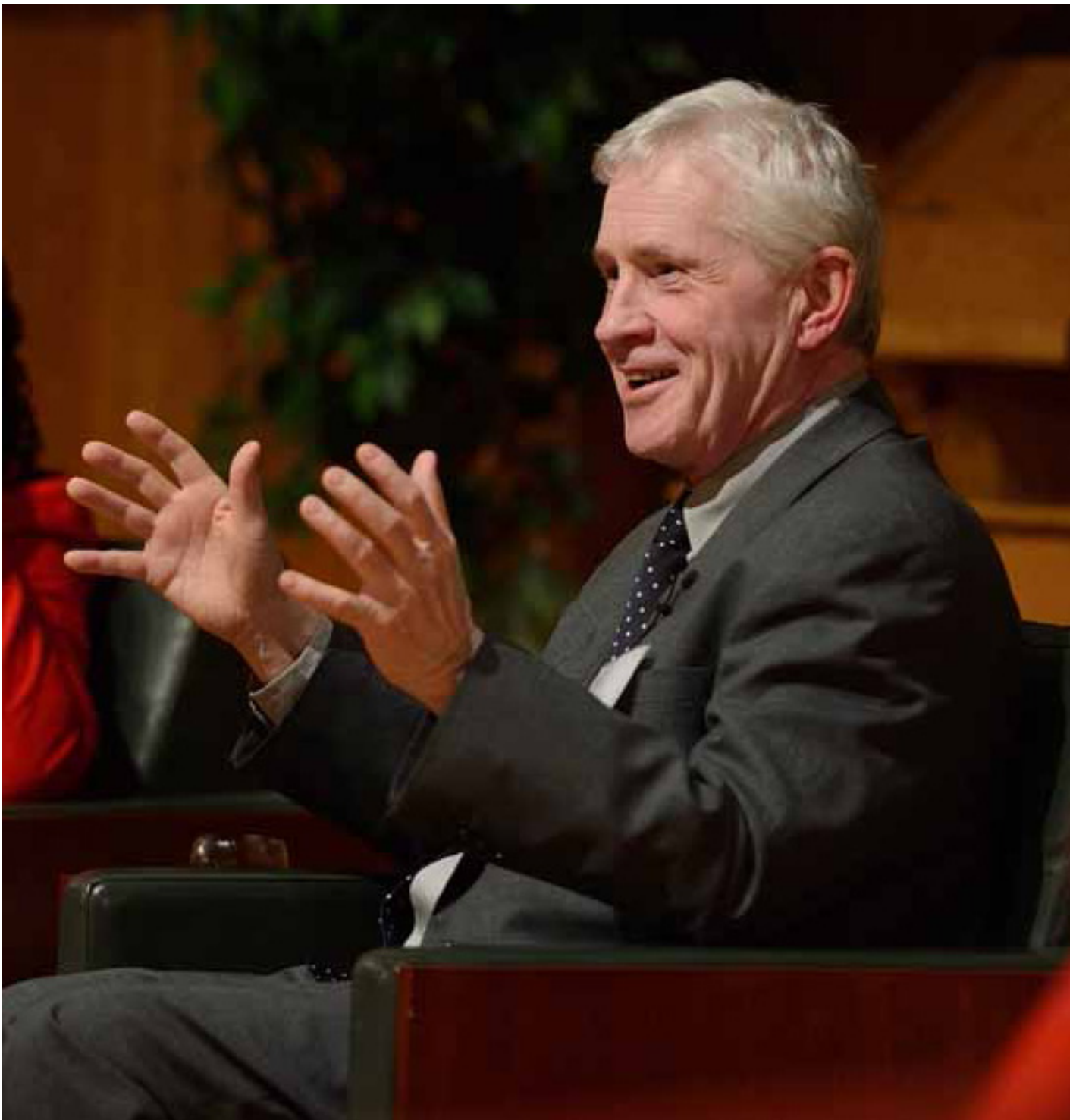
MY JOURNEY litigating a contentious, multi-day custody trial as a student attorney in the Gender Violence Clinic is one I will never forget. The lessons I learned have helped me choose a career path and shaped the way I approach lawyering.

One of those lessons is to be a client-centered lawyer, which Professor Leigh Goodmark and my supervising attorney, Bay Golfin-Byrd, teach as a foundational concept in the Gender Violence Clinic. Being client-centered sounds easy but can be challenging. For example, about a month out from trial, our client insisted we ask the judge for something completely different from what we had planned. The demand seemed unrealistic, and I felt frustrated by my wasted preparation. I had to remember that our role as lawyers is not to dictate, but rather to present all the options so the client can make an informed decision about which objectives to pursue. As it turns out, the judge granted exactly what our client asked for; she had made the right call, and if we hadn't asked for it, we never would have gotten it.

Another major lesson was about boundaries. The morning of our October trial date, we found out the trial would be delayed until February. This meant I got to have two different experiences of the days leading up to the trial – and different they were. The night before the October trial, I started receiving emails from the opposing counsel at 9:30 p.m. with

updated discovery documents and witness information. The emails kept rolling in and sent me into a panic. I was up until well past midnight trying to print and analyze the documents. At the same time, the client was calling me with last-minute requests. I didn't sleep much and let myself get frazzled. When the second trial date came around I knew I had to react differently. I decided in advance to turn off my computer and phone at 9 p.m. I let the client know I would be available until then and that anything else could wait for the morning. I also made myself ignore any midnight emails from opposing counsel. I woke up for trial feeling ready because I had set boundaries to protect myself and my inner peace.

Perhaps my most important takeaway is that it is all worth it. The long hours, late nights, difficult conversations, tedious research, and facing my own fears and performance anxiety were worth it in the end and then some. When the court's decision came in, we had a group video call with the client and the faculty members who put their blood, sweat and tears into this case – Leigh Goodmark, Bay Golfin-Byrd, and Lila Meadows. The client was sobbing so hard from joy she could barely speak. All of us stood there feeling the weight of what we had accomplished, which changed the course of the client's life as well as the life of her young child, whom she would now be allowed to parent. ■



RESTORING JUSTICE

Clinic students represent incarcerated individuals affected by new Juvenile Restitution Act

By Suzi Morales

COGAN ROONEY '23 worked as a litigation and judicial reporter before deciding she would rather practice law than write about it. Although she had interviewed hundreds of people as a journalist, her new role as student attorney in Maryland Carey Law's Clinical Law Program was a different story.

Rooney says she conducted her most challenging interview to date at her first client meeting in the new Post-Conviction and Sentencing Legal Theory and Practice course last spring. To successfully represent this client, Rooney had learned from her faculty supervisors that she would need to build a trusting relationship, not just extract information from the stranger across the table. And never had the stakes in a professional conversation been higher. Under a new law and with her help, the client, who had been incarcerated for more than 20 years, now had a chance for his sentence to be reconsidered.

That is because, in fall 2021, the Maryland Juvenile Restitution Act (JRA) took effect. The JRA allows individuals who were sentenced as adults for crimes they committed when they were 17 or younger and have now been incarcerated for at least 20 years to request new sentencing hearings.

Shortly after the JRA was enacted, Professor Michael Millemann laid the groundwork to represent people affected by the new law. By the spring semester, Rooney and her classmates, under the guidance of Millemann and Professor Kathryn Frey-Balter, began representing five JRA-eligible clients.

“A transformative experience”

Students did not just dive into those first interviews, though. At the beginning of the 13-week spring semester, they delved into the JRA and the development of relevant case law, juvenile brain development science, legal writing, their clients’ case files and, yes, specialized interviewing skills. Building client trust is crucial in early client meetings, says Frey-Balter. It’s a competency you can prepare for but “something you can’t learn in the classroom.”

Throughout the semester, the class met weekly to discuss their cases. Students worked in teams, which also regularly met together and with Millemann or Frey-Balter.

“The professors treated us more like partners in the program,” says Morgan Taylor ’23. “It was what I imagined a little law firm would be like.”

Millemann and Frey-Balter also worked with students on the briefs supporting their clients’ motions. Because the JRA is new, the course had to create the motions from scratch. “The clinic is creating the law as the motions are being written,” adds Taylor.

While the law students worked on the legal aspects of the JRA cases, social work students led by Professor Rebecca Bowman-Rivas, a clinical and forensic social worker and manager of the Law and Social Work Services Program, worked to secure post-release arrangements such as housing, jobs, and medical care.

