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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN:

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OUR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND BUSINESS.

Throughout this issue, you will find examples of students, faculty, and alumni doing more than merely being leaders, but *leading the way* in many areas of the law. For instance:

- Erin Miller '13 *convinced* Congress that her 95-year-old grandmother and other members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots—or WASPs, as they were known during World War II—should have the right to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Professor Michael Pinard and his students in the Reentry Clinic helped persuade public officials to *advance* new laws that make it easier for people who were arrested for non-violent crimes to shield that information. Absent shielding, these records are often barriers to community reengagement.
- Meg Utterback '91 was immersed in Chinese culture and law during the mid-1980s while she was a graduate student there. Today, by *taking risks*, she's the only foreign-born female partner on the executive committee of a Chinese law firm, which is the sixth-largest firm in the world.
- Professor Maureen Sweeney, Michelle Mendez '08, and the students in Sweeney's Immigration Clinic *influenced* case law trends that now make domestic violence an acceptable basis for granting asylum to their clients, women and children fleeing their homes in Central America.

As members of the legal community, we have a responsibility to help our young lawyers become leaders, whether through teaching or working with recent graduates in a firm, corporation, government agency, or nonprofit organization.

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To develop leaders, students at Maryland Carey Law have the chance to study in a city where they can learn firsthand how law affects personal and institutional change—in education, health care, housing and policing, to name just a few areas.

Leadership is never easy. Maryland Carey Law remains committed to continuing its long legacy of producing great lawyers and great leaders. With your help, we are confident we will succeed.

Donald B. Tobin
Dean and Professor of Law

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POLICIES

By Christianna McCausland

ON OCCASION, VIOLA WOOLUMS '14 WILL HEAR A REPORT OF SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO RECEIVED NALOXONE, AN OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL MEDICATION, AND WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE EDGE OF DEATH. She can smile a little to herself knowing she played a part in saving that person's life. Through her work with Maryland Carey Law's Drug Policy Clinic, Woolums and fellow student Ameet Sarpatwari '13 were part of a team that wrote legislation allowing the life-saving medication to be prescribed to third parties. By empowering parents of a person who uses drugs, for example, to have naloxone on hand, the 2013 legislation gave families in a desperate situation a simple tool that could save a loved one's life.

The school's clinics are a place for students to receive invaluable hands-on experience with casework, but often that casework reveals limitations of the law or systemic inequalities that can only be corrected through legislative action. The Drug Policy Clinic, with its focus on removing barriers to drug treatment, and the Reentry Clinic, which works with individuals with criminal records to remove obstacles to community re-engagement, have emerged as leaders in legislative efforts that improve lives, often for vulnerable populations.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO DRUG TREATMENT

Professor Ellen Weber started the Drug Policy Clinic in 2002. Early efforts of the clinic focused on challenging discriminatory zoning standards prohibiting the siting of treatment programs. The work has evolved to include harm-reduction legislation like



Drug Policy Clinic Director and Professor Ellen Weber (standing fifth from the left), Martha Marr '16 (standing sixth from the right) and third year student James Cook (standing eighth from the right) joined community advocates and stakeholders for Governor Larry Hogan's May 10, 2016, signing of a Maryland Syringe Services Programs Bill. *Photo credit: Executive Office of the Governor*

the third-party naloxone bill on which Woolums worked. That bill was expanded in 2015 to give immunity from civil liability to prescribers, again thanks to collaborative efforts by the clinic. The clinic was also instrumental in the 2016 passage of a syringe services bill that affords persons who inject drugs greater access to sterile syringe exchange programs.

Weber explains that the clinic has also emerged as a leader in the state in understanding, interpreting, and applying the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. Through medical-legal partnerships, the clinic has placed students within organizations to work directly with individuals facing discrimination in coverage and reimbursement for

addiction-related services. It has successfully collaborated on several pieces of legislation that seek to improve compliance with the Parity Act.

Woolums currently works for Maryland Legal Aid in Baltimore City. She states that in working on the third-party naloxone legislation, it was rewarding to be a part of a diverse coalition that included persons who use drugs, their family members, health care providers, and community stakeholders. While many might dismiss the needs of persons who use opioid drugs, she explains that you cannot help but be moved by the stories of parents who were helpless to save their child from an overdose—all because they lacked access to naloxone.

“The thing that struck me as being most important was that the clinic allowed us to help an underrepresented community to express what their needs were to the legislature, and then to see that become law,” says Woolums. “So often the interests of individuals with substance use disorders or mental health disorders are minimized, and it’s difficult to make people care.”

MEETING THE NEEDS OF AN UNSYMPATHETIC POPULATION

Nigah Mughal '15 can echo Woolums' sentiment. She spent three semesters working in the Reentry Clinic with a constituency often deemed “unsympathetic” because of its members' law-breaking history. When Mughal told people she was working in reentry, they

were taken aback and concerned for her safety.

“You come in with this idea that these are people who have committed a crime—how can they be decent human beings?” says Mughal. “Then you meet them, and you realize how incredibly wrong you were with that mindset and how naive we are... This clinic opened up my eyes to see how privileged I am and how much work we have to do as a society to unite and understand each other's stories.”

Through the clinic, Mughal participated in regular expungement workshops at Mondawmin Mall, where students help qualified individuals apply to have certain offenses removed from their record. Expungement breaks down significant obstacles individuals with criminal records confront when trying to get back on their feet. Without it, those individuals can face challenges with access to public housing, for example, or being licensed in vocational trades. In the absence of employment and housing, the likelihood of recidivism increases.

Professor Michael Pinard is the co-director of the Clinical Law Program and began the Reentry Clinic in 2003 with Professor Sherrilyn Ifill, now on leave from the law school to serve as president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Pinard explains that casework helps students understand the enormity and long-range implications of a criminal record on individuals, their families, and the community. Often, it also exposes systemic challenges and informs the decision to move forward with a policy effort.

“Maybe you can help one person, but maybe you can't. Maybe the law says

you cannot help this person, that is the limitation of the law,” Pinard explains. “[Students] then realize that sometimes laws are unfair and something needs to change.

“The policy work is so important because we want to not just impact individuals, we want to impact communities,” he continues. “We want to look at the limitations of the law and how we can go about effecting change.”

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While working in the clinic, Mughal hit one of those legal barriers, which resulted in the clinic advocating with community partners for legislation to shield some non-violent crimes from public view, a law that would reduce employment discrimination based on an individual's record. After researching legal precedent in other states, and helping to draft materials, Mughal went to Annapolis to testify in support of a shielding bill.

“It was incredibly exciting and incredibly nerve-wracking,” she recalls, “because you realize it isn't about you, it's about so many people whose lives can be changed.”

That particular legislation did not pass, but it laid the foundation for new laws that did expand Maryland's shielding protections. Today, Reentry Clinic students are able to advise clients on their expungement and shielding rights. Mughal has gone on to work on health care policy at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

IMPACTS BEYOND POLICY

As Mughal learned, it is not uncommon for bills to fail in their first attempt, particularly those bills that expand protections to vulnerable populations, yet the effects of legislative work through the clinic can be far-reaching.

“For students who want to do policy work, it gives them an understanding of what goes into developing a policy position and deciding the right strategy for moving that policy forward,” says Weber. “It gives them experience with meeting with members of the General Assembly, explaining legislation, thinking on their feet and answering questions, testifying, and working in coalition with others to bring people together around a set of goals and standards so you can be successful.”

Darci Smith '15 participated on the Parity Act Enforcement Team with the Drug Policy Clinic the year the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange came online. Her team gathered information related to violations of the Parity Act that proved foundational to consumer protection bills that successive clinic teams were able to get passed. After graduation, Smith became an investigator within the Maryland Insurance Administration.

“My experience with clinic was the most influential of my entire law school career and definitely set me on the path for what I'm doing now and what I plan

to do in the future,” says Smith. “Through the clinic we learned everything about the [Affordable Care Act] and its provisions, detailed background on a law I didn’t get from any other class or seminar. And it gave me

hands-on understanding of how nonprofits and consumer advocate groups work.”

The clinics play a vital role among community partners as well. At the Institutes for Behavior Resources, a nonprofit organization in Baltimore, students from the Drug Policy Clinic were

embedded at its REACH Health Services, a clinical services program that provides outpatient substance use disorders treatment. The program’s executive director, Vickie Walters, says the students provided instrumental legal expertise and truly become part of the organizational team.

Caryn York, senior policy advocate at Job Opportunities

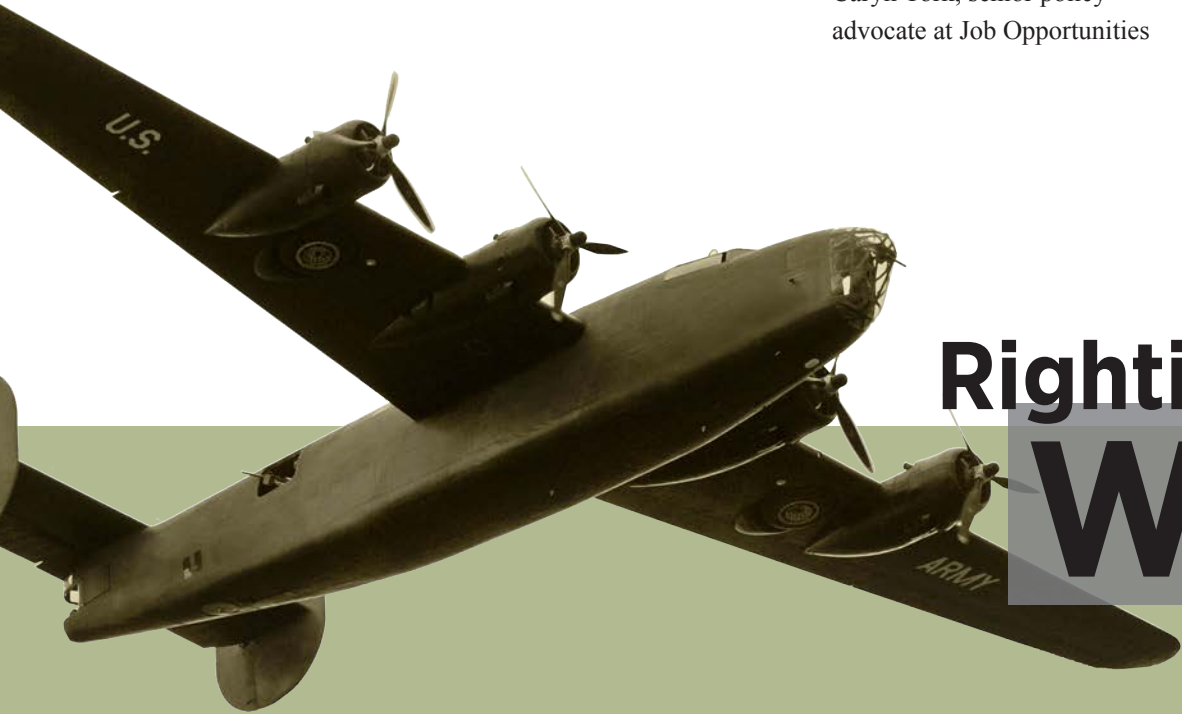
Task Force, a nonprofit network of workforce development providers that frequently partners with the Reentry Clinic, says the clinic has been absolutely invaluable to its policy reform efforts. She sees the benefits as mutual.

“It is very important for law schools to play a significant role in policy reform in the state,” says York, “[because] these are the individuals who are spending years studying the law and, in turn, will spend years applying the law. It’s important that they have opportunities to participate in how these laws are made.”

The greatest impact of this legislative work is perhaps felt within the community itself. The positive effects of the clinics’ work can be felt in the family that gains an income when an individual with a criminal record becomes gainfully employed, or when a person with a substance use disorder remains productive because his insurance allows access to methadone and counseling. And in that heartbreaking moment when a parent must administer naloxone to save the life of a child who is overdosing, Woolums will be there in spirit.



Michael Pinard (above right), professor and Clinical Law Program co-director, pictured with Maryland Delegate Curt S. Anderson (above left), and Aryeh M. Rabinowitz '16 (left), participated in a Maryland Expungement/Shielding Clinic. Nearly 1,000 individuals were assisted in a single day following the implementation of the Maryland Second Chance Act in October 2015. Rabinowitz received the 2016 Clinical Legal Education Association's Outstanding Student Award for his work in the Reentry Clinic.



Righting a Wrong

By Christianna McCausland

ALUMNA LEADS LEGISLATIVE EFFORT TO HONOR GRANDMOTHER



When Elaine Harmon passed away in April 2015, she left behind a letter expressing her desire to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Harmon served in World War II with the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), one of approximately 1,000 women who flew planes for transport and training during the war. Though the WASPs were classified as civilians, in 1977 they won their fight to obtain limited veterans status. So it was a surprise to Harmon’s family when Arlington denied

its request to have her ashes placed there.

Luckily, Harmon’s surviving relatives knew a good lawyer.

“My grandmother felt [Arlington] is a memorial to those who served in the military, a place where not just families but lots of tourists go, too,” says Harmon’s granddaughter Erin Miller '13. “She felt it was important for the WASPs to be represented there of their own merit, so people knew their history

and the importance of their service.”

Miller discovered that though WASPs had previously had ashes placed at Arlington, in 2015 then-U.S. Army Secretary John McHugh pointed out that because of their limited status, WASPs were only entitled to be buried in cemeteries run by the Department of Veterans Affairs, not those under the Department of the Army, like Arlington. With that, Arlington closed its doors to WASPs and their families.



Miller knew the only recourse was to push forward legislation that would close the legal loophole holding up her grandmother’s inurnment. Miller reached out to Maryland’s U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski—who led a separate effort in 2009 to have the WASPs granted the Congressional Gold

Medal—and created a media campaign to draw attention to the issue. Mikulski, along with Arizona Representative Martha McSally and other supporters, passed legislation that amended the 1977 law so that anyone with limited status could have ashes inurned at Arlington National Cemetery.

