



Goldberg Courtroom Opens in Fall Semester

When the fall 2010 semester opened Aug. 23, students saw for the first time the Justice Arthur Goldberg Memorial Courtroom, one of this year's major building enhancements at the law school.

The fourth floor of the State Street building has been transformed. Faculty and secretarial offices and several classrooms were torn out and replaced by a 100-seat capacity room that fills the north side of the building. The judges' bench can accommodate up to seven justices for hearings by the Illinois Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals or national moot court and trial advocacy competitions.

"We will continue to use the Baim Courtroom on 3-East for appellate and trial advocacy classes," said Associate Dean Ralph Ruebner. "We needed a second courtroom to better accommodate our needs as we enhance our trial advocacy and moot court programs and invite students from other law schools to compete here in national and international competitions."

The team of Roediger Planning and GFGR formulated designs with creative guidance from Dean John Corkery and Ruebner and input from faculty, Information Technology Services, and Media Services. The audio/visual firm of Roscor and Meersman Electric was brought in to consult on technology.

Furnishings are engineered for easy rearrangement between configurations for trial advocacy and appellate advocacy. Window shades, projectors, and lights are computer-controlled. Screens are set for viewing from any vantage point. Student comfort is the priority with plush seats and ample table space for laptops.

Plans are already in the works to schedule prestigious advocacy events in this room. The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims hear an oral argument on Nov. 3.

This new courtroom honors Goldberg who started his legal career in Chicago, and served as a John Marshall professor while developing a successful labor law practice. In the 1930s and 1940s

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A Message from the Dean John E. Corkery



I'm happy to share with you highlights of the many exciting things happening here at John Marshall. As with almost all law schools, times are difficult on the job front, but we continue to fight the good fight for our students. Also, as opportunities open up to make our school better, we are seizing them.

As we were going to go to press, the law school purchased the three-story building at 19 W. Jackson that is adjacent to John Marshall's current State Street building. This is the

most significant purchase of real estate for the school in over 30 years and will give us room to grow for the next ten years. We are still exploring how we will use the new building and what programs will be located there, however, when the opportunity to acquire this property became available, our board acted quickly to get it. My thanks to Board President Leonard Amari and Board Member and Chair of the Building Committee, Jordan Peters, for their leadership and vision in getting this important resource for our school. See more information on page 5.

The purchase of 19 W. Jackson, when coupled with our renovation of the first floor of 304 S. State Street for a "student commons" area and a new entrance, will give us an additional 50,000 square feet of space for current programs and for growth. Our new State Street entrance and façade will give us increased visibility in the

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community and a presence in the South Loop Education Corridor. Construction on the new State Street entrance will begin next year and hopefully will be completed by February 2012.

The new Justice Arthur Goldberg Memorial Courtroom on the fourth floor of the 304 S. State St. building has been in full use the past few weeks and I am delighted to tell you the reviews are terrific.

Our faculty find the new courtroom to be a wonderful teaching space both because of the latest technology available in it and its great layout. It has seating capacity for 100 students, with three drop-down screens around the room for easy viewing of PowerPoint lectures. You can read more about it in this issue of *Briefcase*. In addition, the school continues to use its full service Philip and Edith Baim Courtroom on the third floor, which also has been equipped with the latest in courtroom technology.

The Edward T. and Noble W. Lee Chair in Constitutional Law is our first academic chair. Many thanks to John Lee, the president of The John Marshall Law School Foundation, and to the Lee family for helping make this Chair a reality for the school. The law school also is initiating the first Leighton Fellowship in the Study of Prisoners' Rights named in honor of retired United States District Court Judge George N. Leighton, the distinguished lawyer, federal judge and civil rights champion who was a member of our adjunct faculty for many years, teaching the course in Prisoners' Rights. See the details on page 4.

We've welcomed new faculty members this year: Professor Anthony Niedwiecki, from Nova Southeastern School of Law in Florida, who is our new director of Lawyering Skills; Visiting Professor John (Jack) Oest, formerly a partner at Lord Bissell and Brook and a former visiting lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School; and Visiting Professor Jeffrey A. Parness, a well known and experienced civil procedure expert from Northern Illinois University's College of Law. Visiting with us in the spring semester will be Peter Alexander, former dean of Southern Illinois University School of Law.