In the last class, participants discussed not only the status of their cases, but also their individual reflections on what the course had meant to them. “It was a transformative experience for the law students,” says Millemann.

Over the course of the semester, Rooney, who won Best Oralist in the 2022 Myerowitz moot court competition, “learned by doing” to inspire her client’s trust and came to admire his resilience. “It’s not particularly unique [among incarcerated people],” she says of his upbringing, which included abuse and other hardships. “He was struggling to get the types of things children need and got off track in his teen years. ... It’s just incredible how he was able to rehabilitate himself.” ■

At the forefront of criminal justice

Since long before the Juvenile Restitution Act, Maryland Carey Law has been at the forefront of criminal justice work in Maryland. A 2012 decision – *Unger v. State* – allowed individuals who received life sentences under an erroneous jury instruction to be re-sentenced. Professor Michael Millemann and his clinic students, working with the public defender’s office, helped negotiate release of around 20 of the nearly 240 individuals affected by the decision, and 40 of the clients the clinic represented were eventually released. Those released after *Unger* had been in prison for decades and very few have since re-offended, a 97% success rate, according to Millemann. Millemann says the success of the *Unger* clients was among the factors leading to the passage of the JRA.

Millemann has been a leader in the law school’s criminal justice efforts since he joined the faculty in 1974. With the developments in criminal justice in the past decade, including *Unger* and the JRA, the legendary professor notes that it is an exciting time to be involved in criminal public interest law, adding, “I’m more hopeful about this work than I’ve ever been.”

This year, Millemann was honored as the namesake of a new professorship: The Michael Millemann Professorship in Consumer Law.



By Jess Gill

ENVIRONMENTAL law and filmmaking may not seem like a natural combination, but for 20 years, Professor Robert Percival has been tapping into students’ creative sides with flourishing results.

“We want to teach students how to communicate complicated legal and regulatory issues to the general public,” says Percival, whose idea to use movie-making in class was inspired by the increasing accessibility of filmmaking technology in

the early 2000s. In 2002, he started inviting students in his introductory environmental law class to collaborate on videos about an environmental issue that concerned them. Students took enthusiastically to the engaging assignment; and the Golden Tree Awards competition—a friendly contest for Oscar-style recognition—was born.

Film topics for the ungraded project address everything from local issues like regulations promoting the health of the Chesapeake Bay, to how climate

change is affecting Africa. This year’s best picture award winner, *Heat Islands*, explores how housing discrimination in Baltimore has led to fewer green spaces, resulting in hotter temperatures during the summer.

Paige Bellamy ’23, co-president of the Maryland Environmental Law Society, was part of a six-person group that created *The Story of PFAs*, which delves into how a class of chemicals widely used in a variety of consumer products and fire-fighting foam have caused widespread



and persistent environmental contamination. Bellamy, who was the film’s narrator, appreciated the opportunity to work closely with other students on the fun assignment.

“Being able to interact with other students [in-person] who were passionate about this issue, who had the same humor as I did, who wanted to do a funny video for the project, was a nice bright spot in the semester,” she says. The Story of PFAs won this year’s Golden Tree Awards for best music, best acting, and best use of humor.

Students vie for 10 awards in the contest, including best picture, acting, cinematography, use of humor, narration, sound, animation, music, and most educational. A judge’s award is reserved for special highlights. This year’s judge’s award was for best use of pandas in a film.

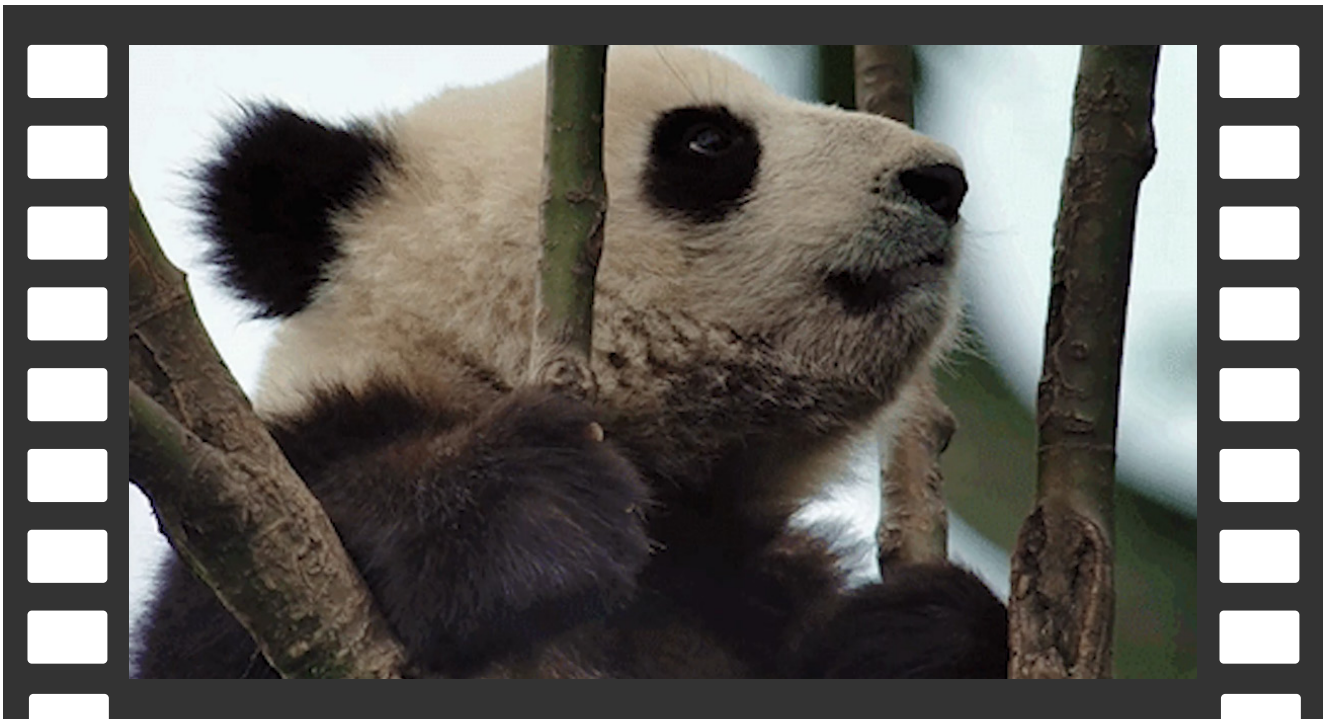
The Golden Tree Awards are presented in March when 1Ls can attend and get inspired to make their own films in Percival’s

Environmental Law survey class. The course traces the evolution of environmental law from common law doctrines to the rise of the modern regulatory state and is a requirement for students wishing to qualify for the Certificate of Concentration in Environmental Law.

The Golden Tree Award experience doesn’t end in the classroom. Percival encourages students to list the awards won on their resume, calling them a great conversation starter during the interviewing process.

After two decades of successful competitions, Percival can envision the Golden Tree Awards expanding to a national competition among law schools. But that is for the future. For now, he says, he is “waiting with great anticipation to see how creative next year’s students will be.” ■

View the 2022 films at: www.law.umaryland.edu/GoldenTreeAwards



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WHAT WILL CLIMATE CHANGE MEAN FOR OUR KIDS?

By Professors Seema Kakade and Rena Steinzor

Two Degrees

The impact of human-induced climate change is no longer something that is on the horizon. Floods, wildfires, droughts, and extreme heat now threaten people’s daily lives and the economy on a regular basis. In Maryland, during the first eight months of 2020, the economic cost of motorist and freight delays due to flooding on state-maintained roadways was nearly \$15.1 million. In California, when counting insured losses, the 2020 wildfire season in the state is estimated to have produced between \$5 billion and \$9 billion in destruction. In states such as Arizona, the current multi-year drought is the most extensive and intense drought in 22 years. Temperatures in Arizona have risen 2.5°F since the beginning of the 20th century. Extreme weather events, if not slowed, will cause major parts of the globe to be devastated.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states that global warming must stay below a 1.5°C increase in the near-term to substantially reduce projected disaster. Yet, warming is currently on pace to reach a 2°C increase instead of a 1.5°C. Entire sectors of our society,

including buildings, agriculture, transportation, and power—must change. Major shifts in human behavior to accommodate truly sustainable lifestyles—must occur. Time is of the essence to move towards rapid transformation of the way we live.