Miller herself lobbied more than 150 members of Congress. She states that her law school education was invaluable to her experience, particularly her classes in legal research and oral advocacy.

“I did a lot of research looking at the U.S. code and different titles and how they interact with each other, as well as a lot of oral advocacy, because I was in congressional offices talking to staff members and senators and members of

Congress to advocate for my position and to explain the law,” she states.

The bill was introduced in January 2016 and signed into law by President Obama on May 20, 2016. Miller’s work reached its own appropriate close; her family finally laid Elaine Harmon to rest on September 7, 2016, in Arlington National Cemetery.

Erin Miller '13 (right) and U.S. Representative Martha McSally (left) celebrate the unanimous passage of House Bill HR 4336, which paved the way for female WWII service pilots—including Miller’s grandmother, Elaine Harmon (opposite page and above left)—to be inurned in Arlington National Cemetery. Photo credit: Erin Miller and the Harmon Family





INFLUENCING LEGAL TRENDS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By Michele Wojciechowski

LEIGH GOODMARK, PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF MARYLAND CAREY LAW'S GENDER VIOLENCE CLINIC, ADMITS THAT THE WORK SHE AND HER STUDENTS DO ISN'T EASY. But having worked in the gender violence field for more than 20 years, Goodmark knows how critically important their work is.

An internationally-known author and speaker on gender violence, Goodmark is a leader in the field. Now, she's helping to create more leaders through her clinical work.

"The Gender Violence Clinic provides legal services to clients who have issues where gender and violence intersect in any way. We work with victims of rape and sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking, LGBTQ discrimination, and hyper-incarceration of women," explains Goodmark, who established the clinic three years ago. "Our story is more of a struggle story. It's really about the ways in which it's very difficult to get judges and others to accept narratives of gender violence, and believe them, and then incorporate them into their legal decision-making."

Goodmark and her students often work with women who are incarcerated for injuring or killing their partners because they were victims of gender violence. "Some of our clients have had experts testify on their behalf and judges saying, 'You may be the leading expert on this in the country, but I

don't buy it.' So at the parole stage, it's our job to get the Parole Commission to accept what a judge wouldn't," says Goodmark, who examined the history of domestic violence law in her book, *A Troubled Marriage: Domestic Violence and the Legal System*. Judges are often skeptical of the abuse, or remark that clinic clients should have left the situation, adds Goodmark, noting that although domestic violence clients may have low incomes, use drugs, or be sex workers, they were still abused.

"People judge credibility based on those things. Then they don't believe what the woman is saying because of who she is or what she does," says Goodmark. When clients enter a courtroom or parole hearing, "our job is to transform [their] stories into narratives that resonate with judges and commissioners," explains Goodmark. "That's why our work is so important."

Alumna Lila Meadows '15, now the clinical faculty fellow at the University of Baltimore School of Law's Mediation for Families Clinic, says the skills she learned in the Gender Violence Clinic helped her obtain Yale Law School's Public Interest Fellowship and influenced her work at Second Chance for Women in Maryland, where she represented incarcerated women serving long sentences

who were eligible for parole. "I was trained to know that when a client comes to you with a problem, your job is not to tell them how to solve the problem. Your job is to generate options for them," says Meadows. "You let the client decide what is best for her, even if you don't think it's the best decision. Because the client is the one who will live with the consequences of her choice.... This is especially important in domestic violence cases. I learned to empower women who don't feel like they have any power."

"Students get an understanding of some of the really important issues facing society in clinic," says Goodmark. "They're looking at gender violence, but also looking at race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, poverty, and the ways in which access to justice is restrained for people who don't have access to capital. What they take out into the world [as lawyers] is really important." Goodmark

is thrilled even if graduates become prosecutors because, she says, they will be the kinds of prosecutors who are sensitive to domestic violence issues.

WORKING FOR ASYLUM

Professor Maureen Sweeney, a seasoned immigration lawyer who has directed Maryland Carey Law's Immigration Clinic since 2004, works with students to conduct deportation defense in the federal Immigration Court in Baltimore, which hears cases from all over Maryland. Recently, they've primarily been representing women and children who are seeking asylum in the U.S. after fleeing domestic violence or gender-based gang violence in Central America. Like the Gender Violence Clinic, the Immigration Clinic has also been struggling with issues of credibility for their clients.

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After successfully litigating a custody case involving domestic abuse for Gender Violence Clinic client Alexandrae Lewis and her son Joseph (middle), Diamond Martin '16 (left) and Janna Domico '16 (right).

for victims, and the rates of prosecution for abusers—all of which are obstacles for someone who is underrepresented,” says Sweeney.

According to Sweeney, over half of those who appear in immigration court do so without a lawyer because there is no guarantee of representation. “The system presumes that people can present their own cases. The reality is that immigration law and the questions of proof required to establish an asylum claim are so complicated that even many lawyers can’t do it sufficiently, let alone somebody who has no familiarity with the U.S. legal system, may not know English at all or fluently, and may have limited education,” says Sweeney. “The difference that we make for people is so profound.”

Sweeney and her students have also been making changes in domestic violence case law. “What we’re doing is one small piece of a movement that is happening across the country, which is to establish this case law that domestic violence is a perfectly acceptable basis for asylum,” explains Sweeney. “These cases are paving the way in our local courts for this change in the law that is happening on a national level.”

Michelle Mendez '08 chose to attend Maryland Carey Law because of its

Immigration Clinic’s reputation and worked for it day and night. “A person’s life was in my hands,” she recalls.

Now an attorney with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Mendez spends half of her time providing training and legal support on all types of matters in immigration law. The other half is dedicated to being CLINIC’s point person for the CARA Project, a national partnership of four organizations: CLINIC, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, and the American Immigration Council.



Following interviews with women at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women, Natalie Billbrough, Jade McDuffie, Hillary Tebeleff, Monica Basche, and Jaime Jacobson (left to right), all 2016 graduates, told the Justice Reinvention Coordinating Council about the issues women seeking parole face. Collectively, students crafted written testimony, while Basche gave oral testimony on behalf of the Gender Violence Clinic.

Working with CARA, where a majority of the cases have a gender violence component, Mendez is focusing on the issues that affect immigrant women seeking asylum. With the U.S. presidential election coming up, she says, “Most of these issues are coming to a head with the immigration rhetoric and people having the misconception that the women are coming here for economic opportunities. No—they have been raped. They have been abused. Their government doesn’t protect them, and they’re actually leaving because they are asylum-seekers.” These are some of the facts, Mendez explains, that CARA and other advocates are seeking to get across to the government, as well as to the judicial system. And Mendez is always looking to do more to help asylum-seeking women.

“I started a private Facebook group for mother asylum-seekers from Central America who lack an attorney and overall legal guidance, so that they can better navigate the process on their own,” says Mendez. “It also functions as a support group, as the women are very kind and encouraging to one another.”

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Clinic experiences change students, a change they take with them into whatever work they do. They “bring you face-to-

face with people and their suffering,” says Mendez. “That really builds empathy.”

“What I believe and think my students see is the value in helping someone who is at one of the lowest points of their life try to figure out what are the right steps to take. It’s an enormously rewarding field of law,” says Goodmark. “The most gratifying thing in the world is that many of my students go on to do this work, and they feel the same way.

“Together, we’re going to make a difference.”

Third-year student Adilina Malavé (left) and Melissa Ruano '16 (right) pose outside the federal Immigration Court building in Baltimore after obtaining asylum for their client, Jackelinne Chavez (middle).



Launching a **SAFE** Haven

NEW HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUPPORT CENTER INCLUDES LEGAL SERVICES

Awareness surrounding another form of abuse is also on the rise: human trafficking. Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery in which women, children, and men are exploited for profit through coerced sex and forced labor.

“Human trafficking is real and presents profound negative health impacts; victims often suffer persistent and intense physical, sexual, and emotional violence,” explains Professor Kathleen Hoke. “Federal, state, and local laws have focused on using criminal law and social services resources to respond to human trafficking, but more needs to be done.”

Maryland is considered a locus for human trafficking—the second largest criminal enterprise after illegal drugs—due to its central location along major East Coast thoroughfares. To help address the problem, Maryland Carey Law is a core partner in the new SAFE (Support, Advocacy, Freedom, and Empowerment) Center for Human Trafficking Survivors, founded and directed by Visiting Professor, Ambassador Susan G. Esserman.

The SAFE Center is part of the University of Maryland: *MPowering the State* initiative. “The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is honored to partner with the University of Maryland, College Park, to alleviate the devastating impact human trafficking has on our community, here in Maryland and globally,” said UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD, at the May

9, 2016, SAFE Center launch event in College Park, Md. Featured speakers at the event also included U.S. Senator Ben Cardin '67 and U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen.

The SAFE Center is taking an innovative three-pronged approach to combat sex and labor trafficking. The Center brings together the expertise of the university to address the multidimensional legal, social, health, and economic issues of human trafficking to achieve its mission: to provide survivor-centered, trauma-informed services that empower trafficking survivors to heal and reclaim their lives, and to help prevent trafficking and better serve survivors through research and policy advocacy.

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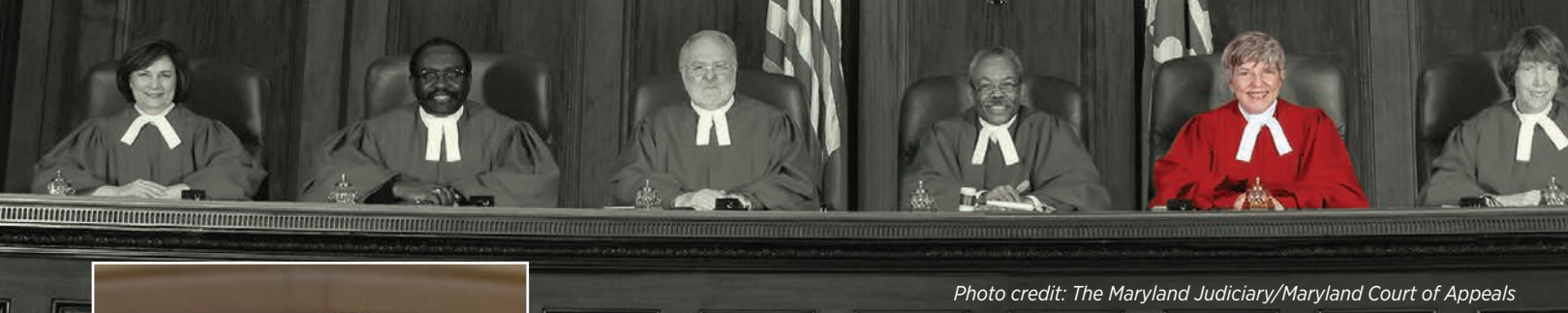


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JUDGE LYNNE A. BATTAGLIA

By Christianna McCausland

GROWING UP NEAR BUFFALO, N.Y., LYNNE BATTAGLIA '74 WAS RAISED TO BELIEVE SHE HAD THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS HER TWO BROTHERS. She expected to go to college and, while marriage and childrearing were valued, she anticipated a life of equal opportunity. So it was a revelation when her family moved to a small town, and everywhere she looked, the people in authority were all male. Upon closer observation, she discovered they were all lawyers.

“I was raised in a family that believed women were as capable as men, but the outside world didn’t seem to be embracing that,” she recalls. “I realized as a young woman that the way for me to even the playing field was to become a lawyer.”

Battaglia enrolled at Maryland Carey Law in 1971 and has been breaking barriers ever since, building an enviable career in public service, most recently as a judge on Maryland’s Court of Appeals, the state’s highest court, from which she has just retired. She has been a champion for professionalism and played a foundational role in the creation of the Maryland Professionalism Center, where she serves as chairperson. She’s also advocated for mentorship and supported the contributions of women to law, including as editor of and a contributor to *Finding Justice: A History of Women Lawyers in Maryland Since 1642*, a collection of essays by six female lawyers published in 2015.

Mentorship played a critical role in Battaglia’s own career. In law school, she was brought under the wing of Alice Brumbaugh, today a professor emerita at Maryland Carey Law. As a young attorney at the Baltimore firm Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, there were male attorneys who not only helped her “become the best lawyer I could be,” they broke new ground by supporting her legal contributions, even

as she went through her pregnancy and became a mother—practically unheard of at the time. A strong network of leading women has also been a constant source of support and job opportunities.

Throughout her career, Battaglia gravitated to public service. She left the firm to become an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland. Then, after a brief stint as a visiting professor at Maryland Carey Law and in private practice, she went to the U.S. Department of Justice as a senior trial attorney before becoming head of criminal investigations at the Maryland Attorney General’s office.

“Earning more money didn’t motivate me,” she explains. “What did motivate me was doing something that I felt could help my community.”

This was evident to Norman Smith ’85, a partner in the firm Nusinov Smith LLP, who first met Battaglia when he was a young assistant state’s attorney.

“Since we had a limited number of cases we could do as a white-collar unit,

[Battaglia] was very interested in choosing cases to prosecute that would have an impact,” Smith recalls. These cases included pursuing those who fraudulently used minority business protections to their benefit. “She wanted the cases to act as a broader deterrent beyond the individual defendant.”

Smith describes Battaglia as dynamic and creative. “By the time I knew her, she had already achieved so much,” he continues. “But she was always pushing ahead. She never sat back and waited for things to come to her.”

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for Maryland. In 1993, Battaglia was nominated by President Clinton as the first female U.S. attorney, a post she held until 2001 when she left the federal system to accept an appointment on the Maryland Court of Appeals, the third woman to attain that position.

“She was a great addition to the court, bringing a diverse background, a strong intellect, and a warm sense of collegiality,” says Raker.

Throughout her busy professional life, Battaglia has taken time to give back to her alma mater, serving on Maryland Carey Law’s Board of Visitors from 1993 until 2013, and often returning to teach and mentor students. In 1998 she received the school’s Distinguished Graduate Award.

