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AT MARYLAND CAREY LAW, WE KNOW that our efforts toward building a more just society must include empowering students to take risks and blaze trails. We do this through innovative programs providing experiences that specially prepare students to be legal leaders.

This issue of the magazine highlights some of the exciting work going on at Maryland Carey Law that gives individuals here at the law school and out in the community tools to flourish.

Our cover story explores the journeys of students and alumni from our part-time program, which offers those who juggle full-time work, family, and other responsibilities the opportunity to change their career trajectories by pursuing a JD part-time.

Also in the spotlight is our Women, Leadership, and Equality program, celebrating the 15th anniversary of its first class's graduation. Meet former Rose Zetzer Fellows, enabled by skills gained in the program to be workplace pioneers, standing up for gender equality within their professions.

Additionally, you will learn about the new University of Maryland, Baltimore Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center, administered by Maryland Carey Law. Bringing together specialists from across the UMB campus, the center offers free wraparound services addressing legal, social, medical, and mental health issues for local victims of crime.

You will notice a new section of the magazine focused on experiential learning, which represents our commitment to share more stories about the people and happenings that make our law school great. Among the areas featured are the Criminal Defense Clinic, highlights from our Advocacy Teams' competition season, and Professor Larry Gibson's legendary civil rights tour of Baltimore.

Here at Maryland Carey Law, we are honored to train the next generation of legal professionals whose definition of success includes more than just personal prosperity. Success also means making a positive impact in the community. As dean, I am proud that, with your help, we are developing groundbreaking programs that empower students to thrive and lead in making the world a better place. ■

Donald B. Tobin
Dean and Professor of Law

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Last fall, **Max Stearns**, **Martha Ertman** and **Michael Van Alstine** were honored as the Venable, Baetjer & Howard Professor of Law, the Carole & Hanan Sibel Professor of Law, and the Francis King Carey Professor in Business Law, respectively.

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JOINING THE ALI RANKS

Professors **David Gray** and **Leigh Goodmark** were elected to the American Law Institute (ALI) in November 2018. With the addition of Gray and Goodmark, Maryland Carey Law now boasts 27 full-time and emeritus faculty members in the ALI.

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For the first time in 22 years, UMB has a student on the **University System of Maryland Board of Regents** thanks to Maryland Carey Law's **Drew Needham '21**. In this role, Needham advocates on behalf of the 176,000 students in the system.



UMB Researcher of the Year

Professor **David Gray** was named “**Researcher of the Year**” by University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Jay Perman.

Widely recognized for his influential scholarship, Gray’s research focuses on criminal law, criminal procedure, constitutional theory and transitional justice. He is among the most cited authors from Maryland Carey Law since joining the faculty in 2008. Arguments from his trailblazing 2017 book, *The Fourth Amendment in an Age of Surveillance*, were adopted in a brief filed by the Constitutional Accountability Center as amicus curiae to the Supreme Court in the landmark 2018 case *Carpenter v. United States*.

Additionally, he is co-editor of the 2017 *Cambridge Handbook of Surveillance Law*, and has published dozens of articles and book chapters in prominent journals. This year he joins the leading textbook *American Criminal Procedure: Cases and Commentary*.

Demonstrating a Commitment to Workers’ Rights

The **Peggy Browning Fund** awarded a 10-week fellowship to **Kevin Hendley '20**, affording him the opportunity to work at O’Donoghue & O’Donoghue LLP in Washington, D.C. during summer 2019. Peggy Browning Fellows are distinguished students who have excelled in law school and demonstrated their commitment to workers’ rights through their previous educational, work, volunteer, and personal experiences.



Dispute Resolution Builds Bridges

Community Mediation Maryland honored Professor **Deborah Eisenberg** and **Barbara Grochal** of the **Center for Dispute Resolution at Maryland Carey Law (C-DRUM)** with the **Bridge Builders Award** for their role in leading the Maryland Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices. The commission released its Final Report and Collaborative Action Plan in January 2019, after spending 18 months studying school discipline in Maryland public schools.



Excellence in Public Service

Professor **Maureen Sweeney** received the **USM Board of Regents Faculty Award** for Excellence in Public Service. As head of the Immigration Clinic, Sweeney works to address the under-met need for legal services among some of society’s most vulnerable members. She combines her legal expertise with a sophistication for real-world solutions, working to ensure that state and federal laws are applied fairly and that individuals have adequate representation.



Addressing Gun Violence: UMB'S Role as an Anchor Institution

Zachary Lee '20 was a, UMB President's Fellow during the 2018-19 school year. The fellows researched and presented recommendations to the University on ways UMB could curb gun violence in Baltimore City. Among the group's recommendations was a proposal to create a dedicated Center at UMB. As a follow-up to their work, President Perman asked Dean Donald Tobin to take the lead in creating the UMB Center to Prevent Gun Violence, an interdisciplinary initiative intended to leverage the expertise of all the UMB schools in an effort to reduce gun violence.



A Career of Promoting Racial Equality, Justice and Opportunity

Professor Larry Gibson received the **Outstanding Faculty Award** at the UMB Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Recognition Awards on February 6, 2019, for his career of promoting equality, justice and opportunity. He was also inducted into *The Baltimore Sun's Civic and Business Hall of Fame* on June 6, 2019, along with 11 other business and civic leaders who have spent their careers working to transform and improve Maryland.



Advising the HHS Secretary

Professor Frank Pasquale was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) **National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics**. In this role, Professor Pasquale will advise the HHS secretary on issues related to health data, statistics, and privacy, as well as the implementation of certain provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). He also serves on the Subcommittee on Privacy, Security, and Confidentiality as co-chair.



A Stand-out Year for the Environmental Law Program

Last year, the Environmental Law Clinic, led by Professor Seema Kakade, was named the **American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources 2018 Law Student Program of the Year**. The award is "given in recognition of the best student-organized educational program or public service project of the year focusing on issues in the field of environmental, energy, or natural resources law."

The program's Transnational Environmental Accountability (TEA) Project was selected as a **finalist for the World Justice Challenge's 2019 Access to Justice Award**. The TEA Project, directed by Lecturer in Law Jingjing Zhang works to develop strategies to hold multinational companies accountable for the environmental harm they cause in developing countries.

Professor Robert Percival, director of the program, won the 2019 **Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy Award** given by the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) Law. The award recognizes individuals who have contributed significant leadership in improving the substance, process, or understanding of environmental protection and sustainable development.

New Co-director of the Clinical Law Program

Professor Leigh Goodmark was appointed as the new co-director of the Clinical Law Program in March 2019. She will join Professor Michael Pinard in leading the program and carrying on the school's strong heritage of providing access to justice while training the next generation of great lawyers.





NEW FACULTY: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW MANEKA SINHA

THE MARYLAND CAREY Law community is pleased to welcome Assistant Professor Maneka Sinha to the faculty.

As leader of the Criminal Defense Clinic, Sinha will guide student-attorneys representing clients through every phase of a criminal case. She will offer the clinic beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year.

“We are delighted Maneka will head up our Criminal Defense Clinic,” says Dean Tobin. “Among a field of outstanding candidates, she stood out for her impressive experience in criminal litigation and nationally recognized expertise in forensic science. We look forward to the impact she will have in preparing the next generation of ethical, client-centered attorneys here at Maryland Carey Law.”

Sinha comes to Maryland Carey Law directly from the renowned Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) where she spent a decade as a litigator and special counsel to the director for forensic science. In her time at PDS, she represented children

and adults in juvenile delinquency, misdemeanor, and felony cases. Most recently, she has litigated an abundance of high-profile homicide and sexual assault cases involving forensic science evidence, such as DNA, fingerprints, and ballistics. She also managed the service’s use of experts and assisted with the admission and courtroom presentation of expert testimony.

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We look forward to the impact she will have in preparing the next generation of ethical, client-centered attorneys here at Maryland Carey Law.”

- Dean Donald B. Tobin

“Maneka is a superb, client-centered lawyer and a lifetime public defender,” says Michael Pinard, professor and co-director of the Clinical Law Program. “... She is truly a leading light in the public defender community. Our students, clients, and colleagues will be fortunate to work with her.”

Sinha’s research focuses on the intersection of forensic science evidence, which, she contends, is often faulty, and the outcomes of criminal cases. Pointing to the famous 2004 Madrid train bombing case in which an American lawyer was detained by investigators for two weeks based on a false fingerprint match, Sinha warns of the fallibility of evidence generated even from forensic science techniques long understood to be reliable.

“Those are very subjective disciplines,” she says, “that are not as reliable as people, including judges, think they are.”

Sinha sees teaching the Maryland Carey Law Criminal Defense Clinic as an opportunity to nurture attorneys who will be invested in a system that yields just outcomes, which, she rues, is often not the case, especially within a criminal justice system that disproportionately targets people of color in impoverished, urban areas.

“Teaching and mentorship,” she adds, are “my path to build some momentum toward justice.”

At PDS, she gained prominence as head of the Forensic Practice Group, training and supervising lawyers involved in forensic science litigation nationwide. In 2017, Sinha was a fellow for the International Legal Foundation, which was working to establish a public defender agency in Nepal. In 2015, she served as a Brian Roberts Fellow in the West Bank, training and supervising Palestinian public defenders.

Sinha holds a JD from New York University School of Law and a BS in mechanical engineering with a minor in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley. ■



NEW FACULTY: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW NATALIE RAM

NEW TO THE Maryland Carey Law faculty this year is Associate Professor Natalie Ram.

“Natalie is a thought leader in biotechnology and the law,” says Dean Donald B. Tobin. “She brings a wealth of distinguished scholarship and experience as a judicial clerk, private practice litigator and law professor. We are thrilled she is joining the Maryland Carey Law family and know she will be a vital contributor going forward.”

A Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics, Ram is an expert on the intersection of genetic privacy and the law, publishing groundbreaking research in *Harvard Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Northwestern Law Review* and *Iowa Law Review*, among others, over the past 10 years.

Most recently, she has gained national acclaim for her work on issues related to law enforcement access to consumer genetic databases like 23andMe, GEDmatch, and other DNA repositories.

“It’s really important to make clear the stakes that are involved when law enforcement can exploit genetic data in new ways,” says Ram. “We should carefully consider those stakes before we rubber stamp these new kinds of forensic methods and then find that we’ve sacrificed a whole lot of privacy that we did not intend to sacrifice.”

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Her work is at the cutting edge of health law and criminal law and has significant policy implications.”

- Professor Diane Hoffmann

Since investigators cracked the decades-old Golden State Killer case in 2018 using familial identification DNA evidence obtained from GEDmatch, Ram has been consulted regularly by national media outlets. She has appeared on CNN, national radio broadcasts “Science Friday” and “Here & Now,” and been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post* and *BuzzFeed News*. She also has written several op-eds for *Slate* and published articles in the scientific journal *Science and Nature Biotechnology*.

“We are very excited to have Natalie join our faculty. She will be a wonderful addition to our Law & Health Care Program,” says the program’s director Diane Hoffmann. “Her scholarship on the use of consumer genetic databases for law enforcement purposes raises profound privacy issues for individuals and families. Her work is at the cutting edge of health law and criminal law and has significant policy implications.”

Ram earned her JD at Yale Law School and AB in public and international affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

After law school, she clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court. Subsequently, she worked in the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Group at Morrison & Foerster in Washington, D.C.

Ram joins Maryland Carey Law after teaching civil procedure, property, and law and biotechnology, at the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she was also associate director of the Center for Law & Medicine.

“Maryland Carey Law has one of the best law and health care programs in the country,” says Ram. “For someone with my interests, it’s an extremely exciting place to do work.”

Ram will begin teaching courses at Maryland Carey Law in spring 2020. ■

RETIRING FACULTY



BARBARA BEZDEK

Professor of Law

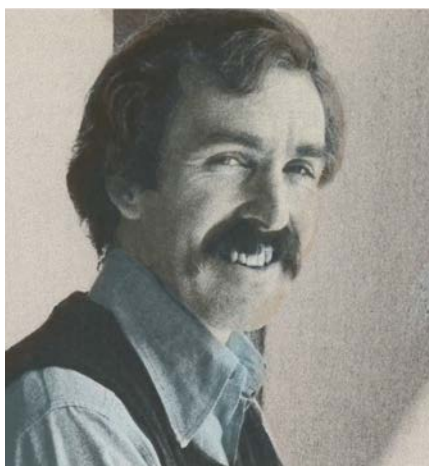
BA, 1975, University of South Carolina

JD, 1978, Columbia University

LLM, 1986, Georgetown University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1988 after serving as a public interest attorney in Washington, D.C., and teaching at City University of New York Law School.
- Taught Property and Real Estate Transactions; Community Development: Legal Theory and Practice; Contemporary Issues in American Housing Law; and Law, Lawyering and Social Movements.
- Founding faculty advisor for the *Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class*.
- Named U.S. Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer in Law (2010-2011).