At the same time, the changes and shifts needed to meet 1.5°C must happen in a way that considers justice and equity. The impacts

of climate change are not borne equally or fairly, but instead place greater burden on those communities that are already marginalized in society. In addition, the transition away from fossil fuels is predicted to result in the loss of millions of jobs, which also disproportionately impacts those communities that cannot easily transition to new jobs. These justice and equity issues are even more magnified at the international level.

Global Problem, Global Action

Climate change cannot be mitigated without global action, and global action will not happen without strong leadership by the United States. Ill-informed commentators give various erroneous explanations for our nation’s recalcitrance: Why should we experience economic hardship when the real problem is China and India? Can’t we count on the next generation to develop a breakthrough technology like carbon capture that will solve the problem without pain? If our population can survive the worst because we worked hard and adapted, why should we sacrifice for nations that did not?

PERSPECTIVE:

The best scientists in the world have already told us that no nation can evade such disastrous events as famine, millions of climate refugees, even wider drought, and sea level rise that will submerge large areas of coastal cities underwater. These events, they say, will occur well within our children's lifetimes. Or, in other words, wildfires will not be confined to California and drought to Texas. Other people's problems will become everybody's problem.

With Congress gridlocked, the only alternative is for the Biden administration to use all of the relevant power of the executive branch today, without reservation and without worrying about what might come next. The Biden Administration should issue stricter rules to control greenhouse gases from power plants and motor vehicles, immediately.

The White House must double down on efforts to require federal procurement policies to go green by buying power from renewable sources. And, our strong support for the Ukrainian people should not become an excuse to lurch backward to greater use of fossil fuels here or among our European allies. Most important of all, the State Department must press for an international agreement that

sets strict limits on emissions with enforceable penalties for noncompliance.

These recommendations may sound like a pipe dream given congressional gridlock, a new conservative majority on the Supreme Court, and a deeply polarized electorate. But can those who understand the problem push for any less given the catastrophic stakes of further inaction?

The Maryland Example

Like many other states, Maryland is on a path forward that should provide an example for the federal government. The Climate Solutions Now Act, passed by the Maryland state legislature in 2022, sets a target to reduce greenhouse gases in 2031 by 60% from 2006 levels, and for the state economy to reach net-zero emissions by 2045. Experts expect that the state will move towards shifts in the buildings sector since buildings are responsible for about 40% of Maryland's carbon emissions.

Significant efforts are also expected to ramp up in the nuclear power sector and in electric vehicle charging. Moreover, the new state law dedicates major investment in projects to cut greenhouse gas emissions in

low- and moderate-income communities and in training young people in climate-related jobs.

Numerous questions remain on how exactly the new law will work. There was strong opposition from utilities and construction companies, who are likely to be back when the law's provisions are implemented through the state's executive branch agencies. Yet, predictions that the Chesapeake Bay could rise an additional 2 feet by the end of the century, when it has risen only 3 feet since the 1600s, should be reason enough to move quickly.

We need to make all of these remedies work, not just for ourselves, but for our children. ■

Professor Seema Kakade teaches and directs the Environmental Law Clinic. She is the author of "Revitalizing Greenhouse Gas Permitting Inside a Biden EPA," in *Environmental Law Reporter* (with Matt Haber).

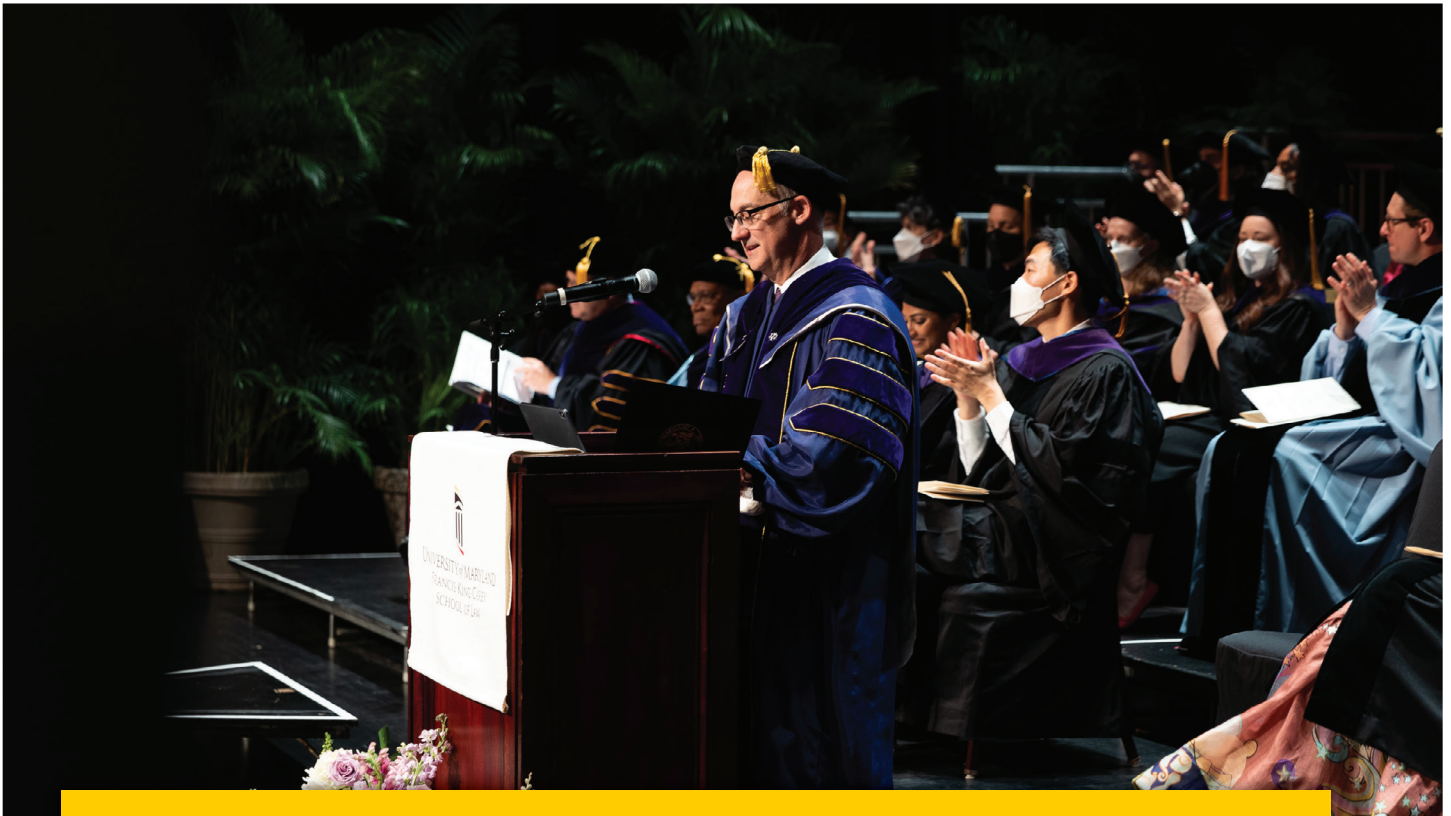
Professor Rena Steinzor teaches administrative law and food law and is the former director of the Environmental Law Clinic. She is the author of *Why Not Jail? Industrial Catastrophes, Corporate Malfeasance, and Government Inaction*, Cambridge University Press.

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Honoring the Classes of 2020
and 2022
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HONORING THE CLASSES OF 2020 & 2022

May marked the joyful return to a traditional in-person hooding ceremony at the Hippodrome Theatre for Maryland Carey Law graduates. Joining the Class of 2022 for the event were members of the Class of 2020 whose ceremony was canceled because of the pandemic. JD, LL.M., and M.S.L. degrees were awarded.

Now former Dean Donald Tobin presided over the final graduation of his deanship. Maya Foster '22 (pictured bottom right), president of the Student Bar Association, also spoke words of encouragement and gratitude to the degree candidates.



Tamika Tremaglio '95, executive director of the National Basketball Players Association, gave the keynote and shared what she wished she knew at the start of her professional career.