“Judge Battaglia is the perfect role model for our students and a great example of the type of professional we train at Maryland Carey Law,” says Dean Donald B. Tobin. “She is passionate about professionalism, public service, and the rule of law. Maryland Carey Law is a better place because of her, and we are very lucky to have her as an alumna.”

Though retired, Battaglia is hardly slowing. She’s obtained recall status and will continue to hear cases. She’s also returning to school to pursue a degree in mental health counseling. Her long and storied career is not at an end, only entering a new chapter, but she has already written the epilogue.

“My legacy, to me, is in the generations of lawyers I’ve been able to interact with,” she states. “I’m most proud of my opportunity to be a part of their personal and professional development.”

It was not surprising then, that when the opportunity arose for Battaglia to depart from her legal comfort zone to become chief of staff to Maryland’s U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, she took it.

“[Battaglia] was by my side every day, fighting for the day-to-day needs of Marylanders and the long-range needs of the nation,” says Mikulski. She adds that Battaglia has always served with integrity and skill, and that she has a keen legal mind.

“She’s stood against discrimination and stood up for the empowerment of women,” Mikulski continues. “Whether in Congress or in the courtroom, Judge Battaglia has spent her life protecting people’s rights, promoting equality, and improving the lives of so many in Maryland and around our country.”

Though Battaglia describes her two years as chief of staff as “a time of tremendous opportunities,” she eventually sought and gained a position as U.S. attorney

“It was exhilarating and wonderful and daunting and challenging,” says Battaglia of her status as a pioneer. “It was exhilarating and wonderful because I got to claim my own path, I wasn’t bound by any notion of people who came before me... On the other hand, if you don’t have a lot of people before you, you have to deal with people’s unconscious notions and biases, things like ‘women shouldn’t be trying cases,’ or ‘women should be in the home.’”

Battaglia has been honored with many awards, but says she particularly values the H. Vernon Eney Award given by the Maryland Bar Foundation, which she received this June. Her colleague on the Maryland Court of Appeals, retired Judge Irma S. Raker, who presented the award, explains that Battaglia embodies the same principles that distinguished Eney’s career: excellence in the law, bar leadership, community leadership, and an enormous capacity for work.



MYEROWITZ MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Four second-year Maryland Carey Law students competed in the annual Morris Brown Myerowitz Moot Court Competition, held March 9, 2016.

Myerowitz participants included (left to right below): Finalist Josh Carback, U.S. Tax Court Judge the Hon. Tamara W. Ashford, Best Brief winner Linda Morris, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Judge the Hon. Paul V. Niemeyer (Judge,), Best Oralist Jennifer Auger (also pictured left), Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Appellate Division, Assistant Public Defender Marc DeSimone '04, and Runner-up Oralist and Brief David Maher (also pictured left).



ADVOCATING OUR WAY TO THE TOP

“THIS IS THE TRIAL OF MR. PIG STRAW, MR. PIG WOOD, AND MR. PIG BRICK WHO ARE CHARGED WITH THE PREMEDITATED MURDER OF WILL KILL WOLF.” Middle schoolers pack the courtroom, listening intently and learning the legal skills required to successfully adjudicate a court case as the Trial of the Three Little Pigs: State of Forestville v. Pig Wood, Pig Straw, and Pig Brick unfolds.

“I started these mock trials for my now 30-year-old daughter’s grade school class to share insight into careers in law,” recalls Associate Judge Wanda Keyes Heard ’82, of the Baltimore City Circuit Court, who used Maryland Carey Law’s Moot Court Room for the educational, yet entertaining, fairy tale proceedings this past May.

“Participants are empowered to practice public speaking, see the intimate workings of the criminal justice system, and learn the importance of civic responsibilities. Ultimately, I hope it sparks an interest in the law for these students,” Heard says.

Advocacy teams provide many of the same benefits to law students, albeit on a more sophisticated level.

At Maryland Carey Law, credit-bearing advocacy offerings include Moot Court, International Moot Court, and the National Trial Team, as well as teams that participate in specialty competitions from the Business Law Program, the Environmental Law Program, the Law and Health Care Program, the Center for Dispute Resolution, and a Labor and Employment Team. Since the early 1970s, the law school has also hosted the internal

Morris Brown Myerowitz Moot Court Competition, whose winners go on to comprise the National Moot Court Team.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, Maryland Carey Law teams had plenty to celebrate. Wins included first place at the Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Competition, where one team member also won Best Closing Argument; Champion Mediator at the Jeffrey S. Abrams National Mediator Competition; Best Brief at both the National Constitutional Law Competition and National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition; Best Advocate at the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge; first place in the Fifth Annual Health Law Regulatory and Compliance Competition; and top rankings in the semi- and quarter-finals of several competitions across the country.

GOOD ADVOCACY GOES BEYOND MOCK COURTROOM WINS

“I never prepared students to win, I prepared them to be all-around professionals,” says Jerome Deise, professor emeritus and former director of the law school’s nationally-recognized Trial Team. “If all you can say you got out of participation in a trial team is, ‘I won this tournament,’ then I have been a failure. I tell students they are assuming responsibility for people’s lives when they enter a courtroom. It is a privilege to represent a client, to earn their trust, and that’s the same way you treat a competition.”

When Deise arrived at Maryland Carey Law in 1991, the late Professor Abraham Dash was supervising a trial team that attended up to two competitions a year.

“Although small at the time, they did well. Abe was a gracious leader, and I have tried to continue a lot of the lessons he taught, like taking the high road at all times.” Deise soon found it essential to make the National Trial Team part of a course curriculum to establish integrity.

“The class and team experience combined is what teaches ethics in action, the art of rhetoric, trial psychology, and tactics,” says A.J. Bellido de Luna ’04, former director of the National Trial Team, who has firsthand experience with the commitment required of students from his days as team captain. He estimates team members participate in 50 to 75 practice trials by the time they graduate, the majority of which are before sitting or retired judges. “Hearing how judges rule differently on the same issue and

being able to ask why, is an invaluable experience,” he says.

Professor Mark Graber, the incoming National Trial Team director for fall 2016, adds, “Trial lawyers must learn how to persuade their fellow citizens, a task quite different from demonstrating to a professor that you have mastered the assigned reading for class.”

Looking forward to his first outside competition this year, third-year student Austin Strine, Moot Court Board president, hopes to broaden his understanding of the law by getting to “interact with people from varying parts of the country, who may see things differently.” With his goal of becoming a litigator in private practice, Strine specifically chose to participate in Moot

“If all you can say you got out of participation in a trial team is, ‘I won this tournament,’ then I have been a failure.”



Professor and Director of the Law & Health Care Program Diane Hoffmann joined coach Ian Clark '14, and team members Alexandria Montanio '16, Theresa Thompson '16, and Sherri Weinstein '16, (left to right above) following their win at the Fifth Annual Health Law Regulatory and Compliance Competition, hosted by Maryland Carey Law on April 2, 2016.



The National Trial Team (above) took home top prize October 19, 2016, at St. Mary's University School of Law's annual Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Competition. Front row (left to right): Assistant Coach Magaly Bittner '14, Benjamin Garmoe '16, who also won an individual award for Best Closing Argument, Morgan Thomas '16, Daniel Kaprow '16, Erick Kim '16, Head Coach Lindsey McCulley '12, and former Director A.J. Bellido de Luna '04. Back row (left to right): U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Texas the Hon. John W. Primomo, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas Richard L. Durbin Jr., and Deputy Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas Donna F. Coltharp. *Photo credit: St. Mary's School of Law*



David Flores '16 (left) and Jacob Memon '16 (right) competed in the National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition, hosted by West Virginia University College of Law March 3-5, 2016. They represented the Environmental Law Program, taking home the Best Brief Award and advancing to the semifinals out of 24 teams.

Court because it balances the writing skills he would garner from contributing to a journal and the oral competencies that are essential on a traditional trial team.

Government leaders, business executives, and community activists alike also benefit from advocacy skills and the art of persuasion.

William Pittler '59, CEO of the Friendly Finance Corporation, a Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors member, and a financial supporter of the Business Law Program's team, recalls that although his professional aspirations have long been in private industry, his legal education and participation in Moot Court "prepared me for what I would do the rest of my life." In 2013 and 2015, Maryland Carey Law won first place for its drafted agreement at the regional Transactional LawMeet, where business students also compete in mock contract negotiations—realistic exercises that Pittler calls vital, because "no matter what field they go into, lawyers are always negotiating some type of contract."

The Alternative Dispute Resolution team also uses advocacy skills in ways beyond traditional litigation. The team's growth and success—as Regional Champions of the American Bar Association Law Student Division Negotiation Competition in

2013 and 2014, as well as first place Attorney-Client Team in 2015 at the International Alternative Dispute Resolution Tournament—have mirrored an increasing need for mediation in the vast majority of legal conflicts.

Dawna Cobb, Moot Court faculty advisor, sees career benefits for participating students. Moot Court Board members, especially, put extensive time into planning and organizing, as well as managing financial responsibilities for travel and the annual Myerowitz event. During her 22 years as a practicing attorney, Cobb considered young lawyers with these practical experiences, in addition to the ability to work in a team, to be front-runners when deciding whom to hire.

A HISTORY OF WINS, A LEGACY AS PROFESSIONALS

"A collateral benefit from preparing to be the best legal professionals possible is we do win competitions. We prepare like lawyers, not like students," according to Deise.

Traveling to outside appellate contests for many years, since 2010 alone, Moot Court Board members have advanced to the final rounds in more than one-third of the 36 competitions in which they have participated. They have also secured two top-10 placements at the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition.

The Secret to Maryland Carey Law's Rising Tide in Advocacy

TRADITION OF SUPPORT FROM LAW COMMUNITY KEY TO SUCCESS

"When [the National Trial Team] travels to competitions around the country, we carry a reputation as a team that will be clean, fair, and very difficult to beat," points out Benjamin Garmoe '16, former Moot Court Board and National Trial Team member. "That reputation is no accident. It comes from a strong support system that has developed over multiple decades of success at the highest levels."

Not just faculty, but countless alumni and judges dedicate time, talent, and financial backing to carry on the tradition because they have a vested interest in seeing students become leading lawyers. In many instances, they serve not just as mentors, but become lifelong colleagues and friends.

"Law is a profession of mentorship," says Marc DeSimone '04, Moot Court coach, adjunct professor, and assistant public defender in the Appellate Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Former students often call him for advice as they prepare for their first appellate arguments. "As alumni, that's how we continue our proud history. The law school community exists to foster great lawyers who are a credit to our institution."

"My experiences in Moot Court were by far my best and most memorable in law school," says Holly Leasure '16, immediate past president of the Moot Court Board, who plans to return as a

coach in hopes of giving back some of the immeasurable skills she gained. "I learned so much from participating in each Moot Court competition, especially the outside competitions, and I want future students to share that same experience."

National Trial Team alumnus Miguel Palmeiro '09, who opened his own litigation practice upon graduation, became a coach and sponsor of the team because, "Serving as a role model to students keeps you in check for your day job. It's a reminder of why you went to law school in the first place, to do right by others."

Professor and incoming National Trial Team Director Mark Graber notes that numerous alumni give up weekends and evenings to instruct students, "instruction that not only improves the team, but builds connections for future employment." For some, it's an opportunity to engage with the school beyond monetary donations.

Moreover, for alumni like Palmeiro, who followed the passion that comes with learning the art of advocacy through a competitive team, it's an addiction. "I litigate at work, I read about trial tactics on vacation, and on the weekends I'm bored if I can't go in to help teach at practice trials."

Since 1999, when the National Trial Team began collecting statistics, they have participated in over 88 competitions, won 18, and brought home 17 individual awards and honors. The Team has competed 12 times in the prestigious Tournament of Champions, with nine top-four finishes, and one National Championship title.

"The more successful we got, the more competitions we were invited to attend, which has been great as a visual indicator of our success," remarks Deise. "But what I value is the professionalism these men and women take with them beyond graduation."

Marc DeSimone '04, adjunct professor and assistant public defender in the Appellate

Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, feels that Maryland Carey Law "is committed to excellence by teaching young lawyers to do the right things in the right way. It shows in our clinical opportunities and trial teams alike." Since becoming the first-ever alumni coach for the National Moot Court Team in 2006, he has instructed four

teams that advanced to the National Championships. "For some teams it's just that, a competition, where elbows might get thrown for the win," says DeSimone. "But the difference is my students can hold their heads up high knowing they conducted themselves well as ambassadors of this school."

GAINING PROMINENCE IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

By Jill Yesko



Third-year students Stephen Demos, Joseph Damiano, and Samriti Madan, along with C-DRUM Director of Special Projects Stacy Smith (left to right) head into the District Court of Maryland to observe a docket of rental disputes as part of the Mediation Clinic.

“ANYONE WHO IS A PRACTICING ATTORNEY THESE DAYS NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION,” SAYS TOBY TREEM GUERIN ’02, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MARYLAND CAREY LAW’S NATIONALLY-RANKED CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION (C-DRUM). “Even in less traditional legal fields such as policy and business, attorneys need dispute resolution skills.”

The vast majority of legal cases are handled through an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, with “only about two percent being resolved by a judge or jury,” making ADR a core competency for law students, adds C-DRUM Director and Professor Deborah Thompson Eisenberg.

For some, finding a career in ADR often blends a variety of legal interests. When C-DRUM fellow Jason Rubinstein ’15 entered law school, he didn’t know anything about ADR or mediation. “I came to the best environmental law school I could find,” he says. After trying out for the ADR team his first year, he soon realized that he could meld his love for environmental law with mediation and conflict resolution.

“My long-term career goal is to mix environmental law and ADR by mediating multi-party disputes, such as those involving [toxic waste] dumping,” says Rubinstein. “C-DRUM and the law school provided me with an avenue to get started in mediation.”