ROBERT CONDLIN

Professor of Law

BA, 1966, Siena College

JD, 1969, Boston College

LLM, 1976, Harvard University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1980 after creating the University of Virginia School of Law's clinical law program.
- Represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in *Massachusetts v. Laird*, an original action in the United States Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the Vietnam War.
- Published more than 20 journal articles.
- Served as a consultant to the AALS Law Teachers Clinic and Clinical Teachers Training conferences, and to the Canadian Law Teachers Clinic.



SUSAN HANKIN

Law School Associate Professor

BA, 1980, University of Pennsylvania

JD, 1986, University of Virginia

MPH, 1990, Johns Hopkins University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1996 after clerking for The Honorable Collins J. Seitz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and working as a staff attorney for the Whitman-Walker clinic AIDS program in Washington, D.C.
- Taught Tort Law, Public Health Law, Animals and the Law, and analysis and writing courses.
- Ran the Teaching Fellow program.



KAREN ROTHENBURG

Marjorie Cook Professor of Law

BA, 1973, Princeton University

MPA, 1974, Princeton University

JD, 1979, University of Virginia

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1983; founded the Law & Health Care Program.
- Dean of the law school 1999-2009.
- Served as senior advisor to the director on genomics and society at the National Human Genome Research Institute/National Institutes of Health.
- Past president of the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics.



DEBORAH WEIMER

Law School Professor

BA, 1975, State University of New York at Old Westbury

JD, 1978, New York University

LLM, 1987, Temple University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1988 after practicing public interest law and teaching at Brooklyn School of Law and Temple University School of Law.
- Taught Landlord Tenant Clinic: Legal Theory and Practice, and Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic.
- Won the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award (2009).



JUGGLING ACT

By Chris Quirk

Maryland Carey Law enables busy professionals to earn a JD part-time

WHILE STUDYING FOR HIS MBA, Bruce Villard '12 became captivated by the intricacies of law. “The thought processes behind the law, the different ways of analyzing legal problems, cases, statutes, and secondary sources—it was a rich intellectual exercise,” he says. “Taking all that input from different places and coming up with a recommendation was attractive to me.” Villard resolved to go to law school, the only problem was, at the time he had a thriving career and a satisfying full-time job at a major information technology company.

As an undergraduate political science major at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Ahmed Eissa '22 recognized the uncharted terrain at the nexus of politics and cybersecurity. “The professors were starting to highlight the importance of cyberspace as a kind of fifth domain of conflict or diplomacy,” he says. After graduating, Eissa went into the private sector. Soon his thoughts turned to law school, but he did not want to leave his post at a cybersecurity firm. “I’ve been working with a general counsel at my job who is a titan in the field.”

Katrin Hussmann Schroll '09, assistant dean for admissions, hears stories like this on a regular basis, and cites them as the reason that the Evening Division of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law was created. “From its inception, it was intended for the working professional who couldn’t do the full-time program.” Schroll says the Evening Division was crafted to fill a need for a top-quality law curriculum for people with active careers. “We have all these great people and great talent in Maryland. Some of them may be part of the legislature or in business, so they can’t really unplug from their current career for three years to earn a JD. They want to continue to grow, so we created a law program that supports them.”

A four-year JD degree, the Evening Division is customized for ambitious, accomplished part-time students. The shape of the curriculum and the kind of support students have available on campus recognize the particular needs and challenges of part-time students in a demanding law program. “We spread out what would normally be the first year of courses in the full-time day program through the first four semesters,” says Crystal Edwards, assistant dean for academic affairs. “We also know that some of our evening students may have particular areas of interest. That’s why we offer some electives as early as the second year, so the students have the opportunity to engage with areas that are aligned with why they came to law school in the first place. Or they have the chance to explore something new.”

The motivations for earning a law degree in the program can be as varied as the applicants. The students can be at almost any point in their careers, in virtually any field.

Rachel Iacangelo '21, a current Evening Division student and vice president of the third-year evening class, is a law clerk with the Environmental Protection Agency. She began her professional career as a field geologist six years ago. “I worked on an oil rig right out of undergrad. After that, I flipped to the other side of the environmental coin and worked as an environmental specialist for a nonprofit, where I gained knowledge about the Clean Water Act.” Iacangelo wanted to work with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (better known as Superfund), but on the legal end rather than in the field. She researched law school options for a year. “It was important that a law school have a good environmental program, and be close to home, so the Evening Division was an obvious choice,” she says.

The location of Maryland Carey Law in the Baltimore-Washington corridor plays no small part in the character of the school, according

to Schroll. “I think because of where we are, the school attracts a diverse group of people from across the region,” she says. “It’s a big commitment. Students come here after working all day, and they’re making big sacrifices, so it has to be a strong program for people to be willing to do that.”

In need of a part-time law school, Villard applied to the Evening Division. “I was able to attend sample classes at two of the schools where I was admitted, and the class here was much more robust,” recalls Villard. “It wasn’t just a lecture. There was an exchange between the professor and a student who was very experienced, and the professor incorporated the student’s ideas into a discussion that lasted the rest of the class. That stood out.”

Now a supply chain specialist with a leading aerospace company, Villard found that his experience in the sample class wasn’t a one-off once he began the program. “We had two police officers in one evening class, and they had a lot of observations when we talked about criminal law. We also had patent agents and students with a background in finance. So, absolutely, they brought a lot to the table.”

Iacangelo’s experience so far has been similar. “There are so many different backgrounds, and everyone is juggling different things in their life — it is really impressive,” she says.

The Maryland Carey Law Evening Division is ranked fourth in the Part-time Law Programs category of the *U.S. News and World Report 2020 rankings*, a rating Schroll attributes in large part to the quality of the school’s students. “Among our incoming class we have an engineer with 10 years of experience, a major business account executive, a university professor with a PhD, a human rights advocate, an intelligence analyst, an officer in the army reserves, and an executive for a global consultancy,” Schroll reports.

As Villard found, one of the ancillary benefits of the Evening Division is the knowledge that the students themselves share. “It creates a very unique situation,” says Schroll. “When you are working with students who have 5, 10 or sometimes 15 years of work under their belts, they enrich the conversation in the classroom. Students here also have the ability to network within the program.”

Eissa was drawn to the Evening Division in part because of the opportunities to focus on cybersecurity. Now in his second year, he too has been struck by the level of discourse among his classmates. “I’m in my career and everyone else is too. There are people in the military, in law enforcement, and we have a pharmacy student. There’s such a wide variety of people from different fields in the room that invariably, when we talk about subject matter A or subject matter B, nine times out of ten somebody has real-world experience with that. And it makes the conversation and the lessons so much more concrete,” he says.

One of the evening program’s most notable graduates is Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera ’84 of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Barbera, who attended an earlier incarnation of the evening program, recounts working as a teacher full-time at Patapsco Elementary School in Baltimore. “I witnessed the struggles of the young children in my classroom and their families, the challenges many of them had living in an impoverished community. It inspired me to think how I might better influence positive social change, and I realized the law might be a viable way to serve the public. That’s what brought me to law school,” says Barbera.

The path was not an easy one. Barbera continued to teach full-time for the four years that she studied for her law degree at night, finding a way to manage the three heavy responsibilities of law school, teaching, and caring for her young daughter and son. “The only way forward for me in pursuit of a law degree was to go to school at night,” she recounts. “As I look back, I’m not precisely sure how I balanced all three. I certainly had support from my family. I was committed to being energized and engaged as a teacher in the classroom and as a mother to my children—and I was also committed to the study of law: preparing for class and being an active participant in the classroom.”

To help students surmount such challenges, the Evening Division has features that ensure part-time students get the advising and support they need, and make them feel a part of the academic community. “For example, you can find graduation requirements on the website,” Edwards says, “but instead of students arbitrarily trying to figure out what they’re going to take in any given semester, we have academic advisors talking with them from the beginning. We try to look at how this will really work for you as an evening student. What are we going to do in each semester? How are you going to satisfy certain requirements? When are you planning to take certain courses that you need or want?”

Evening Division students also have peer advisors, explains Edwards, and support each other in the program. “Talking to other students who are living this experience and have thrived helps students adapt, and helps make the program stronger.”

“I think the evening students are very close,” Eissa says. “People get dinner together, and after a final exam we might go out to eat and celebrate. There’s plenty of camaraderie.”

Villard recalls taking frequent advantage of the opportunities offered outside the classroom. He became managing editor of the *Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class*, and was co-president of the Maryland Intellectual Property Student Association. In addition, Villard traveled to Orleans Parish in Louisiana with the Maryland Law Service Corps Organization, to volunteer with the public defender there. “It was a really good extracurricular experience, and I learned a lot about working with all kinds of different people,” Villard says.

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"I'm not going to pretend that it isn't difficult to navigate the demands of work, law school and other commitments all at the same time," Edwards says. "Because of that, we spend a lot of time structuring the curriculum in a thoughtful and deliberate way, to make sure that evening students have a chance to take advantage of so much that we offer."

"I love the class structure," says Iacangelo. "I always really disliked undergrad because I don't learn well by being talked at and hand-fed answers. Many of the law professors cold-call, which forces you to think on your feet and know the material really well. It's a good exercise in doing research and being competent when coming to a discussion."

After a hectic start, Eissa is getting his sea legs. "Anybody who has just finished their first year of law school will tell you it's trial by fire. It's a new professional world and a new concept of working and understanding things," he says. "At first, it's overwhelming, but, you know, I'm completely happy. I'm here and I love it."

"I continue to believe that the law provides a broad array of opportunities to serve the public," says Barbera. "I would suggest that those who are considering a career in law school know that, with hard work, diligence, and commitment, doors of opportunity will open." ■





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By Michele Wojciechowski

Women, Leadership, and Equality program celebrates 15th anniversary of first class's graduation

WHEN IT COMES to gender equity in the workplace, the profession of law has made progress but still has significant work ahead. Maryland Carey Law is a leader in the fight, dedicated to empowering women to stand up for their seat at the table.

One way is through the Women, Leadership, and Equality (WLE) program, which, since its founding in 2002, has helped students understand obstacles they will encounter in a male-dominated profession, engage in research about those barriers, and gain practical skills to navigate their future legal workplaces.

This year, the first class to complete the program celebrates 15 years since graduating. Many have used what they learned from the program to rise to prominent positions as partners, entrepreneurs and thought leaders. This, in turn, has an impact on the profession as a whole. Women, Leadership, and Equality at Maryland Carey Law remains the only law school program of its kind that is integrated into the curriculum for credit.

When Paula Monopoli, Sol & Carlyn Hubert Professor of Law, created the WLE program, women had been graduating from American law schools in significant numbers since the 1980s yet only 20% of



*Professor Paula Monopoli
Sol & Carlyn Hubert Professor of Law and
Founding Director, Women, Leadership, and Equality Program*

of partners in the nation's major law firms, and less than 15% of general counsels in Fortune 500 companies were women. Women of color were even more sparsely represented in these leadership positions. Driven to understand these disparities as well as provide students with tools to combat them, Monopoli built a strong research component into the curriculum, including seminars in which students read empirical studies that explore gender issues and the law. Participants also write research papers, many of which result in journal publications.

"They're not just learning these skills in a vacuum," says Monopoli. "They're grounded in the existing research. My students will be more effective in arguing for change when they achieve positions of power if they're aware that these ideas are supported by evidence."

Building on this empirical foundation, students also master practical strategies for self-advocating. This reflects the program's commitment to the Maryland Carey Law tradition of integrating theory and practice.

"Women lawyers are terrific when negotiating for clients. They get better outcomes, in many cases, than their male counterparts," adds Monopoli. "What the research demonstrates, though, is that it's more difficult for women to negotiate for themselves—for salary, bonuses, or getting high-profile cases, which is important to your success within a firm. Women are

socialized not to ask and, when they do, they get much more significant pushback for violating gender norms."

A select group of exceptional students hones practical skills as Rose Zetzer Fellows. The fellowship combines leadership experience with a workshop focused on topics including personal negotiation, communication, strategic career planning, business development, fundraising, and organizational behavior and dynamics. Fellows also have the opportunity to meet prominent women lawyers in leadership roles who share their perspectives on the pressures, obstacles, and dilemmas they faced in achieving their positions.

Leah V. Durant '04, owner and principal of the Law Offices of Leah V. Durant, PLLC, was one of the first Zetzer fellows and credits the WLE program with helping her forge her career trajectory.

"When you know the challenges up front, you feel a sense of preparation and confidence that you can handle issues as you face them in your career," says Durant. "I learned how to effectively communicate with my legal supervisors and my colleagues to let them know that I was a team player, but also had boundaries that needed to be respected."