It all comes down to trust, courage, and dedication, Tremaglio said. In these simple lessons, “lies an approach to your career, your life and your community that can help you reach your highest potential.”



Following the ceremony, the Class of 2020 and their families were invited to a special luncheon at the law school in recognition of the many in-person graduation celebrations they missed out on two years ago. Grace O'Malley '20 (pictured bottom right) shared reflections and words of celebration with her classmates.

Tobin recognized in his graduation remarks the hardships law students endured during the pandemic. “What gives me immeasurable hope is how you rose and fought adversity with so much determination,” he said. “You fought for your careers. You fought for justice. And you fought for each other.”



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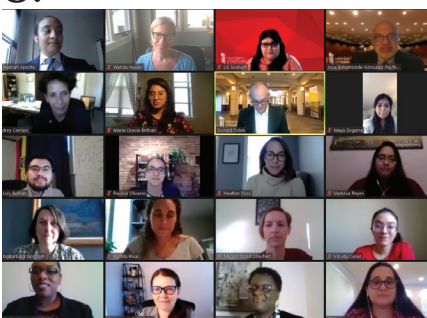
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Judicial Chats

Fall 2021
Students had the opportunity to meet in small groups with members of the Maryland judiciary for advice and to get their questions about clerkships answered.

2.

Kindness Week

Fall 2021
Kindness Week activities included panels, themed days, and a kindness bulletin board.

3.

Anchor Events

Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Faculty and invited experts offered online panel discussions addressing legal aspects of timely issues, including the Haitian migrant crisis, climate justice, Ukraine, and the pandemic.

4.

Alumnae Leading the Way Webinars

Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Hosted by the Women, Leadership, and Equality Program, webinars featured alumnae who founded and lead law firms, hold positions as in-house counsel, and are leaders in financial services.

5.

Myerowitz Finals

March 16, 2022
Students competed in front of the Hon. Douglas Nazarian, the Hon. Steven Gould, and the Hon. Daniel Friedman '94. Best Oralist: Cogan Rooney '23, Best Brief: Kali Krockover '23.

6.

Business Law Week

March 2022
The Business Law Program celebrated the induction of new members to the track with professional development activities, workshops, panel discussions, and the *Journal of Business and Technology Law* annual symposium.

7.

MPILP Auction

April 2022
This year's Maryland Public Interest Law Project auction proceeds helped fund grants for 23 students to provide legal services to not-for-profit organizations and government agencies.

8.

Affinity Group Annual Events

Spring 2022
Recognition events hosted online by student groups, including the Black Law Students Association, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and Latinx Law Students Association, celebrated community and diversity.

9.

Virtual Alumni Events

Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Alumni from various classes attended multiple online social events geared toward reconnecting and networking.

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GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF VISITORS



I HAVE NEVER BEEN prouder of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have endured through difficult times and continue to persevere and effect positive change. Moreover, I am confident that our Class of 2025 will make us proud as they progress through our school and demonstrate their commitment to the legal community awaiting their entrance to the profession.

Much of the law school's success and resolve this past year is thanks to the steady leadership of our 10th dean, Donald B. Tobin, who stepped down in July. Donald's tenure was marked by extraordinary events and through it all, he remained compassionate, innovative, and student-centric. All the while, our alumni community came together to connect with and support students, faculty, and the administration, as well as each other, in new and meaningful ways.

As we close the books on a successful \$60 million Catalyst Campaign and look ahead to celebrating our bicentennial, we are grateful to be in the capable hands of our new dean,

Renée McDonald Hutchins. Dean Hutchins, in addition to her engaging and inspiring personality, is a proven and visionary teacher, scholar, and lawyer well-positioned to lead our next chapter. It's important now more than ever that we rally in support of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the communities we serve.

In my last year as chair, I look forward to supporting Dean Hutchins before I pass the baton to Tamika Tremaglio '95, our current vice chair, who will bring her considerable knowledge and expertise to some of our most pressing priorities, including diversity in the legal profession and student mental health and wellness.

Thank you for making my time as chair enjoyable and fulfilling, and thank you to my fellow Board of Visitors members for all you do to make our beloved law school one of which we can all be justifiably proud. I hope to see you in the months ahead. ■

Howard K. Kurman '75
Chair, Board of Visitors

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

Jamar Brown '11
Partner, Rosenberg Martin Greenberg LLP,
Baltimore, MD

Karen Gally '96
VP and General Counsel,
Otsuka America Pharmaceutical,
Rockville, MD

Caroline Harris '79
Managing Partner,
GoldmanHarris LLC and
GoldmanHarris II LLC (WBE),
New York, NY

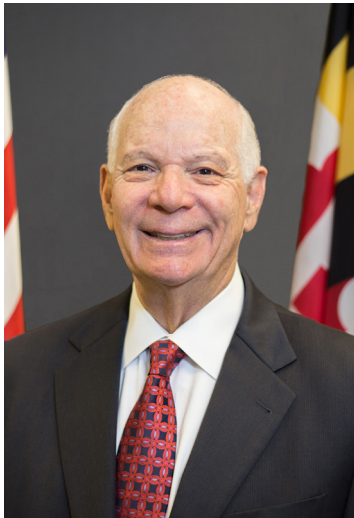
Kerry Staton '80
Founding and Managing Partner,
Schochor and Staton,
Baltimore, MD

Henry Talavera '89
Shareholder, Polsinelli PC,
Dallas, TX

ALUMNI HONORS

Congratulations to the 2022 Alumni Awards recipients. Honorees are selected by members of the Alumni Board Awards Committee and confirmed by the Alumni Board. The awards were presented in September as part of Alumni Weekend 2022.

Lifetime Achievement Award U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin '67



The Lifetime Achievement Award is given by the Alumni Board at the discretion of the dean and is not awarded annually.

The Honorable Benjamin Cardin has been a senior United States senator since 2007. He is chair of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee and the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and a senior member of the Senate Finance, Foreign Relations and Environment and Public Works committees.

Cardin is the namesake of Maryland Carey Law's Cardin Requirement through which all full-time day students provide legal services to people who are poor or otherwise lack access to justice. He has served on Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors since 2016.

A 1967 graduate of the law school, first in his class, Cardin began his career in public service in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1967 to 1986, serving as speaker from 1979 to 1986. From 1987 to 2006, he represented Maryland's Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Committed to ensuring that all Americans have legal representation, Cardin served as chairman of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation from 1988 to 1995.

Cardin is married to Myrna Edelman Cardin. His daughter Deborah and son-in-law Jonathan Willis have two daughters, Madeline and Julia.

Distinguished Graduate Award

Julia Doyle Bernhardt '81

The Distinguished Graduate Award is presented to a Maryland Carey Law alum who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the community. This year's recipient is Julia Doyle Bernhardt '81. Bernhardt is chief of litigation for the Maryland attorney general's office.



Mary Ellen Barbera '84

Judicial Excellence Award

The Honorable Sally D. Adkins '75



The Mary Ellen Barbera '84 Judicial Excellence Award is presented to an alum who exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence, displays extraordinary courage, energy, and tenacity in the handling of controversial and difficult cases as well as embodies strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant. Judge Adkins retired from the Maryland Court of Appeals in 2018.

Benjamin L. Cardin

Public Service Award

Robert G. Bracknell '99

The Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award is presented to an alum who has demonstrated significant and substantial contributions to furthering ideals of public service in the law. This year's recipient is retired LtCol Robert G. Bracknell '99. Bracknell is an assistant legal advisor at NATO's Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (HQ SACT).



Rising Star Award

Anya A. Marino '12



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. This year's recipient is Anya A. Marino '12, who instructs Harvard Law School's LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic.



CATALYST CAMPAIGN FINISHES STRONG

In 2013, the University of Maryland, Baltimore Foundation launched the Catalyst Campaign, an ambitious \$750 million campaign to advance scholarship, research, clinical care, social justice, and law. Focusing on five areas of support, Maryland Carey Law surpassed its campaign goal of \$60 million in December 2021, ahead of schedule. Our endowment doubled during this campaign, from \$57 million to \$114 million, ensuring support for generations to come. Here is a glimpse of some of the many new programs, scholarships, and initiatives launched with generous philanthropic support from our community. Thank you for helping us achieve this important milestone and create extraordinary impact.