In Career Services, we welcomed Meghan Riley (JD '06) as the Employer Outreach Coordinator. Her role will be to cultivate and maintain relationships with law firms, corporations, government, and public interest organizations to create opportunities for our students and graduates.

We are very excited by the \$250,000 grant Professor Debra Poggrund Stark and her colleague, Dr. Jessica Choplin of DePaul University,

received from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a three-year study to investigate how prospective homeowners read, assess and recall important information before agreeing to the terms of home loans.

We also are very pleased with the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic (VLSC) grant of \$350,000 from the United States Department of Justice. This grant enables the VLSC to, in part, serve as a model and assist other schools with veterans projects.

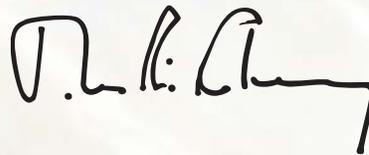
We awarded two outstanding first-year students, Tiffany Onyemaobi and Rufus Barner, the Inaugural Donald Hubert Endowed Memorial Scholarship for Legal Diversity. These are full tuition scholarships that also carry a stipend with them. They are among the most attractive law school scholarships in the country and are a fitting way to keep alive the legacy of Don Hubert, a much loved Chicago lawyer and past president of the Chicago Bar Association.

The Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits has offered numerous externships and practicums to its students, affording the joint degree students with "real life" experience prior to graduation within a governmental agency, not-for-profit institution, law firm or consulting firm. As a result of these externships with the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Treasury, and the IRS Tax Exempt Government Exempt Employee Plans, students have been extended full-time employment. Last count, the Center had more than 20 graduates at the Department of Labor and five graduates at the IRS.

The Center for Intellectual Property Law hosted its third summer program in Beijing, China. U.S. District Court Chief Judge James Holderman joined us again. He co-taught a course this year with his wife, Paula Hudson Holderman (JD '79) of Winston & Strawn. Other faculty were Professor Zhang Guangliang (LLM/IP '01), one of our first Chinese attorney graduates, and John Marshall Professors Richard Gruner and Maureen Collins. This year we had 15 John Marshall students and four students from other law schools.

Thanks again for all your input about the work we're doing. I welcome you back to the law school to see our updated facilities, be part of a CLE program or lecture, or to meet with students.

John E. Corkery, *Dean*



Fun Way to Celebrate the Season



Alumni of The John Marshall Law School took part in the 2009 Chicago Spirits revue hosted by the Chicago Bar Association. Cast members were (back row, from left) Diana Vargo-Lewandowski (LLM '92), Vita F. Levar (JD '02), Arlette Porter (JD '04), Anthony Calzaretta (JD '94), Allen S. Gabe (JD '74), Paul J. Ochmanek Jr. (JD '05), Barbara Burns (JD '84); and (front row, from left) Jeffrey M. Marks (JD '79), Stan Slovin (JD '89), Amy E. Keller (JD '08), Melinda Usalis (JD '09) and Alexis Widlak (JD '04).

Distinguished Service Award Honorees



The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association presented Distinguished Service Awards to five outstanding honorees at its annual Freedom Award and Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon April 30. Kim Anderson (JD '98) (standing, left), chair of the program; and Illinois

Appellate Court Justice James Fitzgerald Smith (JD '75) (standing, third from left), second vice president, congratulate the winners (seated, from left) Salvatore J. "Sam" Tornatore (JD '74); Hon. Nicholas T. Pomaro (retired) (JD '64); Mary Ann Hynes (JD '71; LLM/TAX '75); and (standing, second from left) Royal F. Berg (JD '84); and Sarane C. Siewerth (right) (JD '81). The Freedom Award was presented to Morris Dees, founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Bellino Making Calls for the Major League

Ever watch a ball game and question the umpire? One day it may be your fellow alumnus, Daniel Bellino, who's made the call.

As a fill-in umpire for Major League Baseball, Bellino (JD '03) is seeing plenty from behind home plate. He determined that by the end of the regular baseball season he worked 150 games in the American and National Leagues. On opening day, Bellino was an umpire for the Washington Nationals game where he enjoyed the experience of meeting President Barack Obama, who threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

"Baseball's a competitive game. It's our job to go out there every day and tell the players what happened. We have to remain impartial, keep our cool and be that judge on the field that keeps the game moving," he stressed.

"If you see the play, and you are in the correct position, significantly more times than not you're going to get the play right," he explained. "Instincts are the key ingredient to a successful umpire, and anticipation of the outcome of a play is an umpire's biggest enemy."