SHAPING THE ADR LANDSCAPE

A cornerstone of the Center’s efforts, ADR offers a range of processes that can be customized for the dynamics of specific conflicts and goals of the parties. Eisenberg explains that “while negotiating agreeable solutions to conflict isn’t always easy, the process used to solve a problem is just as important as the substance of the negotiation.”

Since its formation in 2002, C-DRUM has been a leader in the growth of ADR in Maryland and beyond, helping to shape conflict resolution policy in the courts. It has also developed customized conflict-management programs and training classes in mediation, negotiation, and effective communication for students, workplaces, and public agencies.

“The work we are doing in ADR is ahead of the curve,” says Guerin. “Our faculty helped to shape the ADR landscape in Maryland, and our curriculum provides students with rich ADR experiential learning opportunities.”

Roger Wolf, professor emeritus and founder of C-DRUM, partnered early on with courts and other stakeholders to develop ADR rules and standards, including ethical codes for mediators

and a state law protecting mediation confidentiality. He saw C-DRUM’s potential “as a resource for law students, the bar, and the community to learn about alternative ways to resolve conflicts without litigation.”

In an analysis of Maryland’s ADR landscape, C-DRUM found that there has been a 714 percent growth in court-affiliated ADR programs since 1999.

“For years, Maryland has been a leader in the responsible institutionalization of ADR”

Groundbreaking research about the costs and benefits of ADR by the Maryland Judiciary also found that when people engage in a dispute resolution process they have more confidence in the legal system. They are also less likely to return to court for enforcement of their actions than individuals who go through a trial.

“For years, Maryland has been a leader in the responsible institutionalization of ADR,” says Nancy Welsh, professor at Penn State Dickinson Law and incoming president of the American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section. “This empirical research provides us with important insights regarding the

combinations of interventions that mediators actually use, the effects of those interventions, and which of these interventions help us achieve some of mediation’s most important goals.”

As a partner in the Judiciary’s research, C-DRUM convened local and national ADR experts to provide input into the initial study design and hosted a symposium in 2016 to review the outcomes.

“Our mission is to combine intensive study of ADR with real-world application of these powerful processes to make a meaningful difference in institutions—such as courts and schools—and in the lives of individuals,” says Eisenberg. In other words, “we use ADR to empower and transform.”

APPLYING ADR IN THE COMMUNITY

As one of its many community initiatives, C-DRUM has been integrating ADR into schools since 2004. “We plant seeds for better conflict management, which can grow into a climate more conducive to learning,” says Director of C-DRUM’s School Conflict Resolution

Education Program Barbara Sugarman Grochal, who has spearheaded trainings for nearly every school district in Maryland.

Under the leadership of Stacy Smith, director of special projects, C-DRUM also developed an attendance mediation program to reduce chronic truancy, and expanded the program to community mediation centers across the state.

School administrators report positive results after altering their approach to student conflicts. At one elementary school in West Baltimore where C-DRUM introduced restorative practices, student suspensions fell from 78 to 23 in just one year, and students reported increased feelings of belonging and safety at school.

“We would begin each [mediation] session by sharing particular instances of conflict and how we used conflict resolution skills to defuse the situation,” says Molly Boyd ’16, who worked through Maryland Carey Law’s Mediation Clinic to teach K-12 students to be peer mediators. “Knowing what these kids encountered on a daily basis only increased the respect that I already had for them.”

Realizing the role of leaders in solving critical public policy issues, C-DRUM’s



Maryland Carey Law's vast network of alumni are using their legal education to expand and improve ADR in Maryland. Many hold top positions in the state, including (left to right): Maryland Court of Special Appeals ADR Program Director Mala Malhotra-Ortiz '04, Maryland Court of Special Appeals ADR Program Deputy Director Scottie Reid '82, MACRO Director Jonathan Rosenthal '91, C-DRUM Managing Director Toby Treem Guerin '02, MACRO Director (retired) Rachel Wohl '88, and District Court of Maryland ADR Program Deputy Director Maureen Denihan '04.

A Life Dedicated to Mediation

RONNA K. JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP

Ronna Jablow worked for several years in private practice before finding her true calling in 2004 when she made the transition to dispute resolution. "In mediation, she found a profession that was a near-perfect match for her best, and most prominent, qualities: a keen intellect, an open mind, and an ability to accept and appreciate the widest variety of people without judgment or undue criticism," says Jablow's husband Matt.



Photo credit: The Jablow Family

A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Jablow went on to become director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution program for the Baltimore City Circuit Court. Judge Pamela J. White had the opportunity to work with Jablow for seven years, recalling that "her good will, her sense of fairness, her good humor in all sorts of trying situations was her hallmark."

The Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship, established in loving memory of Jablow on February 10, 2016, will provide annual fellowship support for Maryland Carey Law students with a demonstrated interest in mediation studies to work with a community mediation center, and will help continue Jablow's work in advancing the cause of alternative dispute resolution. "This is a really special opportunity for our students to see mediation in a different context, and to help individuals solve their disputes," says Dean Donald B. Tobin.

"I am very excited about the fellowship. I think it brings together two things that were really important to Ronna," says Professor Deborah Thompson Eisenberg, director of the Center for Dispute Resolution at Maryland Carey Law, who will be responsible for selecting fellowship recipients. "One is the education of law students and second is expanding community mediation and making that partnership between the law and community."

For more information on the Ronna K. Jablow Fellowship, please contact Assistant Director for Donor Relations and Stewardship Sarah Jackson at 410-706-5458, or visit www.law.umaryland.edu/ronnajablowfellowship.

mediate civil small claims cases, as well as community-referred disputes, has earned high praise. "The District Court values the participation of law students as mediators in the ADR Program," says Jonathan Rosenthal '91, director of the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) for the Maryland Judiciary. "Maryland Carey Law students are well prepared, professional, and always working toward providing the highest quality services possible."

This fall, Eisenberg will co-teach a legal theory and practice course exploring the school-to-prison pipeline with Professor and Co-

and address a complex and difficult societal problem," says Eisenberg. "We want our students to be actively involved in problem solving."

The class will integrate traditional legal work, such as representing students in suspension hearings and filing amicus briefs in courts, with conflict resolution processes, such as dialogue circles and restorative justice conferences with youth, and policy advocacy.

For law students, ADR courses can be transformational. "My experience in the Mediation Clinic completely changed the way I perceive conflict," says Laura Merkey '16, who won a

"We would begin each [mediation] session by sharing particular instances of conflict and how we used conflict resolution skills to defuse the situation. Knowing what these kids encountered on a daily basis only increased the respect that I already had for them."

Director of the Clinical Law Program Michael Pinard. The new offering will build on C-DRUM's longstanding work in school conflict resolution and Pinard's work in criminal justice issues.

Consistent with C-DRUM's goal of using dispute resolution processes as instruments of social change, "the course will engage Maryland Carey Law students in employing a web of strategies to identify

Missouri Law Review writing competition in 2015 for her paper proposing restorative justice as an avenue to improve police-community relations following the events in Ferguson, Mo.

"I no longer see conflict as a necessarily negative event, but an opportunity, if handled well, to grow, learn, and create positive change both on an individual and community level."

professional trainings include the Maryland Public Policy Conflict Resolution Fellows Program. Sponsored by the Maryland Judiciary, and in partnership with the University of Maryland, Baltimore, the program brings together a diverse group of top Maryland leaders, including school principals and decision makers, to enhance their consensus-

building and strategic negotiation skills.

"From the highest levels of government, these trainings are important because a large portion of what people in leadership do is mediate conflict," says Guerin. "We provide tools for parties to find a lasting, durable resolution."

FOSTERING FUTURE LEGAL EXPERTS IN ADR

As part of a 12-year partnership with the Maryland Judiciary, law students in Maryland Carey Law's Mediation Clinic help hundreds of parties achieve self-determined outcomes.

Third-year student Stephen Demos describes his mediation

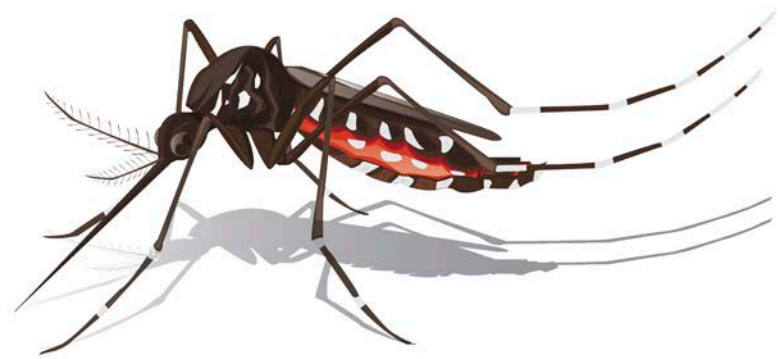
experience in the clinic as "the most rewarding work I have done since entering law school." While teaching peer mediation to middle school students, Demos says he was "constantly amazed by the students' perceptiveness and desire to grow. By the end of the year, we had learned a great deal from them as well." The work of the clinic to



Terese Brown '06 (left) and Joslin Feinauer '07 (right) discuss a mediation case while at the District Court of Maryland in Baltimore.



Megan Hindle '14 (far right) and Nina Gleiberman '14 (second from right) listen to students at Sligo Creek Elementary School, in Silver Spring, Md., as part of C-DRUM's school-based mediation programs.



New Grants Explore Regulatory Issues from Zika to Water

By Jill Yesko

DEVELOPING A VACCINE TO PREVENT PREGNANT WOMEN FROM GETTING THE ZIKA VIRUS IS A PRIORITY FOR SCIENTISTS WORKING TO STEM THIS GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. But finding a vaccine is only the first step, notes Professor Leslie Meltzer Henry, co-investigator on a \$1.7 million grant from the Wellcome Trust to develop ethical guidance for conducting research with pregnant women. “We are talking to a variety of stakeholders about how and when it’s feasible to include pregnant women in research during a public health emergency. Zika presents an opportunity to do this,” adds Henry, who is also a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics.

The rush to develop guidelines to aid public health officials means Henry and her co-investigators are in rapid-response mode. “Pregnant women are at the center of the efforts to stem the Zika epidemic,” says Henry. “We’re looking at the legal and ethical barriers to including pregnant women in medical research.”

Regulatory issues governing the use of a cutting-edge medical treatment called microbiota transplantation is the focus of a two-year National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant awarded to Diane Hoffmann, professor and director of the Law and Health Care Program, most recently ranked fourth in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The grant looks at regulating current and potential emerging uses of microbiota transplantation that include fecal, vaginal, skin, oral, and whole-body transplants. Working with the Schools

of Pharmacy and Medicine, Hoffmann—whose previous NIH grant assessed regulatory frameworks for probiotics—will use an interdisciplinary team model to examine regulating microbiota.

“The FDA is grappling with how to regulate these new products and procedures. Thus far, the Agency has been regulating fecal microbiota transplants—the only type of microbiota transplant currently being provided—as a drug, but there may be other regulatory paradigms that are more appropriate,” says Hoffmann.

Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law Robert Percival, director of the school’s nationally-ranked Environmental Law Program, and Michael Pappas, an associate professor in the program, will lead the law school team working with the USDA on a \$10 million grant to conduct legal and policy analysis to promote the use of sustainable water in U.S. agriculture. “This is the perfect project to help students understand how to work with other disciplines,” Percival says. The grant includes bioscientists, engineers, economists, and public health experts from several schools at the University of Maryland and other universities.

“Maryland Carey Law is the national leader in the movement toward establishing a legal framework in the field of non-traditional water use,” says Pappas, who will launch a course on climate change in 2017. The team will look first at existing legal and regulatory barriers to producing more sustainable water, and then recommend new policies to remove barriers, encourage farmers’ use, and protect public health. As part of its participation in the project, the Environmental Law Program becomes a member of the CONSERVE team and its Center of Excellence, a multidisciplinary group of researchers.



Business Law: KEVIN TU

KEVIN TU FLIRTED WITH THE PROSPECT OF A LEGAL CAREER IN HIGH SCHOOL, INSPIRED BY HIS FATHER, WHO HAD STUDIED LAW IN VIETNAM. He discovered his love for business in college and then united his passions at the University of Washington School of Law, where he began to see the power of the profession to realize business goals.

In the decade since earning his JD, Tu honed his transactional and regulatory

skills for five years in the Seattle, Wash., office of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP before launching a successful academic career that eventually took him to Albuquerque, N.M., and the University of New Mexico School of Law.

There, he became fascinated with the questions that he’ll continue to explore at Maryland Carey Law, where he joined the faculty in July as

an associate professor of law: how can we develop a coherent system of law and regulation for emerging payment systems, a term, Tu explains, that covers everything from PayPal, mobile wallets and other digital alternatives backed by traditional, U.S. government-issued currency, to innovators like Bitcoin and Litecoin, which aren’t.

“Business law is always changing because business models and technology are

changing,” observes Tu. “Usually, law has to catch up and adapt to innovation—or risk stifling it with uncertainty and unduly burdensome legal requirements.”

That’s been true for the new payment systems he follows, especially startups that may be forced to comply with federal law as well as dozens of different state regulatory regimes, all trying in different ways to protect the consumer.

As Tu told *The American Banker*, his research showed that some state laws define money transmission so broadly that almost any mechanism of transferring money could be subject to licensing—a hurdle that could stop some startups. To encourage innovation, Tu believes regulatory requirements should focus on “services that pose a real risk of loss” to consumers.

Tu is also interested in business formation and the

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growing number of possible business entities, and whether the proliferation of choices under state law serves the needs of businesses.

“Kevin understands the intersection of evolving regulatory regimes, complex banking transactions and new technology,” says Professor Michelle Harner, director of Maryland Carey Law’s Business Law Program. “He’s also a gifted teacher, an experienced practitioner, and a terrific addition to the faculty. We’re delighted to have him on board.”

Tu is equally pleased. “Maryland Carey Law has a great national reputation as a law school that’s doing things the right way—it’s student-focused, has outstanding faculty, and a strong working relationship with the Maryland bench and bar. I’m excited to be part of such an accomplished academic community.”