Now a supervisor herself, Durant says the communication skills and work-life strategies she learned continue to be "invaluable."

Faiza Hasan '17, an associate at Latham & Watkins, LLP, agrees. "Two of the most memorable experiences I had as a fellow," says Hasan, "were when we practiced our interviewing skills with a consultant by recording ourselves and then watching the interview, and when we acted out a salary negotiation with another consultant."

About 10% of students participating as Zetzer fellows have been male. "You need men who are as committed to the advancement of women to be successful, as you do women who are committed to advancing," says Monopoli. Zetzer fellow alumni include a significant number of women of color, as well as several transgender and gender nonconforming students. "Diversity of perspectives is very

important," adds Monopoli. "It's essential to rigorous intellectual discourse and scholarship."

Sarah Shepson '19, an attorney with Covington & Burling, LLP, appreciates those perspectives. "The development of the curriculum is collaborative, and fellows have the opportunity to not only explore issues related to the gender binary, but also discuss issues of intersectionality related to race, class, and sexual orientation, to name a few," says Shepson. "The opportunity to analyze difficult issues with a consistent and small

group of people was invaluable to me."

Additionally, students may enroll in WLE externships at women's policy or direct service organizations such as the House of Ruth, the Maryland Women's Law Center, or the National Women's Law Center (NWLC).

Lisa Yonka Stevens '04, a partner at Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin, LLC, benefited from an externship at the NWLC, where she explored first-hand the legal issues surrounding Title IX in



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athletics. Based on that work, Stevens published “The Sport of Numbers: Manipulating Title IX to Rationalize Discrimination Against Women,” in the *Brigham Young University Education and Law Journal*.

Supporting the Women, Leadership, and Equality program is a perfectly aligned partner, the Marjorie Cook Foundation, whose mission, according to Sandra Gohn ’79, one of the foundation’s trustees and a partner at DLA Piper, is “to enhance the equality of



women under the law.” The foundation provided the seed money to set up the program and has worked closely with Monopoli through the years.

The Rose Zetzer fellowship is named after a woman who modeled the WLE program’s values—Rose Zetzer ’25, a longtime friend of Marjorie Cook and the sole trustee of the foundation for decades after Cook’s death. Zetzer and Cook were pioneers, together rallying women to picket for women’s rights. When Zetzer graduated from the

University of Maryland School of Law in 1925, no one would hire her as an attorney, so she hung out a shingle and got to work fighting for gender equality. In 1946 she was the first woman admitted to the Maryland State Bar Association.

Gohn says the program fills a critical education gap. “I believe that many young women in our society are not trained to be forceful advocates for themselves,” she explains. “One of the things that the WLE program does is help these young women understand that it’s not wrong to stand up for yourself, and secondly, it gives them opportunities and connections that they otherwise might not have.”

Not only does the WLE program help women advocate for themselves, it also gives them the tools to be leaders in changing the profession of law as a whole.

Another Zetzer fellow is Laura L. Dunn ’14, founder of SurvJustice and L.L. Dunn Law Firm, PLLC. She says she used leadership skills from the program to found a national nonprofit, become managing counsel of a national law firm, and start her own law practice.

“The legal profession is very challenging to navigate generally, especially for younger lawyers,” says Dunn. “If you are a person of color, a woman, or both, it becomes even harder. Having WLE helps prepare you for the challenging career path ahead, and it emboldens you to climb the leadership ladders so you can impact the legal profession and make it more equitable and diverse.”

And that is exactly what Monopoli envisioned when she built the program.

“We want women to stay in the profession long enough to get into leadership and power positions. Then when they are in these positions, they can work to change the structure,” she says. “We’re working on parallel tracks. The program gives students the ability to thrive professionally as individuals, with an eye toward equipping them to make the big systemic changes we need in the legal profession.” ■

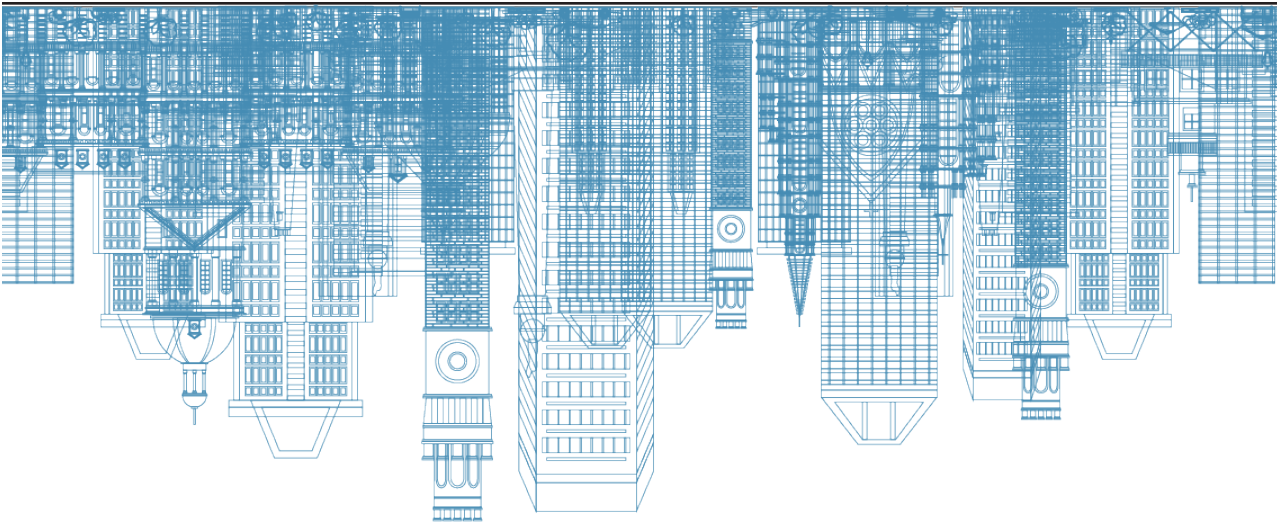
Research & Scholarship

When Professor Monopoli established the Women, Leadership, and Equality Program, one of her primary goals was to support research and scholarship in the area of gender and the law.

Since its inception, the program has produced more than 40 scholarly papers, downloaded over 20,000 times by scholars, judges and practitioners from around the world. Publications include:

- “The Shortcomings of Title VII for the Black Female Plaintiff” by Yvette Pappoe ’17 in the *University of Pennsylvania Law School Journal of Law and Social Change*.
- “Gender Bias in the Courtroom: Challenges Confronting Women Litigators and Trial Attorneys” by Connie Lee ’15 in the *Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender*.
- “Addressing Sexual Violence in Higher Education: Ensuring Compliance with the Clery Act, Title IX and VAWA” by Laura Dunn ’14 in the *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*.
- “Narrowing the Gender Pay Gap by Providing Equal Opportunities: The Need for Tenured Female Professors in Higher Stem Institutions” by Claire Rollor ’13 in the *UCLA Women’s Law Journal*.
- “Gender and Constitutional Design” in the *Yale Law Journal* and “Marriage, Property and [In] Equality” in the *Yale Law Journal Online* by Paula Monopoli.

In addition, Professor Monopoli’s new book *Constitutional Orphan: Gender Equality and the Nineteenth Amendment* from Oxford University Press will be published in 2020. The work explores women’s suffrage and the legal development of the Nineteenth Amendment in the decade after its ratification.



REBUILD OVERCOME & RISE

CENTER HELPS CRIME
VICTIMS BECOME
SURVIVORS

By Laura Lee

A SINGLE MOTHER LIVING IN WEST Baltimore loses her oldest son to gun violence. She heard the gunfire that killed him, because it happened less than a block away from her home, and now she suffers from PTSD. It has been hard getting out of bed, and her job is on the line. Her landlord's threatening eviction because she's late paying rent. Plus, her younger children are acting out because their brother was killed.

This is a picture that attorney Lydia Watts, executive director of the new Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center, paints of a client who could make use of the center's wraparound services for crime survivors.

There's the actual crime, and there's the aftermath, which Watts describes as a "tsunami" of legal, social, medical, and mental health issues that can overwhelm a victim who has nowhere to turn.

The ROAR Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is meant to be a haven for folks experiencing that tsunami—a "one-stop shop" where victims of crime can access a full range of services.

Funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the ROAR Center opened in January 2019 with a mission to "engage with individuals and communities in Baltimore City affected by crime by providing holistic, client-driven services to survivors of crime and supporting efforts to reform systemic responses to crime."

Administered by Maryland Carey Law, the ROAR Center is a collaborative project established to build on the vast expertise and community connections of UMB's six professional schools—law, nursing, social work, dentistry, pharmacy, and medicine—to provide services to the broader UMB community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Maryland Carey Law Dean Donald B. Tobin says the idea behind the ROAR Center is to provide holistic services to survivors traumatized by crime. "We have a long history of working with the community, but after Baltimore's unrest, we redoubled our efforts to explore ways we can make a difference to people in the community," Tobin says.

The staff, which includes attorneys, a paralegal, social workers, and a nurse, represents UMB's commitment to interprofessional services and community outreach.



Lydia Watts, executive director of ROAR

"There are lots of ways in which victims of crime are not served by the existing systems," Tobin notes. "You might need help with your housing. You might need help finding medical benefits because you're injured and you don't know where to turn. You might need counseling and support."

According to Watts, research shows that vulnerable populations are at the highest risk for victimization. This includes immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, people living in poverty, sex workers, and other marginalized communities. "All of those populations are at greater risk of being victimized and are also less likely to call police," Watts says.

ROAR clients do not need to have reported the crime to the police to receive help. The center's services are free and have no income restrictions. The only criteria, Watts says, is that there is a history of being a victim of crime. "Even if the crime happened some time ago, we can still help you," she says. "The impact of the crime can last for years."

Located on the third floor at 520 W. Fayette St., the ROAR Center offers a welcome respite from the busy street below. For adults, there's a comfortable sofa, a bookshelf stacked with reading material, and a coffee station. For kids, there's a toy box filled with stuffed animals, games, and markers.

The small comforts of home create a space where clients, whom the ROAR Center team refers to as "survivors," can feel safe to discuss their cases and make use of the diverse array of services designed to help them regain their footing after a traumatic event.

Justina Prince appreciates these small comforts. Two years ago in Baltimore, she was raped by an acquaintance and left with deep emotional scars. "After being assaulted, I closed myself off," she says. "I lived in my bathroom for months, barely leaving, having to call people to bring me food and water."

Prince was ROAR's first client when the center opened in January 2019. "When I reported before ROAR existed, I felt like a victim. Now that I have ROAR, I feel like a survivor. I know that somebody's advocating for me," she says, her voice filled with emotion.

The ROAR Center is there to "fill the gap" of needs not addressed by the justice system, Watts says. "It's really the best approach in terms of being able to help a survivor rebuild, overcome, and rise—to go from a place where life is in chaos to functioning again."

The three staff attorneys help deal with the legal needs of clients impacted by crime, including victims' rights during investigation and prosecution, housing, employment and education accommodations, public benefits, protection and peace orders, and applying for and appealing denials of criminal injury compensation.

However, the need for survivor assistance doesn't end with legal issues. The ripple

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- Lydia Watts

effects of crime often have a negative impact on survivors' mental and emotional health. Social worker Monifa Jeffrey-Riggins provides one-on-one talk therapy to ROAR clients seeking to move beyond their trauma.

"We create a space for people to have an opportunity to process their thoughts and their feelings around the traumatic experience they survived," she says.



Social worker Laurel Smith-Raut serves as client case manager. The 2007 graduate of the School of Social Work says she loves helping survivors wade through the complex benefits system to help them work toward a positive vision for the future.

Prince is grateful for the assistance. "It's a huge, scary thing for somebody who's in the middle of dealing with trauma to navigate a bureaucratic system," she says. "For somebody to say, 'You don't have insurance? Let me deal with that,' is a huge weight lifted."

"ROAR is something unique that the community needed," adds Dana Blech, a 2018 graduate of Maryland Carey Law who is a legal fellow at the center. She says she enjoys stepping outside of the law school and connecting with clients "who right now, in this moment, need my help."

She's invigorated by her co-workers, who she says are an "amazing team of can-do problem solvers." Adds Blech, "Most places will say, 'We don't do that, we do this.' I feel like we're one of the few places that says, 'No, we do everything. We'll figure it out.'"

Prince is thankful for the help provided by ROAR: the counseling, the legal support, the case management, and the shoulder to cry on. "We're all in it together," she says. "ROAR isn't about getting convictions—yes, there are lawyers who are fighting for that—but ROAR is about the support system around the victim so [they] can become a survivor no matter what they decide in court." ■

CONNECT WITH ROAR

Our staff of attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and nurses are here to help you with many issues related to the crime you survived. You are not alone!