After an extensive training period in 2003 at Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires in Daytona Beach, Fla., Bellino starting working minor league games hoping he'd break in to the big leagues. It appears he is nearing the fulfillment of his dream. "This past year was the first time I'd worked almost exclusively



Daniel Bellino (JD '03) shakes hands with President Barack Obama who threw out the first pitch at opening day for the Washington Nationals.

for the major leagues," he said.

Bellino has had months of traveling, hotel living and restaurant food the past seven years, but it's being away from his family that's really difficult. He and his wife, Katie, have two young boys and are expecting a third baby this month. He says her willingness to make sacrifices for his career have kept him in the game.

Bellino's travels got him in to Milwaukee or Chicago ball parks an average of every two to three weeks, so he could be home for a day or two.

In the fall and winter months, Bellino resumes his lawyering. He focuses mostly on real estate work. "It works for me because it's short term. I couldn't take on other cases. It is impossible to fulfill my responsibilities of representing my clients when I'm not physically present."

There are no regrets about his law school

days. In fact, Bellino equates his first call to the big leagues as being a day that is eerily similar to the day he received the news that he passed the bar.

"As a licensed attorney, you dedicate your time and energy to serve the needs of your clients. Umpiring is a lot like practicing law. The main difference is that your mistakes are made public on a daily basis and your successes are expected," he said. "At the major league level, there is very little room for error. And law school helped me prepare for that responsibility."

He is happy to have earned a law degree, but right now, Bellino is waiting and hoping for Major League Baseball to offer him a full-time contract. "It's what I've worked for all these years. It is my dream job, and I hope that my career path represents just a small example of the limitless opportunities of what The John Marshall Law School can offer to its future students."

Professor, Past Board President Mourned

The John Marshall Law School mourns the loss of two outstanding alumni who were among its strongest supporters.

Professor Arthur Sabin (JD '59), a long-time faculty member, died Aug. 3, 2010, after a lengthy illness. He had been a member of the faculty for more than 40 years. He started as a part-time teacher immediately upon his graduation from John Marshall. In 1974, he gave up his teaching position at Northeastern Illinois University to join the John Marshall faculty full time. His teaching load included Torts, History of the American Legal System, and Products Liability.

"John Marshall has been very good to me," he said upon his retirement in 2004. "It gave me an excellent education and an opportunity to teach, which I truly loved."

Alfred E. Gallo (JD '49) died Aug. 16, 2010. He had been a member of The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees for 40 years, and served as president of the board from 2000 to 2007.

When he was awarded an honorary degree at commencement in January 2009, Mr. Gallo was credited with approving the hiring of faculty to help keep pace with changes in the law and legal education; opening the lines of communication between the faculty and the law school's administration; strengthening the law school's finances; purchasing additional space for expansion; and supporting the law school's outreach programs in China, the Czech Republic, and other countries.



Arthur Sabin



Alfred E. Gallo



Extending their congratulations to United States District Court Judge George Leighton (ret.) (third from left) at the June 10 dinner in his honor were (from left), Circuit Court of Cook County Judges Joan Aquino Pucillo (ret.) (JD '68); Gerald Bender (JD '68) and Arnette Hubbard (JD '69).



Retired United States District Court Judge George N. Leighton (second from left) is honored by The John Marshall Law School with the inaugural George N. Leighton Equal Justice Award during ceremonies June 10. The law school also established the George N. Leighton Fellowship for the Study of Prisoners' Rights in his honor. Joining him are (from left) Jerold Solovy, chairman emeritus of Jenner & Block LLP; Peter Faraci (JD '96) of Faraci & Faraci; Dean John Corkery; John Lee, president of The John Marshall Law School Foundation.



Circuit Court of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans (JD '69) (left) and John Marshall Law School Associate Dean Rory Smith (center) extend their congratulations to United States District Court Judge George N. Leighton (ret.) at the celebratory dinner in his honor.

Leighton Fellowship Focuses on Prisoners' Rights

The John Marshall Law School is establishing the inaugural George N. Leighton Fellowship in the Study of Prisoners' Rights in 2011, honoring retired United States District Court Judge George N. Leighton for his years of life-long devotion to protecting the rights of clients and citizens, regardless of their station, as well as his many years as an adjunct professor at John Marshall teaching Prisoners' Rights Law.