Law School Professor & Associate Dean: SIMON CANICK

Law School Professor and Associate Dean for Law Library and Technology

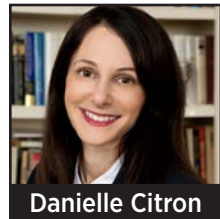
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- Associate director for library services at University of Connecticut School of Law
- Head of public services and reference librarian at Columbia Law School
- “Infusing Technology Skills into the Law School Curriculum,” *CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW*
- “Library Services for the Self-Interested Law School: Enhancing the Visibility of Faculty Scholarship,” *LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL*

Honors



Danielle Citron

Lois K. Macht Research Professor of Law Danielle Citron was named a Distinguished Dean's Scholar in Residence at Washington University School of Law and an Interdisciplinary Studies Institute Scholar in Residence at University of Massachusetts Amherst. During 2016, she was appointed a member of the: ADL Task Force on Hate Speech & Journalism; Law Committee, IEEE Standards Association on the Global Initiative for Ethical Considerations in the Design of Autonomous Systems; Board of Directors, Electronic Privacy Information Center; and Advisory Board, SurvJustice.



Donald Tobin

The Daily Record named Donald B. Tobin, dean and professor of law, a 2015 Leader in Law.



Martha Ertman

Love's Promises: How Formal and Informal Contracts Shape All Kinds of Families, by Martha Ertman, Carole & Hanan Sibel Research Professor of Law, was named a finalist for Indie Book's Next Generation Book Award (LGBT category).



Michael Greenberger

Michael Greenberger, law school professor and Center for Health and Homeland Security founder and director, was appointed to the Maryland Cybersecurity Council by Attorney General Brian Frosh.



Jason Hawkins

"Faced with Crisis: The Importance of Establishing a Comprehensive Crisis Management Plan," co-authored by Jason Hawkins, research librarian, won the American Association of Law Libraries Spectrum Article of the Year Award.



Sherrilyn Ifill

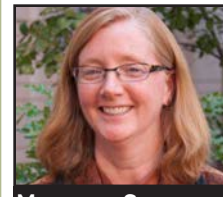
Sherrilyn Ifill, professor of law and president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., was elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Constitution Center.



Michael Millemann

Jacob A. France Professor of Public Interest Law Michael Millemann received the Maryland State Bar Association's 2016 Robert C. Heeny Award for his accomplishments in criminal law.

Jacob A. France Professor of Public Interest Law **Michael Millemann**, Professor Emeritus **Clinton Bamberger**, and Senior Adjunct Professor **Peter Holland** were honored by the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.



Maureen Sweeney

Maureen Sweeney, law school associate professor, received the Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. The award recognizes outstanding public interest attorneys who are regularly involved in providing, promoting, or managing civil legal services.



Eleven Maryland Carey Law faculty members—**Barbara Bezdek**, **Deborah Eisenberg**, **Leigh Goodmark**, **Michael Greenberger**, **Toby Guerin**, **Diane Hoffmann**, **Renée Hutchins**, **Sherrilyn Ifill**, **Susan Leviton**, **Michael Pinard**, and **Deborah Weimer**—received a special recognition award from the University of Maryland, Baltimore during a 2016 ceremony marking the observance of Black History Month and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s achievements for their work in developing the course "Freddie Gray's Baltimore."

Scholarship

Promotions



Patricia Campbell

Law School Professor
Director, Intellectual Property Law Program
Director, Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center

BA, Carnegie Mellon University
MA, University of Pittsburgh
JD, Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law
LLM, Santa Clara Univ. School of Law

Professional highlights:

- Associate general counsel at Kajeet, Inc., in Bethesda, Md.
- Litigator and transactional attorney with Fish & Neave IP Group at Ropes & Gray, in Palo Alto, Calif. and Washington, D.C.
- Associate professor at the Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute
- "University Classroom Presentations as Prior Art Disclosures: Are Engineering Capstone Teams Unknowingly Giving Away the Fruits of Their Labor?" forthcoming from NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY



Sherri Lee Keene

Law School
Associate Professor
Director, Legal Writing Program

BA, Spelman College
JD, New York University

Professional highlights:

- Staff attorney at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland
- Judicial clerk to the Hon. James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Co-chair of the Legal Writing Institute's (LWI's) Bar Outreach Committee and member of LWI's Discipline Building Working Group
- Co-editor: "The Second Draft," LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE
- "Are We There Yet? Aligning the Expectations and Realities of Gaining Competency in Legal Writing," DUQUESNE LAW REVIEW



Russell McClain

Law School
Associate Professor
Director, Academic Achievement and Bar Preparation Program

BA, Howard University
JD, Univ. of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Professional highlights:

- Recently elected to second term as vice president for diversity, Association of Academic Support Educators
- "Helping Our Students Reach Their Full Potential: The Insidious Consequences of Ignoring Stereotype Threat," RUTGERS RACE & LAW REVIEW
- Former civil litigator in Los Angeles, Calif.
- University of Maryland Chapter of the Black Law Students Association: 2006-2007 Alumnus of the Year and 2011 Professor of the Year

Congressional Testimony



Rena Steinzor

Rena Steinzor, professor of law, testified before the U.S. Senate Superfund, Waste Management and Regulatory Oversight Committee at its hearing to review the Environmental Protection Agency's regulatory impact analyses. She was also honored as a Distinguished Visitor by the National Resources Law Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School.

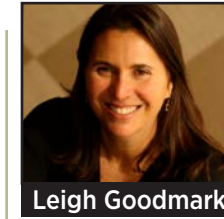
Grants



Kathleen Hoke

The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy and the Network for Public Health Law, under the leadership of Kathleen Hoke, director and law school professor, secured more than \$1 million in grants for fiscal year 2016 through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Books



Leigh Goodmark

Comparative Perspectives on Gender Violence: Lessons from Efforts Worldwide, co-edited by Leigh Goodmark, professor of law, was published by Oxford University Press.

“WHAT YOU HAVE HERE ARE REGULATORS PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION. IT’S HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR AGENCY PERSONNEL CHARGED WITH ENFORCING A LAW TO BE FOUND TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE TO THE LEVEL AT WHICH A CITY’S WATER SUPPLY ENDS UP BEING POISONED.”

Jane Barrett

Law School Professor and Director, Environmental Law Clinic
Time Magazine article, “Why the Criminal Case Against Flint Water Regulators is So Unusual”
 April 20, 2016



“THE CLAIM THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL NOT CONTROL THEIR EMISSIONS HAS NOW BEEN LAID TO REST IN PARIS WITH A NEW GLOBAL AGREEMENT REQUIRING ALL COUNTRIES TO DO SO. NOW THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD HAS RECOGNIZED THAT ALL NATIONS MUST ACT TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, IT WOULD BE THE HEIGHT OF FOLLY FOR A NEW PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO REVERSE COURSE.”

Robert Percival

Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Law Program
Newrepublic.com op-ed, “Can Obama’s Climate Pledges Survive Republican Opposition?”
 December 14, 2015

“MANY FEMINISTS HAVE THROWN THEIR LOT IN WITH THE STATE, BELIEVING THAT THE CARCERAL SYSTEM CAN AND WILL DELIVER JUSTICE. I BELIEVE, THOUGH, THAT THE FEMINIST FAITH IN THE STATE, AND PARTICULARLY THE CARCERAL STATE, TO END GENDER VIOLENCE IS PROBLEMATIC AT BEST AND MISPLACED AT WORST. THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM OFTEN DOES NOT HOLD THOSE WHO DO HARM ACCOUNTABLE AND WOMEN ARE NOT ALWAYS SAFER WHEN THEY TURN TO THAT SYSTEM. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE OFFERS US A RADICALLY DIFFERENT WAY—AND I WOULD ARGUE, A FEMINIST WAY—TO THINK ABOUT ACHIEVING JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE SUBJECTED TO HARM.”

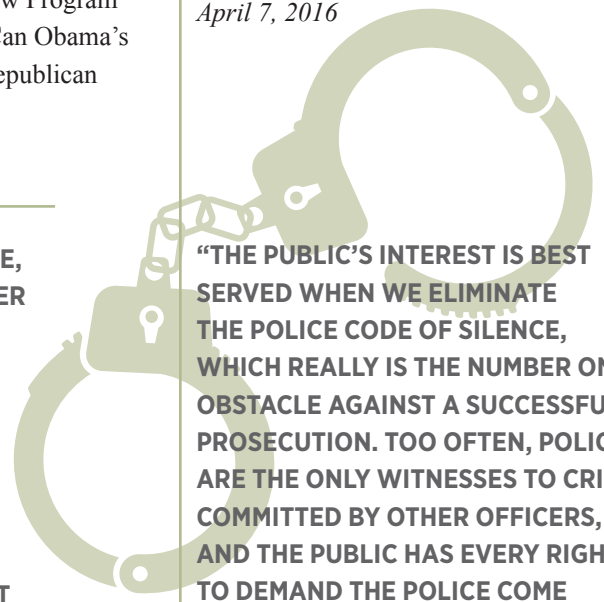
Leigh Goodmark

International Restorative Conference keynote address, “Making the Case for Restorative Justice as a Feminist Approach to Gender-Based Harms”
 June 27, 2016

“BUSINESS INTERESTS HAVE LARGELY PREVAILED IN THEIR RESISTANCE TO EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE THESE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS, WHICH DATE FROM THE 1970S AND, OVER THE INTERVENING DECADES, HAVE GROWN STALE IN THE FACE OF EMERGING HAZARDOUS TECHNOLOGIES. CONGRESS SHOULD AMEND THE MINE SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY ACTS TO RANK SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS BY TOP EXECUTIVES AS FELONIES AND TO INCREASE THE SENTENCES AVAILABLE TO JUDGES FOR WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINALS...”

Rena Steinzor

Professor of Law
New York Times op-ed, “Judgment Day for Reckless Executives”
 April 7, 2016



“THE PUBLIC’S INTEREST IS BEST SERVED WHEN WE ELIMINATE THE POLICE CODE OF SILENCE, WHICH REALLY IS THE NUMBER ONE OBSTACLE AGAINST A SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION. TOO OFTEN, POLICE ARE THE ONLY WITNESSES TO CRIMES COMMITTED BY OTHER OFFICERS, AND THE PUBLIC HAS EVERY RIGHT TO DEMAND THE POLICE COME FORWARD AND SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT OCCURRED.”

Doug Colbert

Professor of Law
Washington Post article, “Prosecutors in Freddie Gray cases faced an uphill battle from the very beginning”
 July 27, 2016

“THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY IS GENERALLY A RISK AVERSE POPULATION, ONE EASILY PUT OFF BY THE THREAT OF GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OR SANCTIONS. FEAR OF CRIMINAL LIABILITY IS ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE LEGAL PRESSURES PHYSICIANS MAY FACE. PHYSICIANS WHO UNDER-TREAT A PATIENT’S PAIN HAVE ALSO BEEN SUED FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE OR HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY STATE MEDICAL BOARDS — PUTTING MANY DOCTORS BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE WHEN IT COMES TO WORKING WITH THEIR PATIENTS.”

Diane Hoffmann

Professor of Law and Director, Law & Health Care Program
New York Times op-ed, “Erroneous Prosecutions Have a Chilling Effect on Physicians Who Treat Chronic Pain”
 February 17, 2016

“A RECORD MIGHT CONFIRM A STEREOTYPE ABOUT AN APPLICANT BASED ON RACE AND SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. GIVEN ALL WE KNOW ABOUT BIAS, STEREOTYPE, NOTIONS OF CRIMINALITY, IT’S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR MANY EMPLOYERS AND LANDLORDS TO LOOK BEYOND A CRIMINAL RECORD WHEN DEALING WITH A PERSON OF COLOR.”

Michael Pinard

Professor of Law and Co-Director, Clinical Law Program
New York Times column, “Have You Ever Been Arrested? Check Here”
 May 24, 2016

“CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY LARGELY EXPECT THE FREEDOM TO MOVE ABOUT IN RELATIVE ANONYMITY, WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT KEEPING AN INDIVIDUALIZED, TURN-BY-TURN ITINERARY OF OUR COMINGS AND GOINGS.”

Renée Hutchins

Professor of Law and Co-Director, Clinical Law Program
The Atlantic article, “Do Police Need a Warrant to See Where a Phone Is?” as cited by The Hon. Andre Davis ’78, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in his opinion on the ruling in *Graham v. U.S.* Professors David Gray and Danielle Citron were also cited.
 August 8, 2015

SEEN HEARD

“IF THERE IS A FORUM TO RESOLVE BUSINESS DISPUTES IN A TIMELY AND EFFICIENT MANNER, THAT CAN BE BENEFICIAL IN ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES TO COME TO AND STAY IN THE STATE.”

Michelle Harner

Professor of Law and Director, Business Law Program
 Pew Charitable Trusts article “ ‘Business Courts’ Take on Complex Corporate Conflicts”
 October 28, 2015



“HESTER PRYNNE HAD TO WALK THROUGH THE TOWN WITH A SCARLET A, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY SHE GOT TO TAKE IT OFF. WHEN YOU POST SOMETHING REALLY DAMAGING, REPUTATIONALLY DAMAGING, ABOUT SOMEONE ONLINE, IT’S SEARCHABLE, IT’S SEEABLE, IT’S ALMOST LIKE IT’S TATTOOED ON THEIR HEAD AND PROJECTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AND YOU CAN’T ERASE IT.”

Danielle Citron

Professor of Law
New York Times video, “The Outrage Machine”
 June 20, 2016

30th Anniversary: Law & Health Care Program

The Law & Health Care Program celebrated its 30th anniversary with a reception and panel discussion on “Health Law: Past, Present, and Future” on October 15, 2015. The event brought together faculty, alumni, and local health law practitioners and included a staged reading of “Bioethics in Play: The Drama of DNA,” by Marjorie Cook Professor of Law Karen Rothenberg.