CATALYST FOR EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Funding Priority: Practice Readiness and the Student Experience

- Salsbury Director of Trial Advocacy
- Bar Review Course Support Fund
- Immigration Spring Break Volunteer Trips
- William J. and Helene K. Pittler Business Law Advocacy Fund

CATALYST FOR DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION

Funding Priority: Nationally Recognized Programs and Pathways to Diverse Careers

- Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice
- Women's Leadership Circle to support the Women, Leadership, and Equality Program
- Business Fellowship Program

CATALYST FOR AFFORDABLE LEGAL EDUCATION

Funding Priority: Student Scholarships

- 20+ Newly Endowed Scholarships
- Launch of Annual Scholarship Giving Month
- Diversity & Inclusion Scholars Initiative

CATALYST FOR A JUST SOCIETY

Funding Priority: Clinical Law and Social Justice

- Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center
- Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Erin Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention
- Eviction Prevention Project

CATALYST FOR INTELLECTUAL VITALITY

Funding Priority: Faculty Excellence

- Michael Millemann Professorship in Consumer Law
- Donald B. Tobin Professorship
- Francis King Carey Professor in Business Law
- Oscar S. Gray Research Fellowships and Teaching Fellowship



CLASS ACTION

1950s

Arnold Weiner '57 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America* and was recognized by *Super Lawyers* 2022.

1960s

David Cordish '63 was named 2021 “CEO of the Year” by the *Baltimore Business Journal*.

The Hon. William “Billy” Murphy Jr. '69 was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 Law list.

1970s

Ward Coe III '73 was chosen as a 2021 Icon Honors Award winner by *The Daily Record*.

David Irwin '73 was named a 2022 “Lawyer of the Year” by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

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

Robert Noel Stokes, Jr. '74 published *RED BULL: A History of the 34th Infantry Division in World War II, Vol. 1: Mobilization to Victory in Tunisia*.

Peter Robb '76 joined Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Alan Grochal '77 was recognized by *Chambers USA* for his work in bankruptcy and restructuring.

Jeanne Hitchcock '77 was inducted into *The Baltimore Sun* Business and Civic Hall of Fame.

The Hon. Andre Davis '78 was inducted into *The Baltimore Sun* Business and Civic Hall of Fame.

The Hon. Gilbert Genn '78 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Laurence Russell '78 joined the health care law practice at Bass, Berry & Sims.

Emerson Dorsey '79 was appointed to the Maryland Legal Aid Board of Directors.

1980s

Michael Berman '80 was recognized by *Super Lawyers* 2022.

Franklin Lee '80 received the 2021 Parren J. Mitchell Crusader Award from the American Contract Compliance Association.

Gregg Bernstein '81 was chosen as a 2021 Icon Honors Award winner by *The Daily Record*.

The Hon. Jeffrey Russell '81 retired from the District of Columbia Compensation Review Board.

James Edwards Jr. '82 was chosen as a 2021 Icon Honors Award winner by *The Daily Record*.

M. NATALIE MCSHERRY '74

served as the 2021-2022 Maryland State Bar Association president, following in the footsteps of her great-grandfather James McSherry who served as the association's first president in 1897.



CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Louis Hutt, Jr. '82 was elected as an independent trustee to the Boston Trust Walden Funds Board of Trustees.

Alan Rifkin '82 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America* and was recognized by *Maryland Super Lawyers 2022*; Hackney Publications recognized Rifkin Weiner Livingston’s Sports Law, Gaming and Facilities practice group, chaired by Rifkin, as a Leader in the Sports Law Field in its ‘100 Law Firms’ list.

Diane D’Aiutolo '83 was featured in the *195 Business Magazine* article, “Women of Influence: Law.”

The Hon. Kathleen Dumais '83 was appointed to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Mike Karas '83 was elected to the National Public Radio station WYPR-FM (88.1) Board of Directors.

Carol DeGraffenreid '85, who was recognized last year by the Florida Bar as Consumer Protection Attorney of the Year, was named the bureau chief of the Jacksonville Florida Consumer Protection Bureau of the State of Florida Office of the Attorney General.

Michele Whelley '85 reestablished her economic development consulting firm M. L. Whelley Consulting, LLC and was named in *The Daily Record* Maryland’s Top 100 Women of 2022 list.

Prof. Andrea Chamblee '86, who recently retired from a 30-year career in the food and drug industry, received the Distinguished Service and Leadership Award from the Food and Drug Law Institute;

she also established a journalism scholarship at the University of Maryland, College Park in the name of her late husband, John McNamara, who was murdered in the Annapolis Capital Gazette mass shooting, and finished his fourth book *The Capital of Basketball*.

The Hon. Toni Clarke '86 was featured in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* article, “How Penn State women’s basketball’s Toni Clarke became a trailblazer on and off the court.”

Rich Dumais '86 was named interim president at Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School.

Kathleen Gavin '86 was appointed chief of the National Security and Cyber Crime Section at the Department of Justice.

Ava Lias-Booker '86 joined the Physicians Realty Trust Board of Trustees.

Margaret Doane '87 left her role as executive director at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and began her new role as deputy director, general for management at the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Brian Gibbons '87 was named a Power 10 honoree by the *Baltimore Business Journal*.

Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum '87 was featured in the *195 Business Magazine* article, “Women of Influence: Law” and was named a 2022 “Lawyer of the Year” by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

A. Tonya Odom '87 was named director of diversity, equity and inclusion at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

Lawrence Macklin '88 received the Clinic Volunteer of the Year award as part of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service’s 2021 Celebrate Pro Bono Awards.

Karen Johnson Shaheed '88 was elected to the National Association of College and University Attorneys Board of Directors.

The Hon. Michael Ormond Glynn, III '89 was appointed to the Montgomery County District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Henry Talavera '89 was named a 2022 “Lawyer of the Year” by *The Best Lawyers in America* and was named a Lifetime Achievement Award winner as part of Texas Lawyer’s 2021 Texas Legal Excellence Awards.

1990s

Joseph Espo '90 was named to the 2021 Lawdragon 500 leading plaintiff employment and civil rights lawyers guide for employee and civil rights litigation, including disabilities.

Charles Morton, Jr. '90 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Nathan Willner '90 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Patty Cousins '91 was promoted to global officer, human resource business operations at Marriott International, Inc.

Jerry Cutler '91 became lead author of *Legal Guide to Human Resources*, a multi-volume treatise published by Thomson Reuters.

Susan Waysdorf '91 retired after 29 years of teaching at the University of the District of Columbia School of Law.

Michael Blum '92 was featured by *MD Theatre Guide* in the article, “‘A Quick 5’ with Michael Blum, Director of ‘Much Ado About Nothing’ at Spotlighters Theatre.”

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Dana Gloor '92 opened Gloor Law and Arbitration, LLC.

Jon Laria '92 was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 Law list.

Paul Skalny '92 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Stacie Tobin '92 was featured in the *I95 Business Magazine* article, "Women of Influence: Law" and was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 Law list.

Caroline Ciraolo '93 was named a 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" by *The Best Lawyers in America* and was recognized by *DC Super Lawyers* 2022.

Jennifer Leete '93 joined Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP as a partner.

Lori Price '93 was named acting director of the Office of Credit Ratings at The Securities and Exchange Commission.

Yitai Hu '94 joined Norton Rose Fulbright as a partner in its San Francisco office.

Brett Ingerman '94 was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 Law list.

Jamie Eisenberg Katz '94 was named to the "Best Lawyer" list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Melissa Menkel McGuire '94 joined Liff, Walsh & Simmons as a partner.

David Ralph '94 was named general counsel at Baltimore Gas and Electric.

Dawanna Williams '94 was appointed to the Compass, Inc Board of Directors.

TAMIKA TREMAGLIO '95

was named executive director of the National Basketball Players Association and appeared on the *Washingtonian* 2021 Washington's Most Powerful Women list.



David Wyand '94 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Timothy Lynch '95 was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 Law list.

The Hon. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake '95 participated in Goldman Sachs' inaugural One Million Black Women listening session in Baltimore.

The Hon. Angela D. Alsobrooks '96 appeared on the *Washingtonian* 2021 Washington's Most Powerful Women list and was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power list.

Jason Buckel '96 was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power list.

Jason E. Foy '96 made history as the first person of color to be sworn in as president of the Bergen County Bar Association.