Call us at 410-706-2781 to get started. Call anytime. Your call will be returned on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

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EXPERIENCE



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ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

Supported by coaches, faculty, and alumni along the way, students put their advocacy skills to work during the 2018-2019 competition season. Here, we highlight some of their successes over the past year.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Team



**First Place in Mediation Advocacy,
First Place Advocate's Choice Award,
Second Place in Negotiation at the
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
(FINRA) Securities Dispute Resolution
Triathlon**

October 13-14, 2018

Pictured (from left to right): Ji Young Chung '20, Behnam Parvinian '18, Vishal Hemnani '20



Regional Champions at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition

February 23-24, 2019

Pictured (from left to right):

Megan Sunderland '20, Virginia Giannini '19, Nicholas Vogt '19, Collin Wojciechowski '18



First Place in the Overall Mediator Team Category at the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR) Mediation Tournament

January 31, 2019–February 3, 2019

Pictured: Rebecca Lineberry '19, placed first in the overall mediator category

Moot Court



Region III Champions of the National Moot Court Competition

November 17, 2018

Pictured (from left to right):

Daniel Moore '19, Sarah Samaha '19, Rasheena Gordon '19

National Trial Team

Semi-finalists at UC Davis' Martin Luther King, Jr. National Civil Rights Trial Competition
October 12-14, 2018

Semi-finalists at Georgetown University's White Collar Crime Competition
November 2-4, 2018

Semi-finalists at the Texas Young Lawyers Association's National Trial Competition Regionals (Region 4)
February 8-10, 2019

Transactional Law Competition

Third Place and "Best Draft" Award at the Transactional Law Competition
March 23, 2019

Thurgood Marshall National Trial Team

Fourth Place, National Black Law Students Association's Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention Mock Trial Competition
February 6-10, 2019

International Moot Court

Quarter-finalists at the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
February 14-17, 2019

CLINIC SUCCESSES

Each year, student attorneys in the Clinical Law Program log thousands of hours representing their clients in a variety of matters and advocating on behalf of the citizens of Maryland. Among many other successes, we celebrate the following clinic accomplishments from the 2018-2019 academic year:



Immigration Clinic

Won asylum for two families from Central America and assisted a green card holder with mental health issues to apply for citizenship.

Gender Violence Clinic

Represented six women in parole proceedings and three women in requests for presidential commutations of sentence.

Public Health Law Clinic

Advocated in front of the Maryland General Assembly for a bill raising the age of access to tobacco products to 21; the bill passed and was signed by the governor.

Environmental Law Clinic

Produced a toolkit for the NAACP's environmental and climate justice program on financial tools in climate change adaptation, in partnership with the Small Business and Community Equity Development Clinic.

Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

Helped five transgender clients petition for legal name changes and decrees of legal gender identity.

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Helped a disabled client settle her \$30,000 tax bill for \$1,440 so she could qualify for a loan to make her home handicapped-accessible.

Mediation Clinic

Supported peer mediation programs in four Baltimore City public schools and helped pass Maryland House Bill 725 supporting restorative approaches to positive school climate.



GAINING MOMENTUM

Levitas Initiative pilots sexual assault prevention curriculum in Baltimore City middle school

IN ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, THE ERIN LEVITAS Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention at Maryland Carey Law began fulfilling its promise to do the unfinished work of the program's namesake who prematurely lost her life to cancer.

Established in 2018, thanks to funding from the Erin Levitas Foundation, the Levitas Initiative unites Maryland Carey Law's Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) and Gender Violence Clinic in an effort to build a program through which law students work with middle school students on sexual harassment and assault prevention.

Already, the initiative is making remarkable progress.

With two semesters representing clients in the Gender Violence Clinic under their belts, 3Ls Chelsea Anna VanOrden '19 and Jenna Brooke Balaban '19, along with Emma Duncan '20 (who continues Levitas Initiative work this year) and Tim VanCisin '19 from the Mediation Clinic, were instrumental in positively impacting the lives of children in one of Baltimore's neediest school communities.

Guided by the Initiative's director C. Quince Hopkins '89 and C-DRUM's Schools Conflict Resolution Education Program director Barbara Grochal, who bring extensive experience in sexual violence prevention and restorative practices, respectively, VanOrden and Balaban helped develop a new curriculum for sexual assault prevention education with an emphasis on restorative justice. The duo then led Levitas

Initiative peers Duncan and VanCisin in piloting the program with inner-city seventh-graders.

"Working with Levitas gave me a lot of hope for the future of law and what it means to be a lawyer," says VanOrden. "So often we only think about lawyers as being reactive and fighting for someone in court, but with Levitas we have the opportunity to think about the future and how we can teach law, truly working to prevent sexual violence rather than respond to it after it has already happened."

VanOrden and Balaban spent hundreds of hours researching, writing and practicing before implementing the evidence-based curriculum. The result was an effective model in which Maryland Carey Law students facilitated restorative dialogue circles where the youths could speak freely and feel safe. Discussions were designed to help the middle-schoolers identify, question, and reject the destructive ideas that give rise to sexual violence. Comments from circle participants provided evidence that the engaging curriculum gave them critical new ways of understanding sexual harassment behavior.

VanOrden and Balaban presented on this work at the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Annual Meeting. They were awarded the Anne

Gallagher Clinical Prize for Service to Children and Youth at the 2019 Maryland Carey Law Graduation Recognition Ceremony. ■



*C. Quince Hopkins '89,
director of the Levitas Initiative*



*Dean Donald Tobin, Chelsea VanOrden '19,
Jenna Balaban '19, and Prof. Michael Piffard*

NEW LEADERSHIP INVIGORATES CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

Prominent public defender to guide students representing indigent clients in Baltimore City District and Circuit courts

AT MARYLAND Carey Law, training lawyers to understand their role in serving others is a priority. That is why the unique Cardin Requirement mandates that students provide legal services to clients who can't afford representation or otherwise lack access to justice.

This year, students will have a new opportunity to fulfill the Cardin Requirement through criminal defense work. Joining the faculty is well-known D.C. public defender Maneka Sinha who will head up Maryland Carey Law's Criminal Defense Clinic.

Students, like Bradley Beard '20, are eager to participate in the clinic. "Upon graduation I will enter the Navy JAG Corps where I will be assigned during my first tour as either a defense or prosecution attorney," says Beard. "The Criminal Defense Clinic presents an amazing opportunity to improve litigation skills and gain experience interacting with real-life clients."

Straight from the renowned D.C. Public Defender Service where she represented clients in high-profile homicide and sex crime cases, and managed the forensic science program, Sinha is an ideal person

to train the next generation of litigators. And Maryland Carey Law is just the place to do it, she says, because of its "focus on public interest work and giving back to the local community." A community in which, Sinha adds, "the injustices and disparate impact and disparate targeting of the criminal legal system are ... especially palpable."

Michael Pinard, professor and co-director of the Clinical Law Program, agrees. "The unfortunate reality is that the criminal legal system plays an outsized role in many Baltimore neighborhoods. The Criminal Defense Clinic will provide our students with rich experiences learning about these issues and representing clients from Baltimore whose liberty interests are at stake.

While some clinics are a semester, the Criminal Defense Clinic is a yearlong commitment, enabling students to combine theory and practice through foundational classroom work and a deep dive into the process of representing real clients. The clinic provides "an introduction and historical background on how we got to ... the system of mass incarceration that is unlike any other place in the world," says Sinha. "We're going all the way back to the legacy of slavery and then blending that with modern courtroom practice." Preparation also includes mock exercises



Prof. Maneka Sinha

and simulations covering client interviewing, investigation, defense theory development, negotiations, motions practice, and basic trial skills.

"Students will not practice 'trial by fire,'" emphasizes Sinha, referring to the intense prep work they will do before actually representing clients, "because a person's serious life consequences are on the line. Students will not set foot in court before they know what they're doing."

Once they do, student-attorneys, acting under Rule 19 status allowing them to practice law in Maryland, will represent clients charged with misdemeanor crimes through every phase of their cases. From the early stages just after an arrest through discovery, investigation and motions, negotiations with prosecutors and, for some, at trial in Baltimore City District and Circuit courts.

After a decade as a public defender, Sinha is thrilled to teach in order to increase her impact on a system she argues is deeply flawed.

"I am super-excited to be building a community of student lawyers," she says, "who will go into Baltimore courts and attack the injustices of our criminal legal system head-on." ■

**MORGAN'S LEADERSHIP
IN CIVIL RIGHTS: 1947-1963**

1947-52 *Annapolis and Ford's Theatre*

This exhibit panel features a large central photograph of a dense crowd of people, likely at a protest or rally. To the left, there is a small portrait of a man and a column of text. Below the main photo, there are several smaller images and text boxes, including one with the heading "FORD'S THEATRE" and another with "SEPARATION OF RACES".

**MORGAN'S LEADERSHIP
IN CIVIL RIGHTS: 1947-1963**

1953-59 *Sit-ins at Read's and Grundel*

This exhibit panel includes newspaper clippings and photographs. A prominent headline reads "Sit-Down Wins" from the "Baltimore Afro-American". Other photos show individuals sitting at tables during a sit-in. Text on the panel includes "23 Baltimore youngsters open lunch counters to all patrons" and "Baltimore Afro-American".

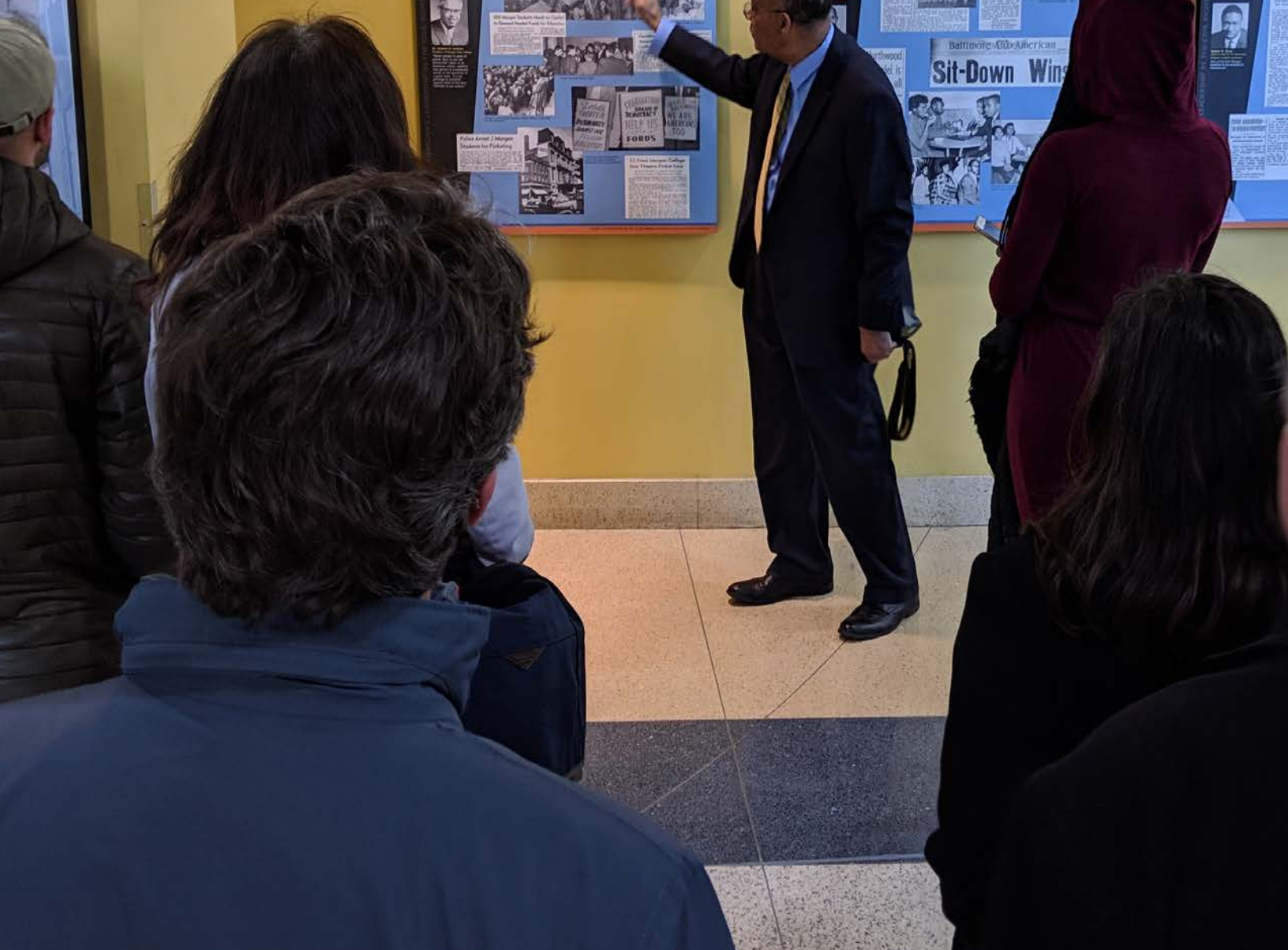
**MORGAN'S LEADERSHIP
IN CIVIL RIGHTS: 1947-1963**

1960 *March on Washington*

This exhibit panel features a portrait of a man and a column of text, likely detailing the March on Washington. The text is partially obscured by the people in the foreground.