Professor Amanda Pustilnik (left) and Executive Vice President/CEO of the American Health Lawyers Association David Cade '85 (right).

Rose Zetzer Lectures

In honor of Women’s History Month, Professor Paula Monopoli, Women, Leadership and Equality Program director, organized the Rose Zetzer Lectures in March 2016. Weekly presentations included: “Title IX and Higher Education” by UMB Assistant Vice President, Office of the Chief Accountability Officer Tricia D. O’Neill ’87; “Reproductive Rights” by Professor Leslie Meltzer Henry; “Title VII and the Equal Pay Act” by Professor and Center for Dispute Resolution Director Deborah Thompson Eisenberg; and “Gender Violence” by Professor Leigh Goodmark.



Combating Islamophobia

“America has dealt with minorities in the past by isolating them from society, and rather than repeat the same mistakes, America needs to progress forward, and learn from them,” said now third-year student Faiza Hasan, who organized the well-attended panel discussion “Combating Islamophobia—Constitutional Issues Affecting Muslim Americans and Asian Americans in a Post-9/11 World.” Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh delivered opening remarks at the January 27, 2016 event, which coincided with the anniversary of *Korematsu v. U.S.*, the 1944 Supreme Court decision that upheld the internment of Japanese Americans in the interest of protecting national security.



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AALS 39th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin '67 delivered welcoming remarks to clinic faculty and staff from across the country who joined Maryland Carey Law’s Clinical Law Program for a reception on May 2, 2016. The event was part of the Association of American Law Schools’ 39th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, which featured several scholarly presentations from faculty, including: “Examining Community and Mission in Gender Violence Clinics,” by Professor Leigh Goodmark; “Derecho a Silencio: Protecting the Undocumented Crime Victim as Witness,” by Professor Maureen Sweeney; and “When Social Enterprises Fail,” by Professor Barbara Bezdek. Renée Hutchins, professor and co-director of the Clinical Law Program (above middle), also moderated the plenary session, “#BlackLivesMatter and Clinical Legal Education.”



Law and Policy of Cybersecurity Symposium

Markus Rauschecker '06, adjunct professor and CHHS cybersecurity program manager (below), gave a presentation on “Major Legislation and Important Court Decisions.”

Maryland Carey Law and the Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) hosted a “Law and Policy of Cybersecurity Symposium” at the Universities at Shady Grove on February 5, 2016. Nearly 100 legal and cyber professionals, as well as University System of Maryland students, heard from speakers about critical legal and policy issues related to cybersecurity. Dean Donald B. Tobin and Professor Michael Greenberger, CHHS founder and director, opened the event while alumnus



COMMENCEMENT 2016

THE HONORABLE THOMAS E. PEREZ, SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, RETURNED TO MARYLAND CAREY LAW, WHERE HE ONCE SERVED ON THE FACULTY AND DIRECTED THE CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM, TO MOTIVATE THE CLASS OF 2016 AS IT EMBARKED ON ITS JOURNEY AFTER GRADUATION.



Orchestrating Your Legal Path

During his remarks to the 215 graduates, gathered with friends and family at the Hippodrome Theatre on May 20, Perez relayed personal and professional stories about a subject traditional commencement speakers don’t typically address: failure.

“Life, in my judgment, is the search for both knowledge and wisdom. If you have one without the other, you will not have enough... Books and lectures give you knowledge. But your life experiences make you wise. And if you want to get some wisdom, you’re going

to need to try and fail a few times. You’re going to need to get knocked down and come back stronger. You’re going to need to take some educated risks.”

Perez urged graduates to act and address social disparities with their new legal degree—something he called a tool and instrument each lawyer employs.

“Get those instruments out. Play those instruments with a fierce urgency of now. Never hesitate to challenge yourself to learn a difficult song. Don’t

be afraid to play the wrong notes every once in a while—and if you do, get right back to playing.”

A seasoned civil rights lawyer, Perez has spent the past 30 years promoting access to democracy in Maryland and across the country. He credits his legal training for allowing him to tackle inequality issues in health care, the mortgage crisis, and labor—and urged graduates to do the same.

“We need you in the orchestra, here in Baltimore and around the country... With

the remarkable educational foundation you have received from this institution, and the remarkable wisdom you have gained in your life, and will continue to gain in your life, I frankly can’t wait to hear the music that you are going to create. Make it loud, make it often, and make it soon.”

Other speakers included Dean Donald B. Tobin, 2016 evening class president Holly Leasure, and day class president Hilary Tebelev. Graduate Alisha Duggal also spoke at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Commencement as the 2016 student remarker.

2015 Alumni Honors Banquet

AN ANNUAL TRADITION, Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board honored four graduates on November 12, 2015 for their leadership and commitment to excellence through careers in private practice, public interest law, and the judiciary.



DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD
James J. Hanks, Jr. '67
Partner, Venable LLP



**BENJAMIN L. CARDIN
PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**
Laure Ruth '93
Legal Director, The Women's
Law Center of Maryland, Inc.



RISING STAR AWARD
Alicia Wilson '07
Vice President for Community Affairs
and Legal Advisor, Sagamore
Development Company



**MARY ELLEN BARBERA JUDICIAL
EXCELLENCE AWARD**
The Hon. Andre Davis '78
Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals
for the Fourth Circuit

Board of Visitors



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOV CHAIR:

WHEN I BEGAN MY TENURE AS CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND CAREY LAW BOARD OF VISITORS, MANY OF THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS I HAD WITH STAFF, FELLOW ALUMNI, AND CURRENT STUDENTS CENTERED AROUND THE LAW SCHOOL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY.

While Maryland Carey Law has always had a strong presence in the Baltimore-Metro area, we all concluded there was more work to be done, with particular focus on the community in which the law school lives.

The Board of Visitors has made this important work a top priority and created some meaningful impact over the past year, including building a relationship between the law school and a local middle school and strengthening its legal camp program this summer. Our commitment is ongoing. We will continue to engage in thoughtful discussion and work to create opportunities that enhance the experiences of our students, engage our alumni volunteers, and inspire fellow community members.

Alumni play a crucial role at Maryland Carey Law. You volunteer as trial team coaches, 1L mentors, panel participants, and more. Your support creates meaningful impact in the lives of our students and truly makes a difference. If you are interested in getting more involved with the law school as a volunteer or donor, we want to hear from you. Please call or email the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 410-706-2070, or alumni@law.umaryland.edu.

I look forward to another successful year, and thank you in advance for your commitment to Maryland Carey Law.

Joanne E. Pollak '76
Chair, Board of Visitors
Senior Vice President, General
Counsel, and Chief of Staff, Johns
Hopkins Medicine

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PROFILE

Meg Utterback '91

TAKING RISKS IN UNFAMILIAR LEGAL TERRITORY

“THAT’S CRAZY! WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THAT?” Meg Utterback’s parents asked, utterly bewildered.

It was 1985 and Utterback '91, the youngest of seven children, had announced she was leaving her family on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to study in China.

The move seemed completely rational to her. China had finished its Cultural Revolution and Deng Xiaoping was encouraging China to open its doors to the West. She’d learned some Mandarin in high school and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science at McGill University. Now, she wanted to master the language and see, first hand, how China was changing.

More than 30 years later, Utterback lives in Shanghai, where she manages a thriving practice in international arbitration, compliance, and crisis management. She serves—as the only foreign-born female partner—on the five-member executive committee of King & Wood Mallesons, a Chinese firm with more than 2,700 lawyers in 36 cities, which makes it the sixth largest law firm in the world. She reads, writes, and speaks Chinese all day, almost every day.

Ask Utterback about the secret of her success and she responds without hesitation: “Taking risks,” pointing to that decision of 1985. “That was the first risk. The second risk was thinking that as a litigator in Washington, D.C., I could

pick up and move to China and build a career.”

Utterback went to China People’s University in 1985 as an exchange student in the Department of Law, where, she readily admits, there was not much law to study. She became increasingly interested in how Chinese law would change as the still-Communist government embraced capitalism and opened its economy to the world. “If the Communist Party is above the constitution, how do you develop the rule of law?” she asked herself.

Ironically, that question propelled her back to the United States and Maryland Carey Law, where she discovered a passion for litigation while working with

Professor Barbara Bezdek on landlord-tenant issues in the Clinical Law Program. “I liked it so much, I knew there was no going back. I was going to be a litigator,” she recalls.

But by 1991, when she earned her JD, the U.S. economy was in a slump and there still weren’t many litigators in China. She decided to hone her skills in D.C., handling mostly insurance litigation for larger and larger firms until 1999, when, pregnant with her first child, she “just fell into” an international arbitration case involving the modernization of the airports in New Delhi and Mumbai. She began flying to Johannesburg for another case, and then to China, where she made a pitch for and won a third. Although still based in D.C., she was spending more time abroad than in the States. By 2005, when Thelen, the New York-based firm where she was a partner, asked if she’d like to practice full-time in China, she jumped at the chance.

After a few months, she found herself trying to demonstrate the value she could add to prospective clients who had been in China for more than a decade. “What could I possibly bring to the dialogue?” she asked herself then, but adds, “over time you learn.”

She moved to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, just

before Thelen folded in 2008. In 2010, she took her third big risk, jumping from Pillsbury to King & Wood—a move that “was relatively unheard of and landed me on the cover of *The American Lawyer*,” she recalls. A few foreign lawyers were in the ranks of Chinese firms, but it was still viewed as risky. U.S. colleagues practicing in China warned that she would never survive: “Can you trust this culture you don’t really understand? How do you know everybody’s not running around behind your back?” were just some of the questions they asked, Utterback remembers. But “I never felt that,” she says now. “I moved over and very quickly found a way to make friends.”

She also acquired an important new resource: colleagues who could represent clients in Chinese courts, something foreign-born attorneys can’t do. Six years later, she has no regrets and is more immersed in Chinese law than ever. “The People’s Republic of China (PRC) is a civil-law country, not a common-law country like the U.S.,” Utterback notes. “It’s very political and even more regulated than the U.S. There’s black and white in China and 500 shades of gray in between. And the laws change constantly. Chinese litigation is always nonlinear.”

For example, Utterback says, even if you have a strong case, with the evidence and law on your side, its final outcome may be influenced by personal relationships, the need to save face, political expediency, or

economic trends—a factor that’s particularly influential now. “Will a judge really resolve a joint-venture dispute by shutting down a factory with 4,000 or 5,000 workers?” Utterback asks. “Given the current economy in China, there’s a huge drive to maintain social stability. You have to be conscious of the broader context when assessing how the court will feel about a case. It’s never simply a legal judgment.”

Utterback expects to see Chinese law continue to become both more detailed and stable as it evolves into new areas, such as anti-trust and environmental litigation. She expresses only gratitude at finding herself “in a position where I can do something I love, with all my passion, and contribute. Maybe in some way I’m making a difference. That, to me, is success. You get up and you want to go to work. You can be a role model to younger lawyers and teach them the importance of being a lawyer,” she says.

“One thing that stayed with me from law school is that this is a great and noble profession. Sharing that with others and getting them excited about being a lawyer contributing to the development of the rule of law is what makes it rewarding. It’s reaching that level.”

China

Connections

Meg Utterback '91 was one of several alumni who Dean Donald B. Tobin met during a 10-day trip to Beijing and Shanghai. Tobin and Katrin Hussmann Schroll '09, the law school’s assistant dean for admissions, also met with the deans and faculties of six Chinese law schools and are now in the process of formalizing plans for scholarly and student exchanges.

“Our relationships with our alumni and universities in China enable us to expand international opportunities for our students and to strengthen the law school’s ties with other international institutions, including law firms and law schools in China,” Tobin says.

Tobin and Schroll also visited attorneys at Jones Day, Dentons, and King & Wood Mallesons, the firm where Utterback is a partner. “China is a dynamic and growing legal market,” Tobin emphasizes. “We should have a greater understanding of it and how Maryland Carey Law can play a role in educating both Chinese and U.S. students for an ever-changing international legal system.” China is already an important source of applications for Maryland Carey Law’s thriving LLM program.

While in Shanghai, Tobin and Schroll also attended “Green China,” an environmental law summit at KoGuan Law School, where Maryland Carey Law professors Robert Percival and Michael Pappas, as well as several of their students, presented papers.

Dean Donald B. Tobin (right) met with many alumni during his trip in March 2016, including Andy Sun '91 (left), visiting professor at Peking University Law School and executive director of the Asia Pacific Legal Institute in Clarksville, Md. They are pictured below in front of Luce Pavilion at the Peking University campus in Beijing, China.



CLASS ACTION

1950s

Herbert Garten '51 was awarded the Senior Lawyer of the Year Award by the Maryland State Bar Association's Senior Lawyers Section. He works at Fedder and Garten Professional Association in Baltimore.

1960s

Carroll Fitzgerald '65 was inducted into Calvert Hall's Hall of Fame for his participation in several sports at the Baltimore high school. He previously served as president and chairman of the board for Harford Mutual Insurance Company in Bel Air, Md.

The Hon. William H. Murphy, Jr. '69, senior and founding partner of Murphy, Falcon & Murphy in Baltimore, was honored with the Birth of a Legacy award at the 2016 Black Engineer Conference.

1970s

George Walls '70, assistant general counsel at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., received the *Charlotte Business Journal's* 2016 Corporate Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award.

Richard Bloch '72 was honored with the 2015 Podiatry Management Lifetime Achievement Award by *Podiatry Management*. He is a member of Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board and works at Shiling, Bloch & Hirsh, P.A.

Robert L. Ferguson, Jr. '72, president and a founding principal of Ferguson, Schetelich & Ballew, P.A. in Baltimore, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Elizabeth Baker '73, of counsel in the Coral Gables, Fla., office of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, received Top Lawyers recognition in the *2016 South Florida Legal Guide*.

Phillip Proger '73, of counsel at Jones Day in Washington, D.C., was named "Dealmaker of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*.