The Hon. Joseph Getty '96 was appointed chief judge of Maryland's highest court by Gov. Larry Hogan; he was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 list; and he delivered the commencement address at Washington College.

William Mathias '96 joined the health care law practice Bass, Berry & Sims.

Carrie Ricci '96 was nominated to serve as general counsel of the Army, Department of Defense, by Pres. Joseph Biden.

Cheryl Washington '96 participated in Goldman Sachs' inaugural One Million Black Women listening session in Baltimore.

The Hon. Karen "Chaya" Friedman '97 was appointed by Pres. Joseph Biden to serve as director of criminal justice innovation, development and engagement at the Department of Justice.

Barry Gogel '97 was named to the "Best Lawyer" list by *The Best Lawyers in America* and was recognized by *Super Lawyers* 2022.

Nancy Greene '97 was named in *The Daily Record* Power 30 list.

LaChia Lyn Abdullah Bradshaw '98 was sworn in as acting prosecutor for Burlington County, NJ.

Angela Hartley '98 was selected as chair of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Kimberly Robinson '98 participated in Goldman Sachs' inaugural One Million Black Women listening session in Baltimore.

Judie Saunders '98 joined Griesing Law, LLC; she co-authored the book *A War on My Body; A War on My Rights* and was presented with the Outstanding Community Service Award by Women Owned Law.

Marisa Trasatti '98 joined Cipriani & Werner as a partner.

Barry Herman '99 joined the Casey Cares Board of Directors.

Christine Morse '99 joined the health care law practice at Bass, Berry & Sims.

K. Nichole "Nikki" Nesbitt '99 was featured in the *I95 Business Magazine* article, "Women of Influence: Law."

Michael Stein '99 was named vice president, general counsel of Gambling.com Group.

2000s

Brian Chappell '00 was elected to the Arts for Learning Maryland Board of Directors.

Lauren Colton '00 was named office managing partner for the Hogan Lovells Baltimore office.

Jason St. John '00 was named chief executive officer and managing partner of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr.

Bradley R. Stover '00 was elected to the Harford County Public Library Foundation Board.

William Castelli '01 joined the government relations and lobbying group at Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC as a partner.

The Hon. Amy Lorenzini '01 was appointed to the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Jennifer Schwartzott '01 was named deputy managing member at Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Wendy Webb Williams '01 was named general counsel and vice president, operations at Pairwise.

Dr. Stephanie Wolf '01 helped found TRUE Center, a non-profit dedicated to increasing access to evidence-based trauma treatment and prevention services for children and families.

Matthew Dow '02 joined Shipman & Goodwin LLP.

Ty Kelly '02 was elected to the Baker Donelson Board of Directors.

Amy McClain '02 was named chair of the Real Estate Department at Ballard Spahr.

Michelle Daugherty Siri '02, executive director of the Women's Law Center of Maryland, was featured in *The Daily Record* Women's Perspectives Podcast.

Anirban Basu '03 was named an Influential Marylander by *The Daily Record*.

Deepa Bijpuria '03 was named managing attorney at Ayuda.

Laura Bouyeya '03 was named in *The Daily Record* Maryland's Top 100 Women of 2022 list.

Tracee Orlove Fruman '03 was promoted to senior assistant attorney general for abuse/neglect at the Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

The Hon. Mark Tyler '03 was sworn in as a Magistrate for the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

Adam P. Beckerink '04 joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner.



THE HONORABLE JULIE RUBIN '98

was sworn in as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Maryland.

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Ryan Dietrich '04 received the Annual Government & Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award from the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Government & Public Interest Committee.

The Hon. Kay Harding '04 was appointed to the District Court for Baltimore City by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Rachel London '04 was named in *The Daily Record* Maryland's Top 100 Women of 2022 list.

Anna Mahaney '04 was named co-leader of the housing finance practice at Ballard Spahr.

Caroline L. Hecker '05 was named managing partner at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP, the first woman and non-founding member to hold the position.

Amanda Just '05 joined the litigation group at Ragsdale Liggett as a senior associate.

Jee Kim '05 was promoted to deputy assistant inspector general for management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General.

Dr. Erica Schwartz '05 was appointed to the Butterfly Network, Inc. Board of Directors.

Naseema Shafi '05 was featured in the *Washington Business Journal* article "My Story: Whitman-Walker's Naseema Shafi on creating spaces for safety, sharing and love."

Kristin Bohl '06 joined the health care law practice at Bass, Berry & Sims.

THE HONORABLE BRENDAN HURSON '05

was sworn in as a United States District Court Magistrate Judge for the District of Maryland.



Abigail Bortnick '06 was named assistant general counsel of international regulatory compliance at Leidos.

The Hon. Valerie Clay '06 was appointed as a district court judge in Judicial District 6 by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Lynnette Espy-Williams '06 was listed among the nation's most influential executives by *Savoy* magazine.

Jennifer Curry '06 was named co-managing shareholder of the Baltimore office at Baker Donelson and was named in *The Daily Record* 2021 Leading Women list.

Tiffany Harvey '06 was named vice president, government and regulatory affairs for Maryland and Delaware at Comcast.

Delora Sanchez Ifekauche '06 was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power list.

Hilary Jackler '06 was named vice chair at Kutak Rock.

Jeremy Rachlin '06 received the 2022 Tyser-Gottwals Award by the University of Maryland for his extraordinary and distinguished service to the university.

Kathy Stump '06 joined Carney, Kelehan, Bresler, Bennett & Scherr LLP.

Jason Downs '07 joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck as a shareholder in the litigation department.

Carlo Alexandre De Oliveira '07 was named partner at Cooper, Erving, and Savage LLP.

Jason Smith '07 was part of Seyfarth's construction and government contracts litigation team that recovered \$367 million for the Municipality of Anchorage in a port construction matter.

Alicia Wilson '07 participated in Goldman Sachs' inaugural One Million Black Women listening session in Baltimore and was featured in the *Baltimore Style* article "Women of Strength: Alicia Wilson."

Ellen Dew '08 was selected as a *Baltimore Business Journal* 2021 40 under 40 honoree.

Christine Jochim '08 was elected to the Women's Bean Project Board of Directors.

Jonathan Kucskar '08 was promoted to special assistant to the president and assistant vice president for enterprise risk management at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Sara Alpert Lawson '07 was named partner at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP.

Michelle Mendez '08 appeared on *MSNBC's* *The Cross Connection* to discuss the trauma in family separation.

Aaron Merki '08 was promoted to chief program officer at the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.

Rita Piel '08 joined the mergers and acquisitions team at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as a partner and was recognized by *Super Lawyers* 2022.

Jeremy Scholtes '08 was named co-managing principal of the Frederick office of Miles & Stockbridge.

Nina Schichor '08 was named director of borrower defense at the Federal Student Aid Enforcement Office.

Viktoriya Shpigelman '08 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Celia Van Lenten '08 joined the health care practice at Miles & Stockbridge PC as a principal.

Rick Abbruzzese '09 was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power list.

Veronica Berruz '09 was promoted to senior counsel, technology at Johnson & Johnson.

Maria Chavez '09 was named partner at Jacobs & Schlesinger LLP.

Timothy Costello '09 joined the estate planning practice group at Tonkon Torp LLP.

Brandon Draper '09 published two law review articles, "Revenge of the Sixth: The Constitutional Reckoning of Pandemic Justice" (*Marquette University Law Review*) and "Prosecutorial Dilemmas Amid the Pandemic and Online Jury Trials" (*Southwestern Law Review*).

Alexander Gormley '09 was named partner at Williams Mullen.

Amy Hennen '09 received the Annual Government & Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award from the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Government & Public Interest Committee.

The Hon. Ché Rogers '09 was appointed to the 31st Judicial District of Virginia in Prince William General District Court.

Bryan Saxton '09 joined Rosenberg Martin Greenburg as a partner.

Joseph Selba '09 was recognized by *Chambers USA* for his work in bankruptcy and restructuring.

Xochitl Strohbehn '09 was named partner at Venable LLP.

Scott Yager '09 was named vice president of environment at the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

2010s

Scott Allen, Jr. '10 was named partner at Lippes Mathias.

James Dold '10 received the Paul H. Chapman Award from the Foundation for Improvement of Justice.

Bill Ferguson '10 was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power List.