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LARRY GIBSON'S LEGENDARY CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR OF BALTIMORE

STUDENTS IN PROFESSOR Larry Gibson's seminar, *Race and the Law: The Maryland Experience*, spend the semester researching and discussing specific cases that impacted equal opportunity in education, employment, criminal justice, and political participation in Baltimore and beyond. On a sunny morning in February, the students boarded a coach bus outside the law school to embark on a journey that would bolster their in-class experience: Professor Gibson's annual civil rights tour of Baltimore.

Professor Gibson, armed with a wealth of knowledge from his distinguished career of promoting civil rights and justice, takes his students around the city to visit the locations their assigned cases took place. The tour gives students a deeper understanding of what they learn in class and of the history of the community.

"Professor Gibson is an amazing guide, in part because he has an encyclopedic knowledge of seemingly every single block in Baltimore City and its relation to civil rights issues," Galen Rende '20 says. "However, he also lived through and was personally involved in many of the legal and historical issues covered in the class and on the tour, which makes for an incredibly powerful experience."

The tour crisscrossed the city from the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus to Morgan State University, stopping along the way at key landmarks and institutions

at the center of these cases. In between stops, Gibson explained the historical context surrounding each case and offered a detailed narrative of the social and political climate that existed at the time.

Although the cases the students would be researching were argued between 1898 and 1955, Gibson seamlessly tied the outcomes of those cases to current racial justice issues in Baltimore. In one instance, he noted that a 1918 housing segregation case in the Upton neighborhood involved a property just blocks from where Freddie Gray was picked up by police in 2015.

The tour concluded at the Pratt Library where Gibson took the students to the African American and Maryland departments. Here, he showed them the vertical files full of newspaper clippings, photographs, and other historical documents that would help them research their cases and understand the people and places impacted by the court's decisions.

The experiential learning opportunity was highly regarded by students. "Professor Gibson forces you to go beyond Westlaw and the law library; he challenges his students to immerse themselves in the cases and get to know Baltimore in a more intimate way," Taylor Nichols '20 reflects. "[He] ensured we walked away from that tour and each class with new information; he's truly a vessel of knowledge that Maryland Carey Law is immensely fortunate to have."

Learn more about the cases on the next page . . .

Penn Station
1500 North Charles Street

STATE V. JENKINS

James Jenkins was indicted for refusing to occupy the seat assigned to him by the conductor on a Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway train car. Jenkins objected to the indictment, arguing that he was being denied equal protection of the law, and his objection was sustained by the lower court. The state appealed and the indictment was subsequently reversed.

1914

633 Baker Street

STATE V. JACKSON

Baltimore City passed an ordinance in 1913 that forbade a member of one race from occupying a house in a block where members of another race were the only residents. The Supreme Court deemed a similar ordinance in Louisville, Kentucky to be unconstitutional in 1917, setting the precedent for the Baltimore ordinance to be ruled unconstitutional.

1918

Morgan State University
1700 E Cold Spring Lane

DIGGS V. MORGAN COLLEGE

When the all-white community surrounding the new Morgan College property found out about the land's intended use as a campus for African Americans, they began an unsuccessful campaign to revoke the sale. Soon after, the school moved to the new location and began construction of Carnegie Hall, now the oldest building on the Morgan State University campus.

1918

2227 Barclay Street

MEADE V. DENNISTONE

When Edmond D. Meade, a young African American pastor, contracted to purchase a home on an almost entirely white block, a group of neighbors filed suit to prevent the family from occupying the premises. The white neighbors prevailed and Meade was unable to complete the purchase, and the home owner was prevented from selling or leasing the property to anyone of African descent in perpetuity.

1926

Maryland Institute College of Art
1300 Mount Royal Avenue

CLARK V. MD INSTITUTE

NORRIS V. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

The two cases focused on the refusal to admit African American students to Maryland Institute College of Art, with the school's standing as a private institution as an argument for not having to admit students of color.

1898

1948

Residential Security Map 1937

The Home Owners' Loan Corporation (HOLC) created this map of Baltimore City, grading neighborhoods to indicate mortgage lending risk. Neighborhoods in red, which were typically populated with minority occupants, were considered high risk or "hazardous," hence the term "redlining." People living in redlined neighborhoods were denied access to loans, insurance, and other services, with devastating consequences that persist to this day.

Pratt Library
400 Cathedral Street

KERR V. ENOCH PRATT LIBRARY

In 1943, the Enoch Pratt Free Library denied Louise Kerr, an African American woman, admission to its library training class. Kerr sued on the grounds that denying her entry to the program violated her Fourteenth Amendment right for equal protection of the laws. The District Court ruled in favor of the Library and Board; Kerr was successful in her appeal to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

1945

Tennis Courts
900 Druid Park Lake Drive

WINKLER V. STATE BOYER V. GARRETT

On July 11, 1948, several black and white members of The Young Progressives of Maryland were arrested and subsequently prosecuted for playing interracial tennis matches in Druid Hill Park, an act that defied the Board of Recreation and Parks' segregation policy.

1949

1950

University of Maryland, Baltimore
620 W Lexington Street

MCCREADY V. BYRD ET AL.

The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled that the University of Maryland, School of Nursing unconstitutionally denied Esther McCready admission solely because she was African American. McCready won the case and began class on September 5, 1950.

1950

Swimming Pools
900 Druid Park Lake Drive

LONESOME V. MAXWELL DAWSON V. MAYOR

These cases dealt with the application of *Brown v. Board of Education* beyond schools to recreational facilities such as public beaches, bathhouses, and swimming pools.

1954

1955

SCHOLARSHIP



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Perspectives

- Sherri Keene
- Robert Percival

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Maryland Carey Law's faculty has a well-deserved reputation for producing outstanding legal scholarship, as evidenced by the rich array of books, articles, and conference presentations its members complete each year. These entries represent only a sampling of the diverse scholarly work of our academic community.

Taunya Banks was a panelist at the Author-Meets-Reader Colloquy of Professor Tanya Hernandez's new book, *Multiracials and Civil Rights*, at the Fourth People of Color Conference, hosted by American University Washington College of Law on March 22, 2019.

Patty Campbell presented at the "China IP Road Show: Strategies for IP Protection in China," program series hosted at Maryland Carey Law on November 1, 2018, in collaboration with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Commercial Service, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Karen Czapanskiy published "Preschool and Lead Exposed Kids: The IDEA Just Isn't Good Enough" in the *Touro Law Review* (2019).

Peter Danchin presented on the panel, "South African Constitutionalism in Comparative Perspective," at the Conference to Honor the South African Constitutional Scholar, Professor Heinz Klug at New York Law School, on June 4, 2019.

Leigh Goodmark published *Decriminalizing Domestic Violence: A Balanced Policy Approach to Intimate Partner Violence*, in October 2018 (University of California Press). The book provides a policy approach to intimate partner violence that relies less on the criminal legal system and more on economics, public health, and community.

Mark Graber published *Constitutional Democracy in Crisis* with Sanford Levinson and Mark Tushnet in September 2018 (Oxford University Press).

David Gray presented "Collective Rights and the Fourth Amendment after Carpenter" at Duke Law on April 6, 2019.

Michael Greenberger published "Better Prepare Than React: Reordering Public Health Priorities 100 Years After the Spanish Flu Epidemic," in the *Journal of American Public Health* (2018).

Diane Hoffmann was a panelist at the University of Maryland, Baltimore's interdisciplinary forum on the impact of chronic pain on June 19, 2019.



Abstract

The Costs of Creating Environmental Markets: A Commodification Primer
by Michael Pappas and Victor B. Flatt
(University of Houston Law Center) in
UC Irvine Law Review (2019)

Markets offer a potent tool for managing resources and values, even ones that have not traditionally been commodified. In the environmental context there is particular debate about market-based governance, in terms of both appropriateness and effectiveness. This article offers a broadly applicable framework for considering the emergence, appropriateness, and design

of market tools in environmental governance, and it demonstrates how the model is applicable well beyond that context. This framework offers a powerful diagnostic for programs to manage resources ranging from greenhouse gas emissions to Chesapeake Bay pollution, as well as from human organs to Uber regulation.

The article provides a descriptive economic account that can help ground moral intuitions and objections about markets and commodification. As a result, it gives fresh insight into why existing laws and policies are as they are, and it bridges moral and economic arguments, providing a common point of departure for future engagement in these debates.

Kathleen Hoke presented “Maryland’s Medical Cannabis Program: A Patient’s Perspective and New Changes” at the Network for Public Health Law—Eastern Region and the Maryland Commission of Civil Rights conference: “A New Frontier: The Evolving Legal & Policy Landscape of Medical Cannabis in Maryland” on May 21, 2019.

Seema Kakade presented at the Emory University School of Law’s Future of Environmental Law Symposium, “Environmental Law Clinics: The Secret to Saving Our Environment” on January 18, 2019.

Lee Kovarsky published “Citizenship, National Security Detention, and the Habeas Remedy,” in the *California Law Review* (2019).

William Moon published “Regulating Offshore Finance” in the *Vanderbilt Law Review* (2019).



Abstract

A Rule of Persons, Not Machines: The Limits of Legal Automation by Professor Frank Pasquale in the *George Washington Law Review* (2019)

For many legal futurists, attorneys’ work is a prime target for automation. They view the legal practice of most businesses as algorithmic: data (such as facts) are transformed into outputs (agreements or litigation stances) via application of set rules (the law). These technophiles promote substituting computer code for contracts and descriptions of facts now written by humans. Legal automation, however, can also elide or exclude important human

values, necessary improvisations, and irreducibly deliberative governance. Due process depends on narratively intelligible communication from persons and for persons that are not reducible to software.

Language is constitutive of these aspects of law. To preserve accountability and a humane legal order, these reasons must be expressed in language by a responsible person. This basic requirement for legitimacy limits legal automation in several contexts, including corporate compliance, property recordation, and contracting. A robust and ethical legal profession respects the flexibility and subtlety of legal language as a prerequisite for a just and accountable social order. It ensures a rule of persons, not machines.

Michael Pinard was a panelist and moderator for “The Widening Reach of the Criminal Justice System and the Impact on Communities of Color,” at the 4th National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, at American University Washington College of Law on March 22, 2019.

Natalie Ram presented “Ethical Considerations in Big Data in Medicine: The Problem of De-Identification,” at the National Academy of Medicine’s 2019 Emerging Leaders Forum on July 17, 2019.

Rena Steinzor was a panelist for “Congress and the Administrative State: Delegation, Nondelegation, and Un-Delegation,” hosted by George Mason Antonin Scalia Law School’s C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State on February 22, 2019.

Maureen Sweeney published “Enforcing / Protection: The Danger of Chevron in Refugee Act Cases” in the *Administrative Law Review* (2019).

Marley Weiss presented “The Intersection of Equal Employment and Immigration Law,” at the National Conference on Equal Employment Opportunity Law, sponsored by the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law, Equal Employment Opportunity Committee on April 5, 2019.



Abstract

What Works in Custody Mediation? Effectiveness of Various Mediator Behaviors

by Professor Deborah Eisenberg, Dr. Lorig Charkoudian and Dr. Jamie Walter in *Family Court Review* (2018)

Studies have shown that court-based mediation has many benefits for litigants and the judiciary, including time and cost savings, high satisfaction rates, and more durable settlement agreements. Less is known about the actual strategies that mediators use to promote positive outcomes. Professor Deborah Eisenberg, with co-authors Dr. Lorig Charkoudian and Dr. Jamie Walter, published a peer

reviewed article examining “what works” in mediation in the child custody mediation court context. This study is the first conducted in a custody context to measure the impact of observed mediator behaviors on changes in party attitudes, the probability and content of agreements, and process experiences, regardless of whether the parties reach agreement.

The article resulted from a groundbreaking study in the Maryland Judiciary that combined real-time behavior observation and coding of mediation sessions with pre- and post-mediation questionnaires. Using regression analysis, the study isolated the immediate and long-term impact of various strategies used by the mediator on party attitudes and case outcomes.