Barbara Safriet '75, visiting professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, was honored by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses with the 2016 Marguerite Rodgers Kinney Award.

Irwin E. Weiss '78, a personal injury lawyer in Towson, Md., was selected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1980s

Pamela Bresnahan '80, partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list, as well as *Best Lawyers* 2016 Best Lawyers in America list.

Roger Goldman '80 joined the Miami office of Duane Morris LLP as a partner.

Steven R. Smith '80, principal in the Washington, D.C. office of Ober|Kaler, was appointed to the Louisa Downtown Development Corporation Board of Directors in Louisa, Va.

David K. Heasley '81 was appointed administrative trademark judge for the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, a body within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Brian Goodman '82, principal at Kramon & Graham PA in Baltimore, was elected to the Baltimore Bar Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Sara Arthur '83, founder of the Arthur Law Group, LLC in Annapolis, Md., was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list.

Alan C. Cason '83, partner in the Baltimore office of McGuireWoods LLP, was appointed to the University System of Maryland Foundation Board of Directors.

Tony Torain '84 was appointed executive director of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners.

Yvette Diamond '85, chief operations officer at Three Dog Logistics in Jessup, Md., was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list.

Celebrating the Cordish Legacy in Public Adjusting

PAUL CORDISH WAS A LEGAL GIANT IN MARYLAND: STATE LEGISLATOR, ENTREPRENEUR, PHILANTHROPIST, AND RESPECTED LAWYER. When he passed away in 2003, his son, David Cordish '63, called him a "furious fighter who always fought fair and never deviated from an ethical code of conduct" in a *Baltimore Sun* obituary.

Among his many contributions to the legal profession, in 1951 the senior Cordish, along with William Goodman, a Baltimore lawyer and insurance executive, founded the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters (NAPIA). Paul Cordish served as general counsel and executive director for NAPIA for over 50 years.

To honor his commitment to the association and the public adjusting profession, David Cordish, chairman and CEO of The Cordish Companies, and Brian Goodman '82, current counsel for NAPIA and

principal at Kramon & Graham PA—as well as a grandson of William Goodman—established the Paul Cordish Memorial Writing Competition at Maryland Carey Law in 2005. The competition is sponsored by the Paul Cordish Memorial Fund and NAPIA, which awards annual prizes to three students who write about trends in insurance law, as well as ethical and regulatory issues.

"For winners, it's a great financial boost," notes Brian Goodman, "but it also brings exposure to the legal aspects of insurance claims adjustment—something many students don't necessarily get a lot of instruction in during law school." In the past decade Goodman has seen the occupation grow exponentially.

"The Cordish family, NAPIA, and the University of Maryland School of Law established the competition in Paul's memory because we all felt the best way to honor one of Maryland's great advocates was to create an ever-growing body of learned papers on issues significant to the current



The Cordish Companies, the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters (NAPIA), and Kramon & Graham PA hosted a 10th anniversary luncheon in April 2016 for Paul Cordish Memorial Writing Competition winners, as well as the faculty and administration of Maryland Carey Law, including (left to right): Brett Baulsir '13, Stephen Carney (Adjunct Faculty), David Barrack (NAPIA), Stephen Figlin (NAPIA), Jessica Marks '10, Randy Goodman (NAPIA), Harvey Goodman (NAPIA), Brian Goodman '82 (NAPIA and Kramon & Graham PA), Lisa Bennett (Kramon & Graham PA), Jon Cordish (Cordish Private Ventures), David Cordish '63 (The Cordish Companies), Dean Donald B. Tobin, Chris Aldrich (NAPIA), and Dick Burr (NAPIA). Photo credit: Kramon & Graham PA/NAPIA

practice of law," reflects Jon Cordish, grandson of Paul Cordish and principal at Cordish Private Ventures. "We are delighted to see that, now 10 years later, the award we created in Paul's honor has succeeded so handsomely in doing exactly that."

2016 Winners

Congratulations to the 2016 Paul Cordish Memorial Writing Competition award winners:

1st place: **Robert Carroll Baker, III '16**
"The Costs of the Unlicensed Practice of Public Adjusting: A Legal and Economic Analysis"

2nd place: **Ishan Dasgupta '17**
"Does Labor Lose Value Over Time? An Exploration of Depreciation When Calculating Actual Cash Value"

3rd place: **Caroline Elizabeth Willsey '16**
"Calm After the Storm: Improving the Claims Adjusting Process in the Wake of Superstorm Sandy"

David V. Diggs '86 received *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award. He works in the Baltimore office of Kahn Smith & Collins, P.A.

The Hon. Kathryn Grill Graeff '86, judge for the Court of Special Appeals, Third Appellate Judicial Circuit in Maryland, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Ava Lias-Booker '86, managing partner in the Baltimore office of McGuireWoods LLP and a member of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors, was named the Maryland State Bar Association's Litigator of the Year. Upon being recognized on *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list, her third time receiving the honor, Lias-Booker was also inducted into its Circle of Excellence.

William A. Sherman, II '86, managing partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was selected as sustaining member of the Product Liability Advisory Council, a nonprofit international association of product manufacturers and product liability defense counsels.

The Hon. Andrea Watkins '86, associate judge for the District Court of Maryland in Charles County, delivered the keynote address at the College of Southern Maryland Winter Commencement.

Nancy McCutchan Duden '87, county attorney in Anne Arundel County, Md., received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum '87 assumed the role of managing partner at Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP in Baltimore.

Elva Tillman '87, principal counsel for the City Solicitor's Office in Baltimore, was honored with the Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. Mentor Award by the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

Karen Johnson-Shaheed '88, executive vice president and general counsel for Bowie State University, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list and inducted into its Circle of Excellence for receiving the honor multiple times.

Dr. Mike Royal '88 was named senior vice president for Clinical Development by Liquidia Technologies in Morrisville, N.C.

Rachel Wohl '88, president of Conflict Specialists International, LLC in Baltimore, co-authored "Mindfulness in the Heat of Conflict: Taking STOCK," which was published in the *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*.

1990s

A. Dean Betts, Jr. '90 joined Tunnell & Raysor, P.A. in Georgetown, Del.

JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE

The Hon. Joseph M. Getty '96



With the retirement of Judge Lynne A. Battaglia '74 (see pg. 16), another Maryland Carey Law alumnus has been tapped to represent the state's highest court. Joseph M. Getty '96 was sworn in as a judge on the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit of the Maryland Court of Appeals on June 27, 2016.

A former legislator in both the Maryland State Senate and House of Delegates representing Baltimore and Carroll counties, Getty most recently served as chief legislative officer to Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. During his tenure in the General Assembly he was a member of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

Areta Kupchyk '90 joined the Washington, D.C. office of Foley Hoag LLP as a partner.

Ellen Liebowitz '90 was appointed to the Board of Immigration Appeals by U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

Daniel H. Weiss '90 was appointed as an immigration judge for the Dallas Immigration Court.

Nathan D. Willner '90 was selected to serve as small entity representative in connection with a Small Business Review Panel on arbitration convened by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He works at Lyons, Doughty & Veldhuis P.A./P.C. in Owings Mills, Md.

Kelly Hughes Iverson '92, partner in the Baltimore office of Goodell DeVries, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

"Joe is a devoted public servant who has spent his entire career and a good portion of his life in service to his community and to our state," remarked Hogan in a press statement announcing Getty's appointment on June 1, 2016. "His unquestionable integrity, deep legal expertise, and devotion to the people of Maryland make him an excellent fit for the state's highest court. I have complete confidence that he will continue to be a strong advocate for the law and our citizens while serving on the Maryland Court of Appeals."

Getty was also former Maryland Governor Robert Erhlich's policy and legislative director from 2004 to 2007. With his latest appointment, Getty has now served in all three branches of Maryland's state government.

Keith Kolodgie '92 was promoted to associate vice president at Maine Medical Center/Maine Health in Portland, Maine.

Sanjay Shirodkar '92 was named co-chair of the Public Company and Corporate Governance subgroup for DLA Piper. He is of counsel in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Meg Moon '93 joined North American Title Co. as Mid-Atlantic region counsel, based out of its Columbia, Md. office.

Zoa Barnes '95, partner at Hill, Barnes & McInerney, LLC in Westminster, Md., was named president of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland.

Angela Alsobrooks '96, state's attorney for Prince George's County, Md., was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list.

Matthew G. Hjortsberg '96, partner at Bowie & Jensen LLC in Towson, Md., received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

C. Diane Wallace-Booker '96, executive director of the U.S. Dream Academy based in Columbia, Md., was featured on the cover of *The Daily Record's* Path to Excellence, a woman's guide to business.

ADDRESSING VIOLENCE

Laura L. Dunn '14

Laura Dunn '14 is the founder and executive director of SurvJustice, a national nonprofit committed to providing legal assistance, policy advocacy, and institutional training to increase justice for survivors of sexual violence. Also an adjunct professor at Maryland Carey Law, Dunn has been appointed to the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence and the American Law Institute's Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct on Campus.



2000s

Garth Beall '97 joined the managers group at McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan & Lynch P.A. in Greenbelt, Md. He has been with the firm since 1996.

George R. Calhoun, V '97 joined the Washington, D.C. office of Ifrah Law PLLC as a member. He also chairs the firm's Financial Services practice.

Tami Howie '97 was named the new executive director of the Chesapeake Regional Tech Council in Annapolis, Md.

Paul Kim '98 joined the Baltimore office of Cole Schotz P.C. as a member. He also leads the firm's new Healthcare group.

The Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny, Jr. '98 was appointed judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

April Capati '00, counsel at Lerner David Littenberg Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP, was named Patent Counseling Lawyer of the Year by *Lawyer Monthly*.

Mark Odulio '00 received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in North Carolina, where he worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District for nine years before joining Wells Fargo in 2016 as its corporate operational risk manager.

Kristin Herber '01, senior counsel at Under Armour Inc., received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Neal M. Janey, Jr. '01 was named director of public safety and the Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice for Baltimore City.

Kelly Burrell '02, assistant state's attorney in Baltimore City, was named to the *Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women List.

Marnell Cooper '02, founding partner of Palmer|Cooper|Hopkins, LLC, in Baltimore, was appointed chair of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners. He was also a recipient of *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Juan M. Ocasio-Colon '02 was named executive vice president, human resources for Asbury Communities in Germantown, Md.

Michelle Daugherty Siri '02, executive director at The Women's Law Center of Maryland, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Generation J.D. Award. She is also a member of Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board.

Brian Tucker '02, partner at Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP in Baltimore, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Christina Bolmarcich '03, principal at Semmes, Bowen & Semmes in Baltimore, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list.

Quinton M. Herbert '03, deputy labor commissioner for the Baltimore City Office of the Labor Commissioner, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Leadership in Law Award.

Tracy Steedman '03 joined Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Hendler, LLC in Baltimore as a member.

Tara Barnes '04 received the *Daily Record's* 2016 Generation J.D. Award. She works at Rollins, Smalkin, Richards & Mackie, L.L.C. in Baltimore.

A.J. Bellido de Luna '04 was appointed board executive officer of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

Robert Weinberg '04 joined Gentile, Horoho & Avalli, P.C. in Pittsburgh as an associate.

Jennifer Bevan-Dangel '05, executive director of Common Cause Maryland, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list.

Oana Brooks '06, equity compliance investigator in the Office of Institutional Equity at Johns Hopkins University, was named to *The Daily Record's* 2016 Top 100 Women list.

Jennifer Curry '06 was elected to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce. She is

an associate in the Baltimore office of Ober|Kaler in its Employment group.

Jeremy D. Rachlin '06, partner and litigation attorney in the Bethesda, Md. office of JDKatz: Attorneys at Law, received the *Daily Record's* 2016 Generation J.D. Award.

Indira Sharma '06 was promoted to special counsel at the Baltimore office of Saul Ewing LLP.

Melaine Heiser '07 joined PerkinElmer Inc. in Shelton, Conn. as corporate counsel.

Alicia Wilson '07 published an op-ed in *The Baltimore Sun* on the CollegeBound Foundation and access to education. She is the vice president for Community Affairs and legal advisor at Sagamore Development Company.

David Gibber '08 was promoted to vice president and general counsel for Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. in Hunt Valley, Md.

Eileen Sahai '08 joined Phoenix, Ariz. law firm Jennings, Haug & Cunningham, LLP as an attorney in its Environmental and Regulatory Law group.

Radiance Harris '09 launched Radiance IP Law in Washington, D.C., where she focuses on trademark law, copyright law, advertising law, and business contracts.

Geoffrey Kravitz '09 was named the first economic development director for the town of Amherst, Mass.

Miguel R. Palmeiro '09, managing partner at The Law Office of Miguel Palmeiro, LLC, was appointed by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

INTERNET FREEDOM Dr. Nnake I. Nweke '10



Over the summer, Dr. Nnake Nweke '10 was appointed director of the Office of Internet Freedom by the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), a federal agency that oversees Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and other U.S. broadcasting services for international audiences. The Office of Internet Freedom was created in 2016, making Nweke the first to hold this position. In his new role, he will lead efforts to fight internet censorship and look at the effect internet censorship has on the BBG. Nweke has more than 15 years of experience in information and communications technology, including service as branch chief in the Office of Engineering and Technology for the Federal Communications Commission.

Heather R. Pruger '09, business attorney in the Baltimore office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP, received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Generation J.D. Award.

2010s

Evan Cordes '10 joined Hansen Dordell in Saint Paul, Minn. as an associate attorney.

Rebecca Gwilt '10 joined Nixon Law Group in Fairfax, Va. as a partner.

Jesse Iliff '10 was hired as the new South Riverkeeper for the South River Federation, a water conservancy and restoration group in Edgewater, Md.

Claudette Scholz '10 joined the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights in Seattle, Wash. as an attorney.

Avery Blank '11 was appointed to the newly created Board for the American Bar Association's Legal Career Central. She also joined the Tribeca Disruptor Foundation Fellows.