Sameer A. Ghaznavi '10 was named partner at Norton Rose Fulbright.

Benjamin Huh '10 was named director, legal and head of IP litigation at CrowdStrike.

The Hon. Cara Lewis '10 was appointed to the Carroll County District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Christopher Madaio '10 was named director of investigations at the Federal Student Aid Enforcement Office.

Danielle Mikoy '10 received the Volunteer of the Year award as part of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service's 2021 Celebrate Pro Bono Awards.

KUNLE ADEYEMO '10

was named executive director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, & Victim Services by Gov. Larry Hogan.



CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Danielle Torain '10 was featured in *The Daily Record* Off the Record with Sloane Brown video series.

Dondi West '10 was named information security counsel at TikTok.

Natalie Amato '11 was named chief solicitor at the Baltimore City Law Department.

Stephanie Bignon '11 was named associate general counsel and assistant secretary at WestRock Company.

Avery Blank '11 is pursuing her LLM degree in technology law and policy at Georgetown University Law Center.

Julia Cardozo '11 was appointed special assistant for policy in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Daniella Casseres '11 joined Mitchell Sandler LLC as partner and head of the mortgage regulatory group and was selected as a *Baltimore Business Journal* 2021 40 under 40 honoree.

Brent Ceryes '11 joined Baird Mandalas Brockstedt Federico & Cardeaas as a partner.

Melissa Clarke '11 was promoted to counsel at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr.

Louis Malick '11 was inducted as a fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation and was named to the “Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Dave Pantzer '11 was named deputy director at Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

Jennifer Pike '11 was named partner at Thompson Coburn.

Sally McMillan Robb '11 was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power list.

Serra J. Schlanger '11 was named lead counsel – telehealth at Walmart Health and Wellness.

Portia Wood '11 appeared on MSNBC’s The Cross Connection to discuss the importance of estate planning for Black Americans.

Jacob Cherry '12 was named partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Ivy Clarice Estoesta '12 was named director at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox.

Eric Hontz '12 was named director of the Center for Accountable Investment at The Center for International Private Enterprise.

Capt. Ashley Johnson '12 was featured by the *Birmingham Times* in the article, “Capt. Ashley N.

Johnson: Birmingham (AL) native; Chief of Military Justice in the U.K.”

B. Summer Hughes Niazy '12 was named principal at Kramon & Graham and was named to the “Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Eli Noff '12 was named chair of the American Bar Association Tax Collection, Bankruptcy and Workouts Committee.

Justin Redd '12 was named principal at Kramon & Graham; was elected to the Fund for Educational Excellence Board of Directors; and was named to the “Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

R. Alexander Carlson '13 joined Waranch & Brown, LLC as a trial attorney.

Chelsea Crawford '13 was named one of *The Daily Record*’s Leading Women Under 40; was named to the “Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*; and was named partner at Brown, Goldstein & Levy.

Brandon Moore '13 was appointed deputy appellate chief of the appellate division at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland.

Brad Rifkin '13 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by *The Best Lawyers in America* and was recognized by *Super Lawyers* 2022.

William Bell '14 was named head of distribution and network relations at Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Zack EHUDIN '14 was named partner at Troutman Pepper.

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CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

Wandaly Fernández García '14 became a trial attorney in the Consumer Protection Branch at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Justin Ginsburg '14 joined McNamee Hosea, P.A.

Anna Horevay '14 was awarded 2022 Leadership in Law honors by *The Daily Record*.

Jonathan Miller '14 joined the federal government relations team at Cornerstone Government Affairs.

Samuel Weisbaum '14 joined Kramon & Graham as an associate.

Bryan Catalano '15 joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP as an associate.

Sean Gugerty '15 was named partner at Goodell DeVries.

Michele Hayes '15 was named partner at Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP.

Jeremy Baker '16 was named in *The Daily Record* 2022 Government & Lobbying Power list.

J'Naia Boyd '16 received the 2022 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the New York State Bar Association and received a Leadership in Law award from *Long Island Business News*.

Sean Harding '16 joined Goodell DeVries as an associate.

Alexandria Montanio '16 was named director of corporate social responsibility at Gordon Feinblatt LLC.

THE HONORABLE RACHEL MUÑOZ '21

was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates.



Rachel Cooper '17 was named lead counsel, global privacy and cybersecurity, at Meta.

Vanessa Destime '17 joined Eisner, LLP as an associate.

James McKittrick '17 joined Gordon Feinblatt LLC as an associate.

Matthew Sarna '17 received the 20/20 Partners Rising Young Leader Award from the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section.

Heather Shek '17 was appointed director of the Office of Governmental Affairs at the Maryland Department of Health.

Taylor Lilley '18 was selected as a *Baltimore Business Journal* 2021 40 under 40 honoree.

Lauren McLarney '18 was named in *The Daily Record* 2021 Leading Women list.

Karachi Achilihu '19 joined Meta as commercial counsel.

Laura Daube '19 joined Pion, Nerone, Girman, Winslow & Smith, P.C. as an associate.

Caleen Kufera '19 joined GreenVest, LLC as corporate counsel.

Victoria Thornton '19 joined Goodell DeVries as an associate.

2020s

Angela Redmond Debro '20 was named associate general counsel for athletics at the University of Mississippi.

Kaitlyn Holzer '20 joined Goodell DeVries as an associate.

Thérian (Jung Yong) Lee '21 joined Rosenberg Martin Greenberg as an associate.

Thomas Leone '21 was named chief of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department.

Kelsey Robinson '21 was selected as an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow in the Juvenile Justice Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center.

Drew Tildon '21 joined Rosenberg Martin Greenberg as an associate.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Partner in Progress Alexandria Montanio '16

*Counsel and Director, Corporate
Social Responsibility,
Gordon Feinblatt LLC*



ALEX Montanio '16 believes that striving for a legal profession as diverse as the population it represents should be a top priority for lawyers. "I can't think of anything more important for us to tackle," says the Gordon Feinblatt attorney.

That is why, as a 3L, she and classmates worked with the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) to establish a competitive negotiation team for BLSA members. "BLSA President Yvette Pappoe '17 and I wanted to provide students who face barriers to success with usable skills," recalls Montanio.

As co-presidents of the long-established Alternative Dispute Resolution team, Montanio and Erik Pramschufel '16 were well positioned to develop the new team from scratch and coached them to the quarterfinals in their first competition. Since that time, she has been the team's head coach with help from alums including James Handley '17 and Sudipta Das '20, who is now a colleague at Gordon Feinblatt.

After graduating magna cum laude from Maryland Carey Law in 2016, Montanio signed on with Gordon Feinblatt and joined the firm's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. In that role, she successfully pitched sponsoring the BLSA team. Now, it has a travel budget, and members are benefiting just how Montanio and Pappoe envisioned.

"When I first started law school, I knew that it would be a hard journey, but I never could've anticipated the level of support

and mentorship that would be provided to me through BLSA's ADR Team," Kennedy Hagens '24 recently posted on her LinkedIn account. "... my confidence as a future legal professional and skills as a negotiator have expanded beyond measure."

In 2019 Montanio became Gordon Feinblatt's director of corporate social responsibility, a position she advocated to create. Though still practicing health law, she now spends most of her time coordinating and building upon the firm's diversity and inclusion, community engagement, and sustainability efforts.

One of those efforts is the law school's Diversity and Inclusion Scholars Initiative, which provides financial and professional support to students from diverse backgrounds. Under Montanio's stewardship, Gordon Feinblatt became a firm partner in the initiative, and she has quickly emerged as a thought leader among her peers in the program. Part of her involvement includes meeting monthly, along with Das, who was in the inaugural Diversity Scholars cohort, with students in the program to offer mentorship, advice, and support.

Montanio is grateful to be part of a law firm committed to the same values she holds dear and one that gives her the freedom to partner with her alma mater to help make inroads toward increasing diversity in the legal profession.

"I want to be on a team where everybody is trying to do their best and roots for each other," she says. "I found that at Maryland Carey Law, and I found that at Gordon Feinblatt." ■

GIVING SPOTLIGHT

Legal Legacy: The Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr. '69 Scholarship Endowment

WHEN THE late Judge Joseph F. Murphy, Jr. '69 retired from teaching and private practice in 2021, Stephen Nolan '76 and Richard Karceski, his dear friends and fellow members of the Dissenters Law Club in Baltimore County, joined forces to establish an endowed scholarship at Maryland Carey Law in his name.