PERSPECTIVE:

USING LEGAL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS TO TEACH DOCTRINE

By Sherri Lee Keene



*Maryland Carey Law School Professor Sherri Lee Keene will be contributing a chapter to the edited volume *Lawyering Skills in the Doctrinal Classroom: Using Legal Pedagogy to Enhance Teaching Across the Law School Curriculum* to be published by Carolina Academic Press (forthcoming 2020). Keene is drafting a chapter tentatively titled "The Benefits and Challenges of Incorporating Legal Writing Assignments into a Doctrinal Course." In writing this chapter, Keene is drawing upon her experience teaching integrated legal writing and doctrinal courses at Maryland Carey Law.*

DO YOU STILL remember the law for a legal writing assignment that you wrote in law school? The odds are that you do. Work on writing assignments engages writers and facilitates their deep thinking on the underlying subject matter. As law students work to solve legal problems, they must grapple with the law and its meaning.

Legal writing assignments involving hypothetical legal problems, a staple of legal writing courses, offer broader benefits to other law school courses as well. Legal writing furthers a professional purpose, but the writing process itself also has many benefits for the writer. Scholars have long appreciated that writing promotes critical thinking and learning. Legal scholars have explored the benefits of writing across the curriculum in the specific context of legal education. Moreover, the benefits of using legal writing to teach doctrine have been seen in practice at Maryland Carey Law.

Work on legal writing assignments presents a welcome challenge as it requires students to assume the attorney role and bring together knowledge of doctrine, practice, and the profession to complete writing tasks. Integrated teaching methods align with recommendations about how best to prepare law students for the varied demands of the legal profession. They are also consistent with relatively new ABA standards that require law schools to offer and students to complete six credit hours of experiential coursework that can include simulated courses integrating doctrine, theory, skills, and ethics.

When writing assignments are linked to doctrinal coursework, students are given meaningful opportunities to focus on the law they are learning in the classroom. Legal writing requires extended study and

deep thinking about specific legal issues. Legal writing assignments also present students with valuable opportunities to test their understanding and receive feedback on their analysis while learning the law. Feedback on assignments can help students identify what they do and do not understand so that they can adjust their thinking. Providing opportunities in the curriculum for students to check their progress and receive feedback is also consistent with current ABA standards.

As legal writing is both an important skill needed for legal practice and a tool for learning about the law, there has been increased interest in recent years in providing more writing opportunities for law students. Professors who teach legal writing have long used writing assignments in their classrooms and can offer insight about how to use writing assignments effectively to facilitate student learning.

As law schools consider increasing writing opportunities, however, it is important to consider the unique goals and challenges for professors seeking to use writing assignments in doctrinal classes. For example, when incorporating writing assignments, professors teaching doctrinal classes must strike a balance between the competing goals of covering a broad scope of content and delving into discrete topics in more depth. There are also challenges to providing feedback on writing assignments to large classes, and expectations for feedback should differ as the primary goal is to promote students' understanding of the law rather than improve technical writing skills. Overall, though, the benefits of more comprehensive student learning outweigh the challenges. By sharing our collective knowledge, more law professors can realize the benefits of using legal writing assignments in the classroom to engage students and promote their understanding of the law. ■

PERSPECTIVE:

TRANSNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY

By Robert V. Percival

THE NATIONS OF THE world have long recognized that countries and companies that cause environmental harm outside their borders should be held legally accountable. But this has proved to be an elusive goal. At both the 1972 and 1992 UN Conferences on Environment and Development the nations of the world pledged to develop “international law regarding liability and compensation” for victims of transboundary environmental harm, but this promise has not been achieved.

Developing countries also have struggled to develop their own effective legal remedies for harm caused to their environments by foreign extractive industries. For more than a quarter century a legal battle has been waged over oil pollution in Ecuador allegedly caused by a U.S. company during the 1970s. In 2011 a court in Ecuador held the company liable for \$9 billion in damages and cleanup costs, a decision subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court of Ecuador. But the plaintiffs have not been able to enforce the judgment in any country where the company has assets. Courts in Canada, Brazil and Argentina have held that Chevron’s subsidiaries in their countries are not liable to satisfy debts of their U.S. parent corporation. Claiming fraud, the oil company (Chevron) obtained a RICO judgment against the plaintiffs’ lawyers in the U.S. barring enforcement action in the company’s home country. But Chevron’s narrative that the litigation was a fraudulent shakedown from the start is contradicted by the fact that the plaintiffs initially filed their case in New York in 1993 and it was transferred to Ecuador in 2002 only at the urging of the oil company.

Today, massive investment projects associated with China’s “Belt and Road” initiative have saddled some of the world’s



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poorest countries with monumental debt obligations and exacerbated transnational conflict. Although the Chinese government has pledged to promote a “green Belt and Road,” Chinese companies operating in the developing world often do not understand or simply disregard local environmental laws and regulations, as the law school’s Transnational Environmental Accountability (TEA) Project has found. Working with the TEA Project and Friends of Nature China, Lecturer in Law Zhang Jingjing, an award-winning environmental lawyer, took Maryland students on a field trip to Guinea in June 2019 to monitor the impact on local villagers of a Chinese company’s bauxite mine. One of the poorest countries in the world, Guinea has one third of the global bauxite reserves and it is China’s number one bauxite provider.

In July 2018 Professor Zhang appeared in court in Cuenca, Ecuador to support the efforts of the Kañari-Kichwa indigenous communities to stop a Chinese company from mining in Ecuador’s Cajas Nature Reserve. Zhang argued that Chinese law requires companies to abide by both international treaties signed by China and domestic law in the countries in which they operate.

In a historic decision in August 2018 the court in Cuenca agreed and upheld an order halting the company’s mining activities.

In many developing countries bribery is a serious problem undermining enforcement of environmental law. Both the U.S. and China have laws that prohibit companies from bribing officials in foreign countries. China has yet to bring any actions to enforce its laws prohibiting bribery of foreign officials, but, to its credit, the Trump administration is beefing up enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and targeting Chinese companies who may run afoul of it. For now, efforts to promote transnational accountability must rely on efforts to expose environmental harm, increase transparency and enhance respect for the rule of law in the developing and developed world. ■

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COMMENCEMENT 2019



Cheers to the Class of 2019

On May 15, the Maryland Carey Law School Club (MCLSC) officially welcomed the newest graduates to the alumni community with a champagne toast. The Class of 2019 was lauded for its philanthropic leadership through its class gift, chaired by Jaelyn Fonteyne '19 and generously matched by Bryan Saxton '09, founder of Saxton Law, LLC. Graduates who participated in the class giving campaign were recognized as the newest members of the MCLSC.



Bryan Saxton '09 and Jaelyne Fonteyne '19



THROUGHOUT HER REMARKS TO THE 260 JD, LLM, and MSL graduates at Maryland Carey Law's Hooding Ceremony on May 17, Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera '84 emphasized the importance of their unique role in fighting for equal justice for all.

"I ask you today to consider that you are embarking upon a profession that is defined by its inextricable relationship with the rule of law," Judge Barbera offered. "We... understand that our democracy is based on our common agreement that the laws of our land govern each of us equally. That no man or woman is above the law. That no man or woman is the law.

"Simple, powerful words like 'freedom' and 'justice' must connote a reality for each and every one of us today and going forward, not merely as a mirage in the distance or in the hoped for future," she affirmed.

Judge Barbera became interested in the law during an eight-year "life-informing" experience as a teacher at Patapsco Elementary School in Baltimore City. It was there, she says, where she learned that laws are not abstractions, but rules that affect real people.

She attended law school at night while continuing to teach and care for her two young children. Following graduation, Barbera clerked for Judge Robert L. Karacki of the Court of Special Appeals and went on to serve as assistant attorney general in the criminal appeals division. She then worked as a lawyer for the Maryland Attorney Generals and as legal counsel for former Governor Parris Glendening.

She was appointed to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in 2002 and the Court of Appeals in 2008. In 2013, Governor Martin O'Malley '88 named her chief judge, making her the first female chief judge of Maryland's highest court.

"We are honored to have Judge Barbera give our graduation keynote," said Dean Donald Tobin. "I hope our graduates take her message about the important role they play in supporting equal justice for all to heart."

Evening Division President Heather Meadowcroft '19 and Day Division President Eric Michael Manski '19 also took the podium to offer remarks about their graduating class and reflect on their time at the law school.

The Hooding Ceremony was preceded by the University of Maryland, Baltimore Commencement Ceremony on May 16. Sarah Shepson '19 was selected to deliver remarks on behalf of all university graduates, a tremendous honor for both Shepson and Maryland Carey Law. ■



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MPILP Annual Goods & Services Auction

April 12, 2019

Each year, the Maryland Public Interest Law Project (MPILP) auctions a variety of items and services to raise funds to support the placement of law students at public interest agencies over the summer.

2.

APALSA's 10th Annual Spring Reception

March 14, 2019

The theme for the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) reception was "Representation: Seen, Heard, Valued." The Honorable Eric J. Nee '87 and Krish Vignarajah delivered remarks. Ngai Zhang '11 was honored with the Alumni of the Year Award.

3.

44th Annual BLSA Scholarship & Awards Banquet

February 28, 2019

Students, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered at the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Scholarship and Awards Banquet themed, "Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Future." Alicia Wilson '07 delivered the keynote address.

4.

8th Annual Health Law Regulatory & Compliance Competition

February 17, 2019

The Law & Health Care Program and the Student Health Law Organization hosted the annual competition, attended by more than 25 students from nine law schools. The Drexel University Kline School of Law team took top honors.

5.

Scholarship Luncheon

November 15, 2018

Alumni and friends of Maryland Carey Law were invited back to the law school to connect with fellow supporters and students past and present who have been impacted by their generosity. Christine Edwards '83 (pictured) delivered remarks at the luncheon.

6.

LLSA Symposium and IMPACTO Awards

October 26, 2018

At its symposium, "In the Aftermath of Hurricane María: A Year in the Life of Puerto Rico," the Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA) brought together subject-matter experts to discuss the various legal implications of the storm's impact. The IMPACTO Award was presented to The Honorable Maite Oronoz-Rodríguez, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico.

7.

4th Black Law Alumni Reunion & Symposium

September 28, 2018

Every five years, the Black Law Alumni Reunion & Symposium brings together alumni, faculty, and current students for a weekend filled with fond memories and vibrant intellectual discussions. The fourth installment of the event celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Black Law Student Association and honored Professor Larry S. Gibson.

8.

5th Annual Judicial Reception

September 20, 2018

Judges, law clerks, and students joined together for a night of networking at the 5th Annual Judicial Reception. The reception provides a unique opportunity for students and faculty to meet with members of the bench, and helps support Maryland Carey Law's standing at 6th in the nation for percentage of students in clerkships.

9.

Maryland Carey Law School Club Crab Feast

September 8, 2018

Dean Donald B. Tobin and Chair of the Maryland Carey Law School Club (MCLSC) Chuck Tatelbaum '66, invited MCLSC members to join them at the inaugural crab feast to reconnect and celebrate members' commitment to ensuring a legacy of legal excellence each year.

2019 ALUMNI WEEKEND

RECAP

April 11-13, 2019

Alumni gathered for a weekend to reconnect with classmates and engage with the Maryland Carey Law community. The classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014 celebrated their milestone reunion years.

THURSDAY APRIL 11

Maryland Carey Law's Alumni Board hosted "A Celebration of Leadership" to honor five graduates for their commitment to professional excellence and shaping the future of law, business, government, and society.



DISTINGUISHED
GRADUATE AWARD:
Arnold M. Weiner '57
*Partner, Rifkin Weiner
Livingston LLC*



BENJAMIN L.
CARDIN PUBLIC
SERVICE AWARD:
Marc A. Schindler '93
*Executive Director,
Justice Policy Institute*



MARY ELLEN
BARBERA JUDICIAL
EXCELLENCE
AWARD:
**The Hon. Deborah
Sweet Eyles '81**
*Judge (Ret.), Maryland
Court of Special Appeals*



RISING STAR
AWARD:
**Aaron B.
DeGraffenreidt '12**
*Assistant Solicitor,
Baltimore City
Law Department*



STAR AWARD:
Marcus L. Wang '08
*Co-Founder, President
and General Manager,
ZytoGen Global
Genetics Institute*

FRIDAY APRIL 12

The Class of 1969 gathered to celebrate a 50-year legacy as Maryland Carey Law alumni at the Golden Graduates Luncheon. The Honorable Barbara Kerr Howe '69, the Golden Reunion Representative, delivered the remarks for her class. The day continued with several other events, including the Women, Leadership, and Equality Roundtable, the Faculty Panel, and the Dean's Welcome Reception.



SATURDAY APRIL 13

Alumni and their families enjoyed a sunny afternoon of food, games, and face painting in the law school courtyard at the Family-Friendly Picnic.