Jamar R. Brown '11 received *The Daily Record's* 2016 Generation J.D. Award. He is a member of Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board and currently works at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP in Baltimore as an associate in its Litigation group.

Charles Friedman '11 was appointed corporate counsel of Concord, an accounts servicing firm in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Elizabeth Shaner '11, an associate at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP, was elected treasurer of the Board of Directors for The Women's Exchange.

Matthew A. Haven '12 joined Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP in Baltimore as an associate in its Litigation group.

Bryna S. Hummel '12 joined the Washington, D.C. office of Ober|Kaler as an associate in its Health Law group.

Chelsea Crawford '13 joined Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP in Baltimore as an associate.

Brendan Hogan '13 joined the Washington, D.C. office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as an associate.

Zachary Smith '13 joined Armistead, Griswold, Lee & Rust, P.A., a full-service law firm in Easton, Md.

SOUNDING OFF Charles J. Long '76



In May 2016, Charles "Chuck" Long '76 stepped down as principal trumpet of the York Symphony Orchestra (YSO). In commemoration of the more than 56 seasons he played in the orchestra, the YSO created the Charles J. Long Award, which will be presented annually at the end of the orchestra season. Long is a partner at Smith, Anderson, Baker & Long, a York, Pa.-based firm.

Courtney B. Amelung '14 joined Tydings & Rosenberg LLP in Baltimore as an associate.

Brian Auchincloss '14 joined the Baltimore office of Ober|Kaler as an associate in its Construction and Litigation groups.

Zina Makar '14 was featured in the April issue of the *ABA Journal* for her work with the Open Society Institute and the Maryland Office of the Public Defender.

Mallory Montgomery '14 joined Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP in Baltimore, as an associate.

Rebecca Berger '15 joined Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP in Baltimore as an associate in its Real Estate and Business Transactions group.

Joshua Dhyani '15 joined the Washington, D.C. office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as an associate in its Litigation practice group.

Andrew Weissenberg '15 joined the Albany office of Iseman, Cunningham, Riester & Hyde LLP as an associate.

MONEY MATTERS

Sharonne Robinson Bonardi '92



Sharonne Robinson Bonardi '92 was appointed deputy comptroller for the State of Maryland by Comptroller Peter Franchot in late 2015. She is the first African-American to hold the deputy comptroller position. Prior to her appointment, Bonardi was

director of the Compliance Division in the state's Office of the Comptroller, where she has worked for more than 15 years. In 2016 she was also named to *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women list.

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John F. Kelly '70
James G. Hudec '71
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'80s

Elizabeth M. Dunn '83

'90s

Indra C. Seunarine '92



Hamish Osborne '86 (left) makes annual fund calls with Professor Don Gifford (right).

Hamish Scott Osborne '86 A PASSION FOR LIFE AND PHILANTHROPY



MARYLAND CAREY LAW LOST A DEAR FRIEND, HAMISH SCOTT OSBORNE '86, ON SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016.

"I can't think of Hamish without smiling," reflects Dean Donald Tobin. "Hamish was a person who was full of life, energy, passion and love. His love of life was contagious, and I left every conversation with renewed passion, interest, and motivation."

A loyal supporter of Maryland Carey Law, Osborne chaired both the Law School Fund Board and the Maryland Law School Club, and he served on the Board of Visitors and the Alumni Board. He exemplified what it means to be a volunteer leader by helping the law school grow its alumni programs while empowering students to become the best lawyers they can be.

"His love of life was contagious, and I left every conversation with renewed passion, interest, and motivation."

Osborne and his wife, Christy, established the Osborne Scholarship at Maryland Carey Law in 2005. With eight beneficiaries to date, the scholarship provides full tuition and fees for an outstanding student, enrolled full-time, who is engaged in a professional career at the time of application to law school. The endowment ensures that Hamish Osborne's legacy continues to encourage future lawyers to come to Maryland Carey Law and have the same opportunities he enjoyed while here.

"None of what I've been blessed to achieve would have been possible without the generosity of people willing to support the

educational endeavors of students they don't know. There is no way that I could have afforded to attend the School of Law without the generosity of Hamish and Christy Osborne," says Bryan Saxton '09, the inaugural Osborne Scholar.

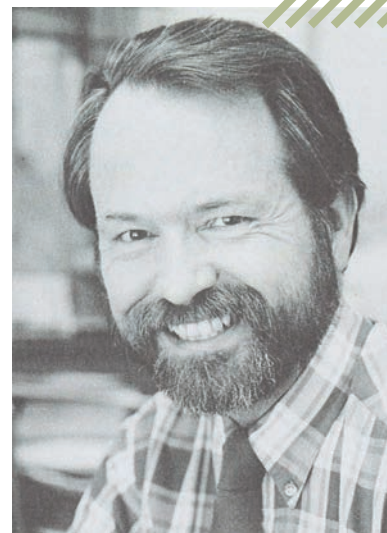
"The Osborne Scholarship has provided a tremendous legacy and his scholarship recipients are already making their mark on the profession and society," adds Tobin. "We are truly lucky that one of his passions was the law school, and that he chose to bestow his energy and love on the school and its students."

Born in Bucks County, England, Osborne received his BA from the University of Arizona, where he met his beloved wife, in 1970. He had a successful career in the federal government prior to applying to Maryland Carey Law, where he earned his JD in 1986, and went on to practice law in Columbia, Md. until his retirement.

Osborne was also a known philanthropist. After a double lung transplant at the University of Maryland Medical Center in 2013, he and his wife established the Hamish S. and Christine C. Osborne Professorship in Advanced Pulmonary Care at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in order to support the needed research into pulmonary fibrosis, which the school estimates claims around 40,000 lives every year.

"His passion and love will live on in all of us and in the future generations that will receive support from his philanthropy," says Tobin.

Osborne is survived by his wife of 47 years, Christy, and their three children, Jennifer, Andrew, and Matthew '03, and 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Kristin Rohr.



Prof. J. Joel Woodey

he was one of the very first teachers of the latter. Joel's true academic interest, however, was the ancient world, especially Egypt. He knew everything about the ancient Egyptians, and loved to talk about them at length and at any time. He could even read hieroglyphics. His was truly an infectious enthusiasm."

William L. Reynolds
Jacob A. France Professor of Judicial Process, Emeritus

"His in-class demonstrations of a multi-dimensional universe were a challenging and powerful metaphor for appreciating different perspectives in looking at the world of law, and the world more generally. He was a pioneer in bringing the development of legal skills—especially interviewing, counseling, and negotiation—to professional legal

education. The law school is a richer place for his having been a part of our community."

Alan D. Hornstein
Professor Emeritus of Law

"I had the pleasure of sitting in on several of Joel's classes in his seminar on ancient law. But I think it was not ancient law, but a living thing for him. He did not just talk about a widow's mite, he shared the coin itself with the class. Indeed, he brought to every session one or more objects from the ancient world that we could touch and marvel at. From the code of Hammurabi to that of Justinian, he knew them well and loved them all. And we loved him."

David Bogen
T. Carroll Brown Scholar and Professor Emeritus of Law

DESCRIBED BY HIS COLLEAGUES AS GENEROUS, CREATIVE, AND A REMARKABLE LECTURER, PROFESSOR J. JOEL WOODEY, WHO TAUGHT AT MARYLAND CAREY LAW FROM 1969 TO 2001, PASSED AWAY MAY 17, 2016:

"His fields were civil procedure and counseling and negotiations; indeed,

Casual Conversations

Greatest accomplishment?

Developing one of the first AIDS Legal Clinics in the country and taking on cutting-edge cases with my students for clients who had been fired from their jobs or denied medical treatment or health insurance because of their condition. Also, advocating with a coalition of public health experts and medical providers with the Maryland Legislature for a sane response to the epidemic, including informed consent for HIV testing, standby guardianship to assist parents living with HIV, and needle exchange to prevent further spread of HIV.

Favorite Supreme Court case of all time?

Brown v. Board of Education—a brilliant and sustained effort by courageous people from all over the country that successfully challenged racial injustice by focusing on the effect of segregation on the well being of children. Unfortunately, much work remains to be done! And *Lawrence v. Texas*, which laid the groundwork for full recognition that there is no legal basis for treating people differently because of their sexual orientation.



Deborah Weimer

Carole & Hanan Sibel
Research Law School
Professor

BA, State University of New York at Old Westbury
JD, New York University
LLM, Temple University

Hometown:

Carle Place, New York

Favorite place on campus?

Peace and a Cup of Joe and the green space in front of School of Nursing.

Currently reading?

The Writing Life by Annie Dillard and *Lincoln Steffens: A Biography* by Justin Kaplan

Best memory of teaching at Maryland Carey Law?

Working with students as they see the injustice faced by so many of their low income clients, and they realize they have the power to make a difference with their developing legal skills.

faculty

Donavan Ham

Second-Year Student

BA, University of South Carolina

Hometown:

Florence, South Carolina

Currently reading?

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline



Best moment at Maryland Carey Law thus far?

Getting the phone call that I made the Maryland Trial Team.

Favorite part of your day?

Waking up and being able to direct my future just how I want it to be.

Greatest accomplishment?

I am not sure. However, when I look back I'm happy that I was able to coach and mentor over 20 young men who participated in Pop Warner Football.

Student Organizations and Activities:

General Body Member, Trial Team
Vice President, Black Law Students Association
General Body Member, Criminal Law Association
Judicial Intern, The Honorable Robert B. Kershaw

Favorite Supreme Court Justice or case of all time?

Thurgood Marshall. As an African-American male, Justice Marshall is a true inspiration. His tenure on the bench and his well-noted activism and success as an attorney are something I strive for every day.

Favorite TV show?

"Game of Thrones." I loved how the early seasons were about the mystery and political machinations of a group of people in a world different from our own.

Fun Fact:

I chase waterfalls. If you have any questions follow my Instagram page: @ham.donavan

Favorite meal?

I'm a simple guy. I'll take BBQ chicken and corn on the cob right off of the charcoal grill.

student

Ranjit (Ron) Dhindsa '95

Partner, Hollingsworth LLP
(Washington, D.C.)
Member, Maryland Carey Law Alumni Board

BS, University of Maryland
BA, University of Maryland
JD, Univ. of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Hometown:

Rockville, Maryland

Greatest Accomplishment?

Making sustainable a life-changing nonprofit youth leadership training organization that motivates, empowers, and inspires students from across Maryland to realize their leadership, educational, and human potential.



Currently reading?

Warrior of the Light by Paulo Coelho.

Favorite TV show?

Stephen Colbert—the man is witty, intelligent, socially conscious, and engaging.

Best memory of Maryland Carey Law?

The excellent professors who challenged us to think, mentored us, and guided us to career paths aligned with our passions and interests.

Advice for recent law school graduates?

Network, follow your passions, and be open. The path to reaching your objectives may not be as you envisioned. Indeed, your objectives themselves may change along your journey.

Favorite Supreme Court case of all time?

Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993). *Daubert* and its progeny minimize the risk of junk science being admitted into evidence.

Favorite part of the day?

Every moment of the day is my favorite part. Life is short, so I try to live every moment.

Favorite meal?

Guacamole, chicken and steak fajitas, and broccoli.

alumnus

Fun Fact:

I have a fraternal twin sister. My twin and I are totally opposite when it comes to our personalities. I am shy and quiet, and my twin sister is not. My twin sister is two minutes older than I am, and she lives 25 minutes away from me.

Best part of working for Maryland Carey Law?

The best part of working for Maryland Carey Law is interacting with the staff, faculty, and students. I enjoy helping the students and working with my co-workers. As of October of 2016, I have been working at the law school for 25 years. Also, I met my husband, a 1994 graduate, while working at Maryland Carey Law. We have been married for almost 17 years and we have two children.

Favorite TV show?

I do not have a particular favorite TV show but I love to watch shows on HGTV. I love to watch the different house shows where they fix up horrible looking homes and make them look beautiful and fabulous.



LaShea Blake

Data and Resource Coordinator, Career Development Office

AAS, Fayetteville Technical Community College
BS, University of Maryland University College

Hometown:

Spring Lake, North Carolina

Greatest accomplishment?

My greatest accomplishment is when I received my BS in 2014. I had been trying for years to accomplish this goal.

Favorite meal?

My favorite meal would be anything Italian, such as spaghetti, lasagna and baked ziti.

Dream job as a kid?

As a kid, my dream job was to become an elementary school teacher. When I was young, my twin sister and I used to play school together and took turns being the teacher.

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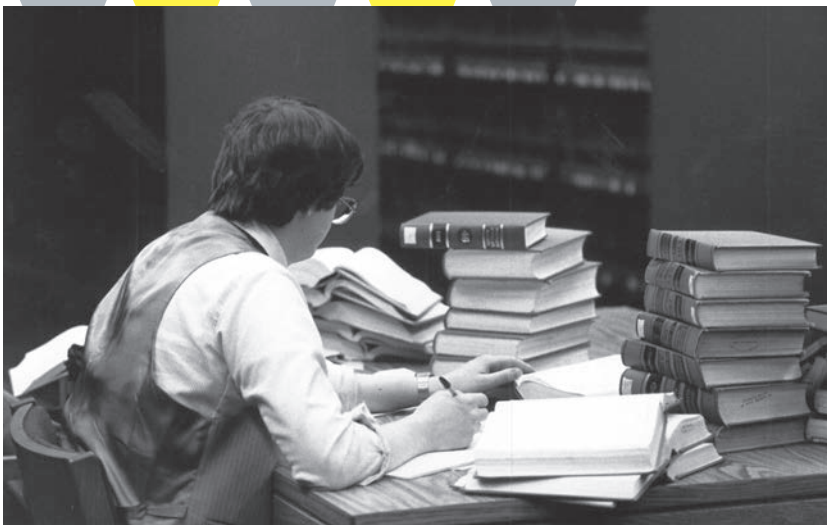


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