Launching this fall, the award provides support for students with a particular interest in trial or appellate advocacy. In addition, the recipient will be invited to attend the Dissenters Law Club's annual dinner to share insights from a student's perspective.

Nolan and Karceski were inspired to honor Judge Murphy, who passed away on July 27, for his dedication to the legal profession as a practitioner, educator, and judge.

"Judge Murphy always has contributed generously to our profession," says Nolan. "This is the least that can be done to recognize his dedication to justice."

Widely considered one of Maryland's foremost experts in evidence, trial practice and appellate advocacy, Judge

Murphy served on the bench for over 27 years. He also shared his expertise through continuing legal education courses and as an adjunct professor at Maryland Carey Law and University of Baltimore Law. He authored the first edition of the *Maryland Evidence Handbook* in 1985. In 2020, he co-authored the fifth edition with his daughter, Erin Murphy.

Judge Murphy received his JD in 1969 and joined the Legal Aid Bureau of Maryland as a staff attorney. In 1970, he was appointed an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore City and became deputy state's attorney of Baltimore City in 1974. In 1976, he entered private practice with Russell J. White '57 and was a partner in the Towson firm of White & Murphy. Governor Harry Hughes appointed Judge Murphy to the Circuit Court of Baltimore County in 1984, and in 1993, Governor William Donald Schaefer appointed him to the Court of Special Appeals. In 1996, Governor Parris Glendening appointed Judge Murphy as chief judge of that appellate court. Finally, Governor Martin O'Malley '88 appointed him to the Court of Appeals where he served from 2007 to 2011. Upon retirement from the bench, Judge Murphy joined the law firm of Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White, where he headed the firm's



Alternative Dispute Resolution practice until he retired in 2021.

Judge Murphy and his wife JoAnn, a former teacher and president of the Baltimore County Board of Education, were married in 1966. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary before JoAnn passed away in 2019.

In his more than 40 years teaching Trial Practice at the law school, Judge Murphy made a positive impact on thousands of students. He received numerous awards, including the Maryland Carey Law Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award in 2010, and the Maryland Bar Foundation's H. Vernon Eney Endowment Award in 2012. ■

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- Elinor Bell '87
- John Bianchi '59
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CHARLES CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” BROWN

Professor Emeritus



The Maryland Carey Law community mourns the loss of Professor Emeritus Charles Christopher “Chris” Brown, who passed away last December. Brown was an adored professor and legendary civil rights attorney, who co-founded the litigation firm Brown, Goldstein & Levy.

A native of Dover, Delaware, Brown graduated from Georgetown Law in 1968 with the distinction of having been editor-in-chief of the Georgetown Law Review. He initially practiced poverty law in Washington, D.C. before moving to Baltimore and joining Legal Aid where he was instrumental in building the organization into a formidable fixture in the Baltimore legal landscape.

In 1975, Brown joined the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Law. He taught Civil Procedure, Evidence, Constitutional Law and various legal writing courses. Meanwhile, he continued to practice and took

multiple social security cases before the Supreme Court, arguing that “illegitimate children” are entitled to the same benefits rights as other children.

As a professor, he trained hundreds of would-be lawyers who went on to become judges, politicians, and partners at top firms.

In 1982, still a full-time professor, he started Brown & Goldstein (later Brown, Goldstein & Levy) and became chief counsel for the ACLU of Maryland, scoring dozens of victories that advanced the rights of underrepresented people in the areas of voting rights, disability rights, housing, free speech, sexual orientation, the right to die, and other progressive causes. Today, the firm has more than 20 lawyers and continues to build on its deep sense of community and social responsibility.

Throughout his career, Brown was recognized with many prestigious honors, including admission into the American College of Trial Lawyers. The crowning jewel of his scholarship was his late-career book *The Road to Jim Crow, The African American Struggle on Maryland's Eastern Shore: 1860-1915*, about which one reviewer wrote, “C. Christopher Brown has broken new ground and filled a long overlooked gap in Maryland history.” According to Brown’s family, the book “was one of his proudest accomplishments.” ■

JOSÉ BAHAMONDE- GONZÁLEZ

Associate Dean



In May, Maryland Carey Law lost José Bahamonde-González, a beloved colleague, mentor, and friend.

In his more than 20 years at the law school, Bahamonde-González mentored hundreds of students in various roles, including 16 years as associate dean for administrative affairs and student services, and seven as associate dean for professional education. He also served as advisor to the Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA) and OUTLaw student groups.

Throughout his career, Bahamonde-González was a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion. He was the inaugural chair and member of the Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) of the University of Maryland, Baltimore; served on the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Diversity Committee; and was a member of the Student Services Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

A member of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) since 1992, Bahamonde-González was NALP vice president, and chair of the Leadership/Membership Diversity Task Force and the Board of Directors. By request, he also served on law school accreditation teams of the American Bar Association (ABA), Council for Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Bahamonde-González was a member of the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association (MHBA) and served on its Judicial Endorsements Committee. He received the MHBA 2018 Outstanding Achievement Award for his work counseling and mentoring Latinx law students and lawyers.

While continuing part-time with Maryland Carey Law, Bahamonde-González became chief diversity, equity, inclusion and professional development officer at Miles & Stockbridge P.C. from 2019 to 2021, and senior diversity, equity and inclusion manager at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in 2021.

Bahamonde-González earned his BS in management from the University of Massachusetts and his JD from the Syracuse University College of Law. Prior to joining the Maryland Carey Law community, Bahamonde-González was assistant director for career services and coordinator for minority affairs at the Georgetown University Law Center and assistant dean for the career planning center at the University of Miami School of Law. ■



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STUDENT



**FASIKA
DELESSA**

Class of 2023
BS, University of Maryland,
Smith School of Business

Hometown:
Clarksburg, Maryland

Proudest accomplishment:
Of the hats I wear, auntie is the one I am most proud of.

Favorite law school professor:
Professors Boldt, Pappoe, Winstead, and Martel all impacted me in unique ways.

Best class so far:
An even tie between Critical Race Theory and Constitutional Law II.

Hidden talent:
Can consume lots of coffee but fall asleep immediately afterwards.

Dream job:
I know that I want to be challenged every day, surrounded by kind people, and working for a cause, ultimately, that I care deeply about.

FACULTY



**PETER
DANCHIN**

Professor and Associate Dean,
Research and Faculty Development
BA, LLB, University of Melbourne
LLM, JSD, Columbia University

Hometown:
Cape Town, South Africa

Latest publication:
“The Pandemic Paradox in International Law,” *American Journal of International Law*

Favorite law school event:
Annual Maryland Journal of International Law symposium

Currently reading:
Against Constitutionalism by Martin Loughlin

Personal hero:
Nelson Mandela

One piece of advice for law students:
How well you write correlates closely with how much and how deeply you read, so spend time reading books such as legal histories, biographies and important monographs (and less time reading social media and online sources).

GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND CAREY LAW COMMUNITY

STAFF



VICKY MANDARA

Assistant Director, Admissions
BS, SUNY Cortland
MA, Binghamton University

Hometown:

Middletown, New York

Favorite law school event:

Admitted Student Day. I love how excited the students are to learn about Maryland and to meet their peers.

Currently reading:

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Personal hero:

My dad! He left everything he knew to come to this country with the intention of giving his future family a better life. I admire how selfless and hard-working he is every day.

Hidden talent:

I pride myself on my gift giving and event planning skills.

Dream vacation destination:

Island hopping in Greece with my husband.

ALUMNUS



ADAM FARRA '11

Associate, Gilbert LLP
BA, University of Michigan

Hometown:

Dexter, Michigan

Favorite law school event:

It was not a single “event” so much as all the times our 1L small section hung out after class in the lounge, getting to know each other and talking about life and school and the law and making each other laugh.

Most memorable professors:

Deborah Hellman and Danielle Citron

Proudest accomplishment:

I lost the first appeal I ever argued. I was crushed for my client. After I told him the news, my client calmly told me how much he appreciated how seriously I took his case. I am not sure if it is an “accomplishment,” but that meant a lot to me.

Personal hero:

Sherrilyn Ifill

One piece of advice for law students:

You will get as much out of law school as you put into it.



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