That evening, after the cocktail and networking reception, alumni who were celebrating a milestone reunion year concluded the weekend with dinner with their classmates.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF VISITORS CHAIR

As I enter my final year as the chair of the Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors, I cannot help but reflect on my nearly 20 years of service as a board member and the growth I have seen in our law school community during that time. When I first joined the board in 2002, thanks to the generous and crucial support from our alumni and friends, the University of Maryland School of Law had just completed construction of its new home at 500 West Baltimore Street. We gathered to celebrate our investment and to usher in this new era. Incoming students admired the state-of-the-art facility, and the Board of Visitors began conducting meetings in the Krongard Board Room.

Fast forward to 2011 when the law school received a transformative \$30 million commitment from the W.P. Carey Foundation and we again came together in celebration of the newly-named University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. With the Carey Foundation's generous support, Maryland Carey Law became well-positioned to remain a top tier legal institution, attracting excellent faculty from around the country and continuing to equip students with the skills

and experiences necessary to succeed in their chosen career paths.

Today, Donald B. Tobin enters his 6th year as dean of Maryland Carey Law. Under his leadership, we continue to attract remarkable students who are in turn becoming leaders in the legal community, locally, nationally and internationally. This is in no small part due to the outstanding alumni network we have grown, and the support you provide. Whether you mentor our students, hire our graduates, attend networking events, or talk to prospective students, your commitment to Maryland Carey Law is what makes us so special. For all that you do, we thank you. If you would like to learn about more opportunities to get involved, I urge you to contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 410-706-2070 or alumni@law.umaryland.edu.

I look forward to remaining an active member of the alumni community for years to come, and hope to see you along the way. ■

Robert J. Kim '83
Chair, Board of Visitors

CLASS ACTION

1950s

The Hon. Lawrence F. Rodowsky '56 received the 2019 H. Vernon Eney Endowment Fund Award from the Maryland Bar Foundation.

Arnold M. Weiner '57 received the 2019 Maryland Carey Law Distinguished Graduate Award.

1960s

Herbert J. Belgrad '61 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Lifetime Achievement honorees and one of the 2019 Best Lawyers in America.

The Hon. John T. Clark, III '69 received the Alumni Association Award from Centreville High School in Centreville, Md.

David Cordish '63 was named one of the 2018 Icon Honors Award winners by *The Daily Record*.

Mark D. Dopkin '67 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

Howard B. Miller '62 was named one of the 2018 Icon Honors Award winners by *The Daily Record*.

1970s

The Hon. Sally D. Adkins '75 retired from the Maryland Court of Appeals in October 2018.

Steven Bers '78 was recognized as a Benchmark Labor & Employment Star.

The Hon. William O. Carr '73 joined the Harford Land Trust Board.

The Hon. Andre Davis '78 was named one of the 2018 Icon Honors Award winners by *The Daily Record*.

Donald DeVries, Jr. '73 was recognized as one of the 2019 Influential Marylanders by *The Daily Record*.

Emerson L. Dorsey, Jr. '79 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

Alan M. Grochal '77 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

The Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr. '70 joined the University of Maryland Medical System's Board of Directors.

John B. Isbister '77 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

Harry Johnson '79 was named a Local Litigation Star in Maryland by Benchmark Litigation.

Robert Manekin '73 was honored by Maryland Legal Aid's Equal Justice Council as a Champion of Justice.

M. Natalie McSherry '74 was named one of the 2018 Icon Honors Award winners by *The Daily Record* and was elected chair of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors.

Charles O. Monk III '74 was recognized as one of the 2019 Influential Marylanders by *The Daily Record*.

William C. Sammons '70 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

Richard Schreiberstein '74 joined Offit Kurman Attorneys At Law.

Kenneth Thompson '76 was named one of the 2018 Icon Honors Award winners by *The Daily Record*.

1980s

Dr. Arthur Appleton '84 was appointed to the List of Experts for disputes involving sustainable development under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union.

Kathleen A. Birrane '86 joined the University of Maryland Medical System's Board of Directors and was named in *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women.

Pamela Bresnahan '80 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

William W. Carrier, III '83 was recognized in the 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*.

The Hon. Toni Clarke '86 became the first African American female chair of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division.

Louis Brendan Curran '81 retired from the Maryland Public Defender's Office.

Emmet C. Davitt '88 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Lifetime Achievement honorees.

Christine Edwards '83 was appointed to the BMO Financial Corp.'s Board of Directors.

The Hon. Deborah S. Eyster '81 retired from the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in September 2018 and received the 2019 Maryland Carey Law

2018 ICON HONORS

The Daily Record named David Cordish '63, The Hon. Andre Davis '78, John B. Frisch '83, M. Natalie McSherry '74, Howard B. Miller '62, and Kenneth Thompson '76 as 2018 Icon Honors Award recipients.



Mary Ellen Barbera '84 Judicial Excellence Award.

Janice M. Flynn '87 was appointed public utility law judge for the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC).

John B. Frisch '83 was inducted into The Baltimore Sun Civic and Business Hall of Fame and was named one of the 2018 Icon Honors Award winners by *The Daily Record*.

Brian Gibbons '87 was recognized as one of the 2019 Influential Marylanders by *The Daily Record*.

Raymond A. Hein '86 won the Maryland Bar Foundation J. Joseph Curran, Jr. Public Service Award.

The Hon. Marcella A. Holland '83 received the Vaino Spencer Leadership Award from the National Association of Women Judges.

Rick Jaklitsch '83 was recognized by *Continental Who's Who* as a Pinnacle Professional Member in the Field of Law.

Debra A. Jung '87 was elected to the Howard County, Md. Council.

Andrew Kidd '89 was named general counsel of Ultra Petroleum.

Elena B. Langan '82 was appointed dean of the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center.

Colette Pete '86 joined PhilaPort as chief counsel.

Alan Rifkin '82 was recognized as one of the 2019 Influential Marylanders by *The Daily Record*.

Linda Schuett '80 was named acting city attorney of Annapolis, Md.

Patrick P. Spicer '80 received the Board of Directors of Middle States Council for the Social Studies' (MSCSS) Daniel Roselle Award.

Henry Talavera '89 was a finalist for *D CEO Magazine's* Outstanding Latino Advocate recognition.

Alicia Wilson '07

was hired to lead a new Office of Economic Development at Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System.



Paul Tiburzi '80 was recognized as one of the 2019 Influential Marylanders by *The Daily Record*.

Elva Tillman '87 received the Retired Pro Bono Volunteer Award from the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.

The Hon. Halee F. Weinstein '89 was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

Robert Jay Weltchek '80 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Kraig B. Long '98 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Thomas M. Messana '90 received the Chief Judge's Pro Bono Award from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Eric Orlinsky '92 received the Hanks Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland State Bar Association's Business Law Section and was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Bryan Perry '96 was selected to serve on the National Association of College and University Attorneys advisory committee for the *Journal of College and University Law*.

Deborah L. Potter '90 was appointed chair of the Peer Review Committee by the Attorney Grievance Commission.

A. Lynne Puckett '94 joined Celanese Corp. as general counsel.

David E. Ralph '94 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Marc A. Schindler '93 received the 2019 Maryland Carey Law Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award.

Stacie E. Tobin '92 was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

Tamika Tremaglio '95 received a 2018 *Washington Business Journal* C-Suite Award.

Eric Tucker '95 joined Offit Kurman Attorneys At Law.

1990s

Zoa D. Barnes '95 was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

Sharonne R. Bonardi '92 was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record* and she was one of the publication's Leadership in Law honorees.

Anna Davis '90 received the Top Leader in Law Award from *The Daily Record*.

Eric DeVito '98 was named general counsel at Greenberg Gibbons.

Patricia Fitzgerald '93 was named deputy state's attorney for Cecil County, Md.

Barry Herman '99 was named managing partner of Womble Bond Dickinson's Baltimore, Md. office.

Tami Howie '97 joined DLA Piper's corporate practice in Washington, D.C. as a partner.

Jane Lewis-Raymond '93 won the Burton Award for legal writing.

CLASS ACTION CONTINUED

2000s

Jennifer M. Alexander '01 joined McNamee Hosea as a principal.

Hirsh Ament '09 was named partner at Venable LLP.

Mojdeh Bahar '00 was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

Anirban Basu '03 was the keynote speaker at Live Downtown Frederick Housing Symposium in Frederick, Md.

James R. Benjamin, Jr. '01 joined Gordon Feinblatt LLC.

Oana Brooks '06 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Benjamin H. Carney '04 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Sarah B. Cole '05 was named shareholder at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

Ty Kelly Cronin '02 became an American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow and was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender of Maryland.

Ellen E. Dew '08 was named to *The Daily Record's* 2018 Leading Women List and was named partner at DLA Piper.

The Hon. Juliet Grace Fisher '00 was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

David Gibber '08 was promoted to senior vice president/general counsel at Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

Jeffrey Grossi '01 joined Sheppard Pratt Health System as chief of government relations.

Christopher Gunderson '03 was named partner at Venable LLP.

James Heinen Jr. '06 was recognized by Missouri Lawyers Media with an Up & Coming Award.

Kris Heiser '07 became the first female state's attorney of Worcester County, Md.

Matthew Jeweler '08 became partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

Christine Jochim '08 became a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

Sarah Keogh '05 was named one of the 2018 Leading Women by *The Daily Record*.

MARYLAND CAREY LAW ALUMNI FIRSTS:



The Hon. Toni Clarke '86 became the first African American female chair of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division.

Kris Heiser '07 was sworn in as Worcester County, Md.'s first female state's attorney.

The Hon. Elizabeth Morris '02 became Anne Arundel County, Md.'s first female African American Circuit Court judge.

Beverly L. Winstead '08 will become the first African American woman and person of color to chair the Tax Division for the Maryland State Bar Association.

Walter R. Kirkman '05 was elected president of the board of directors of The Loading Dock, Inc.

Deepti Kulkarni '08 was elected partner at Sidley Austin.

Sara Alpert Lawson '07 was named counsel in Zuckerman Spaeder's Tampa, Fla. office.

Michelle Mendez '08 was selected as a 2018 Immigration Trailblazer by *National Law Journal* and received the Robert E. Oliphant Award for Outstanding Service to the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA).

The Hon. Elizabeth Morris '02 became the first female African American Circuit Court judge of Anne Arundel County, Md.

Cassie Ansello Murphy '09 became a named partner at Paone, Zaleski & Murphy.

Paolo Pasicolan '06 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

Patrick Phelan '09 was promoted to partner at Covington & Burling LLP.

Jessica Porter '01 was appointed executive director of ArtTable.

Jeremy D. Rachlin '06 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law honorees.

Tiffany Randolph '07 joined Tydings & Rosenberg LLP.

Jeffrey N. Rothleder '02 was named partner at Squire Patton Boggs LLP.

Jeffrey Rowe '05 announced he will seek election as Magisterial District Judge for Lewisburg, Pa.

Rebecca Salsbury '08 was named one of the 2018 Leading Women Honorees by *The Daily Record*.

Jeremy Scholtes '08 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

Joseph M. Selba '09 became a partner at Tydings & Rosenberg.

Maggie Selwood '07 was named partner at Venable LLP.

Indira K. Sharma '06 was named one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Generation JD honorees.

The Hon. Michael Siri '01 was installed as president of the Baltimore County Bar Association.

Michelle Daugherty Siri '02 received the Rita C. Davidson Award from the Women's Bar Association. She was also named among *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women and elected to the Circle of Excellence.

Brian Southard '03 was named a 2019 "Best Lawyer" in Real Estate Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Marcus L. Wang '08 received the 2019 Maryland Carey Law Star Award.

Lindsey White '07 was promoted to partner at Shawe Rosenthal.

Wendy Webb Williams '01 was appointed chief legal officer at Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery.

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Alicia Wilson '07 will lead a new Office of Economic Development at Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System.

2010s

Scott S. Allen, Jr. '10 joined Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP as a senior associate.

Cathrin Banks '10 was named president of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Co.

Kali Book '10 was promoted to partner at Goodell DeVries.

J'Naia L. Boyd '15 joined Rivkin Radler LLP in New York.

James D. Bragdon '10 was named partner at Gallagher Evelius & Jones.

Joseph Brees '18 joined Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC.

Jennifer Cameron '16 joined Hodgson Russ LLP.

Hannah Cole-Chu '17 joined Outten & Golden LLP.

Aaron B. DeGraffenreidt '12 received the 2019 Maryland Carey Law Rising Star Award.

Danielle A. Duszczyszyn, Ph.D. '10 was promoted to partner at Finnegan.

Hillary Evans '14 joined Perdue Farms, Inc. as associate counsel.

Wandaly Fernandez '14 received the Future Leader – Minority Lawyers Award at the 2019 Chambers Diversity and Inclusion Awards and was awarded the Rising Star Award by the Hispanic Bar of Washington, D.C.

Molly Ferraioli '10 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

Ephraim Froehlich '14 served in Alaska Gov. Bill Walker's administration as senior advisor on fish and game and as the deputy director for state and federal relations.

Mindy L. Ehrenfried '10 was promoted to partner at Finnegan.

Emmanuel A. Fishelman '14 was one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Generation JD honorees.

Cara Y. Frieman '10 was named one of the 2018 Leading Women Honorees by *The Daily Record*.

Nancy B. Halstead '11 was promoted to partner at Reed Smith LLP in Washington, D.C.

Angela Hanks '10 became director of the Center for Law and Policy's (CLASP) Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success.

Kathryn Jackson '18 joined Pessin Katz Law.

Natalie Johnson '17 joined Franklin & Prokopik.

Joseph L. Kroart III '14 joined Adelberg Rudow.

Namrata Loomba '12 joined Blank Rome's Washington, D.C. office.

Jessica Marks '10 joined Unified Patents.

Nicole K. McConlogue '10 received the Baltimore Bar Foundation's 2019 Fellows Award.

Holly Mirabella '17 was one of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Generation JD honorees.

Patrick H. Murray '10 was named chief of staff for Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski, Jr.

Maria Nazarova '17 joined Wachtel Missry LLP in New York.

M. Andrea Olsen-Leyden '15 joined Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP as a litigation associate.

Victoria Ortega '14 was appointed to the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law D.C. Chapter's steering committee.

Pauline M. Pelletier '12 became a director at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox.

Ben Smith '15 was named executive director of the Maryland Democratic Party.

Marni Sperling '17 joined Franklin & Prokopik.

Joseph Sweeny '16 had a case note published in *The Defense Research Institute's* August 2018 magazine.

Anais Taboas '12 joined the Legal Services Corporation and was named pro bono program director at Maryland Legal Aid.

Derrick Wang '13 premiered his opera, "Scalia/Ginsburg" at the Baltimore Concert Opera.

Ngai Zhang '11 became partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

Sufen Zhang '10 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

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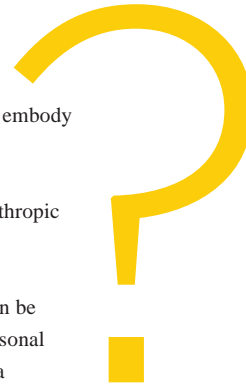
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RAISING THE BAR

Alumni Profile: The Honorable Elizabeth S. (Taylor) Morris '02

By Michele Wojciechowski

IN THIRD GRADE, WHILE OTHER KIDS PLAYED hopscotch, the Honorable Elizabeth S. Morris '02, spent recess playing “court.”

“Sometimes I was the lawyer and other times I was the judge,” Morris recalls while laughing.

At the time, Morris attended Catholic grade school in the suburbs of Pennsylvania and discovered her future career while watching *The Cosby Show*.

“Clair Huxtable [a lawyer played by Phylicia Rashad] was assertive and outspoken. I discovered where I could be assertive and outspoken without getting any demerits,” she jokes. “This sparked my interest in law.”

Morris learned what being a lawyer meant and realized she could make a difference in people’s lives. “It ignited a passion in me when I was 8 years old that continued throughout my life,” she says.

In October 2018, Morris’ lifelong dream was fully realized when Maryland Governor Larry Hogan appointed her an Associate Judge for the 5th Judicial Circuit Court in Anne Arundel County. She also became the first black woman to become a Circuit Court Judge in the county’s history.

The Path to Justice

Originally, Morris wanted to be a prosecutor. But after taking a Criminal Defense Clinic at Maryland Carey Law with Professors Tom Perez and Jerry Deise, working as a teaching assistant for Perez, and having a clerkship in Baltimore City Circuit Court with the Hon. Edward R.K. Hargadon '80, Morris changed her mind.

“I’m eternally grateful for those experiences because I had certain assumptions about the legal system,” says Morris. “I was able to effectively decide that [being a prosecutor] wasn’t my path.”

Over the years, Morris had jobs with local nonprofits and law firms. More recently, she worked for seven years at the Maryland Office

of the Attorney General and four years at the National Security Agency’s Office of General Counsel. She earned many awards, including the Edward F. Shea, Jr. Professionalism Award from the Maryland Bar Foundation.

Morris, 42, didn’t plan on becoming a judge so soon. When three positions became available at once, though, several people encouraged her.

On October 11, 2018, Morris was sworn in. Designated a Family Law and Guardianship Judge, Morris says every day in her courtroom brings something different. At first, it seemed overwhelming. “Like drinking from a fire hose.” Although her life outside of work is busy, with husband Damon and children, Simone and David, she is settled into her position and loves it.

“It’s intellectually interesting and challenging to do something different on a daily basis,” says Morris. But she never forgets why she chose the legal system in the first place—to help people.

When Morris decides custody cases and attorneys introduce photos of the children and their families, she says, “I take the time, and I look at every one—because I never want to lose sight of why I’m doing what I’m doing and making the decisions that I’m making.” ■



SENATOR JOSEPH D. TYDINGS '53



THE MARYLAND CAREY Law community mourns the loss of Senator Joseph D. Tydings on October 8, 2018.

Tydings' distinguished career, spanning more than half a century, included extensive public service and private practice aligned with his progressive values.

A tireless reformer who worked across the aisle, Tydings combatted political corruption as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and as U.S. attorney for Maryland before representing Maryland as a United States senator from 1965 to 1971.

As a private practitioner, Tydings argued *Eisenstadt v. Baird* in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. The decision, considered by some legal scholars to be one of the most influential Supreme Court decisions of the 20th century, led to the legalization of birth control for single persons.

Tydings was a lifelong supporter of the law school and an engaged alumnus, always willing to make connections for the benefit of Maryland Carey Law. Today, the Joseph D. Tydings Public Service Fellowship in Law provides support for students with expressed interest in pursuing a career in public service. Established by family and

friends in 1984, the fellowship will carry on Tydings' legacy at Maryland Carey Law for years to come.

Continuing to practice law well into the 2000s, Tydings also served three terms on the Board of Regents for the University of Maryland, College Park. In 2008, he was appointed a member of the University of Maryland Medical System board.

Tydings received his JD from Maryland Carey Law in 1953 after which he was president of Maryland Young Democrats. Previously, he attended the University of Maryland, College Park, where he was student body president. He also served as corporal in one of the U.S. Army's last horse platoons as part of the post-World War II occupation of Germany.

Speaking on the Senate floor two days after Tydings passed away, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin '67 remembered his fellow Maryland Carey Law alumnus.

"We will miss this man," said Cardin, "who was determined to help bend the arc of the moral universe toward justice as fast as possible." ■

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SHEILA K. SACHS '64

AT A TIME WHEN FEW women were lawyers, Sheila K. Sachs '64 was a pioneer for gender equality in the legal profession.

A leading Maryland family lawyer for over 40 years, her practice included litigating and negotiating marital settlement agreements; addressing the equitable distribution of marital property; handling alimony, custody, and child support; and drafting and negotiating marital agreements. She was also a mediator and an arbitrator in family law cases. Sachs was among the first women to make partner at a large law firm in downtown Baltimore.

She was born in New York and attended Vassar College before moving to Maryland where she completed her undergraduate degree at Goucher College. Sachs earned her JD from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1964 and consistently supported the law school through the years. Always a civic leader, Sachs worked on a Baltimore City School Desegregation Task Force in the early 1970s. In 1974, Mayor William Donald Schaefer named her to the Baltimore City School Board where she pushed to make Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly) coed. Poly began admitting women that same year.

Her community involvement developed with her career, and she rose to be a prominent member of the Baltimore legal community, serving as chair of the Family and Juvenile Law Committee of the Maryland State Bar Association, president of the Baltimore City Bar Association, and chair of the Appellate Courts Nominating Commission for the state of Maryland. Additionally, Sachs sat on various boards,



including the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, the Judicial Nominating Commission for Baltimore City, the Board of Trustees of Goucher College and the Board of Managers of Haverford College.

Sachs was designated a Baltimore Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America* and one of Maryland's Top 100 Women multiple times. She was also named an Influential Marylander by *The Daily Record* in 2008 and 2012.

The Maryland Carey Law community mourns the loss of Sheila K. Sachs, who passed away on April 21, 2019. A celebration of her life was held in Westminster Hall at the law school in May. ■

CASUAL CONVERSATIONS



RILEY ALDRIDGE

Assistant Director of Admissions
BS, Towson University
MA, Notre Dame of Maryland University

Hometown: Boone, North Carolina

Who inspires you?

My mother, a single mom, for raising four girls and showing resilience and grace through the process.

What is one goal you are currently working on?

Training towards a 10K and eventually a half marathon.

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

Working with prospective and incoming students and learning about the impacts they are making in their communities, even before entering law school.

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

I moved to Ireland on a whim after graduating from college.

What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?

Sandlot in Harbor Point for beach volleyball.

What was your dream job as a kid?

Becoming a dentist.

What is your favorite TV show?

Gilmore Girls. It's a classic.

Hometown: I'm originally from Havertown, PA, but now I'm from Cockeysville.

Who inspires you?

Anyone who is willing to put themselves out there for what they believe, whether it's risking their careers, jail time, or societal judgment. A few examples are Tarana Burke, Bree Newsome, and Megan Rapinoe just to name a few.

What is one goal you are currently working toward (professionally or personally)?

Professionally, to continue increasing access to justice for women in this state. Personally, after 17 half marathons, I'm training for a full (which I've now put out there to the universe, so I have to complete it!).

What is your best memory of Maryland Carey Law?

I was part of the infamous "Basement Years" so I would say everything that came with that. Sharing lockers, dark/musty conditions, being crammed in together, all the things that we complained about at the time that really brought us together to be an incredibly close and resilient class.

Do you have any advice for recent law school graduates?

Follow through, follow through, follow through. As an employer and mentor, my biggest frustration is when I give my card to someone or extend an offer to help them in some way and then never receive the follow-up communication. You can go to a thousand networking events, but nothing will come of them if you don't follow through.

Who is your favorite fictional lawyer?

Rebecca Bunch from *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*—it's a romantic comedy/drama musical about a feminist lawyer, so I feel like she gets me.

What book(s) are you currently reading?

I'm looking forward to starting *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman. The work we do can be emotionally exhausting, and so my reading preferences tend to skew towards escapism; the more magic, witches, supernatural, the better.

What is your favorite Supreme Court Case of all time?

That's a tough question for a lawyer, and I think the answer always depends upon what is happening out in the world. Right now I'd say it's a tie between *New York Times v.*



MICHELLE DAUGHERTY SIRI '02

Executive Director, The Women's Law Center of Maryland
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Sullivan and *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Because we need to support freedom of the press now more than ever, and because love is love, always.

GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND CAREY LAW COMMUNITY



VISHAL HEMNANI

Class of 2020
BA, University of Maryland, College Park

Hometown: Silver Spring, MD

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

- Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Team
- Business Law Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)

What is your favorite Supreme Court case of all time?

Frigalment Importing Co. v. B.N.S. International Sales Corp., otherwise known as the “Chicken Case.”

What is one goal that you are currently working toward?

Traveling to every continent. I’ve already done North America, Europe, and Asia.

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

Even though my heritage is 100% Indian, both of my parents were born in Indonesia. Home for me is Jakarta, Indonesia.

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

Winning 1st Place in Mediation Advocacy as part of the ADR Team at the FINRA Securities Dispute Triathlon in New York.

What is your favorite TV show?

Mad Men.

What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?

Vaccaro’s in Little Italy for their amazing cannolis.

Hometown: I was born in Webster City, Iowa and grew up in both Michigan and South Korea.

Who inspires you?

My mentor from law school, Professor Lea Brilmayer. I learn so much from her humor, warmth, and intellect. She’s also an amazing cook.

What is one goal you are currently working toward?

I’m trying to eat healthier. I’ve been trying everything ranging from Blue Apron and Hello Fresh to Factor 75. I am also trying to cook more often, and trying not to deep fry everything.

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

The Good Earth by Pearl Buck

What is your favorite place on campus?

I love the faculty library. I like to grab a Nespresso and relax in a comfy sofa.

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

I loved inviting friends to come as guest lecturers! Just this past year, I’ve had folks come from law firms including Hogan Lovells, Hunton Andrews, Orrick, Venable, and Williams & Connolly, and an in-house lawyer at JP Morgan. It’s a great way for students to learn about how the law operates in the real world.

Who is your favorite fictional lawyer?

Annalise Keating from *How to Get Away with Murder*.

What is your favorite Supreme Court case of all time?

My “favorite” (only because it gives law professors a lot to write about) is *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*, 561 U.S. 247 (2010).



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