The fellowship will be awarded to a recent law school graduate who has a strong interest in constitutional law, research and advocacy. The fellow will explore issues relating to prisoners' rights and improvements to the criminal justice system. At the end of each year, the fellow will submit an article for publication. The fellow appointment is for two years and begins August 2011.

The fellow will receive a \$40,000 stipend for expenses related to research and scholarship. The endowment of the Leighton Fellowship is made possible by generous gifts from Judge Leighton's many friends and admirers, and alumni and friends of The John Marshall Law School. Donations to the endowment can be made to The John Marshall Law School Foundation. For details contact the foundation at 312.360.2663.

Law School Establishes Its First Academic Chair

The John Marshall Law School has established its first academic chair, the Edward T. and Noble W. Lee Chair in Constitutional Law, honoring them for their many years of service to the law school, their contributions to legal education, and their shared interest in constitutional law.

Edward T. and Noble W. Lee dedicated their adult lives to The John Marshall Law School. Edward T. Lee was one of its founders in 1899 and later served as dean for 34 years. Noble W. Lee followed in his father's footsteps, first serving as a member of the faculty and then as dean for 30 years, in addition to service in the Illinois Legislature. Together they dedicated more than 90 years of service to John Marshall students and the legal community.

The endowment of the Edward T. and Noble W. Lee Chair in Constitutional Law is made possible by generous gifts from the extended Lee Family and alumni and friends of The John Marshall Law School.

The establishment of the chair is a celebration of "both an ideal and belief that the protection of the law should be immediately available and of evident access," said Nancy Lee Johnson, granddaughter of Edward T. Lee. The Lee chair "will act to provide a continued framework for a deeper understanding of the rule of law," she added.

In spring 2011, the law school will name the first professor to hold the chair. It is anticipated that the visiting professor will advance the law school's traditions of innovation and equality in legal education, and will generate and publish scholarly research of relevant constitutional issues.

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when he was a member of the John Marshall faculty, full-time attorneys were part-time professors. Goldberg taught labor law, torts, bills and notes, and constitutional law. He became general counsel for the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the United Steelworkers of America. Goldberg ultimately joined forces with CIO leaders John L. Lewis and Philip Murray, and in 1955 he acted as legal advisor for the merger of the CIO with the American Federation of Labor.

Goldberg was appointed in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy to serve as Secretary of Labor. He served in the Cabinet for nearly two years before his appointment to the United States Supreme

Court in 1962. He left the bench in 1965 to become United States ambassador to the United Nations where he served until 1968. Goldberg later served as United States ambassador to the Belgrade Conference on Human Rights in 1977 at the behest of President Jimmy Carter. He received the Presidential Medal of Honor in 1978.

The John Marshall Law School Foundation has undertaken fundraising for the Justice Arthur Goldberg Memorial Courtroom. All donations are welcome. Giving categories also will give donors special recognition. To learn more, contact The John Marshall Law School Foundation at 312.360.2663.

Law School Purchases Building for Expansion

The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees has agreed to purchase an additional 38,000 square feet of space with the acquisition of the building at the corner of Jackson and Plymouth Court.

The purchase of the three-story building was announced Thursday, Sept. 30. Plans for the site are under consideration.

“We have long considered expanding our campus, and the right opportunity finally presented itself,” said Dean John Corkery. “This enhanced space will help us accommodate the needs of current and future students, and reaffirm our commitment to our growing student body, our faculty, alumni, and the Chicago legal community.”

In April 2011, the law school will begin a \$3.6 million renovation project that will transform the corner of Jackson and State Streets. The 12,000 square feet first-floor space in the State

Street building, now rented by Walgreen’s, will become the new entrance for the law school, and a new space for a student commons, bookstore, and food and coffee service.

“John Marshall’s new State Street entrance gives us more of a presence along Chicago’s South Loop educational corridor, and the expanded space will help consolidate our classroom, administrative, student groups, and clinical facilities,” the dean explained.

John Marshall expanded its facilities in 1996 with the purchase of the top nine floors at 321 S. Plymouth Ct., in a condominium agreement with the Chicago Bar Association, but the law school finds it still needs additional space.

“We’ve simply outgrown that space as well,” said Corkery. “With 1,600 students, we are one of the largest law schools in the country – and our facilities need to keep pace with our growth.”

Q & A With the President Kim Anderson

What goals have you set for your term as president of the alumni association?

My main goal is to increase the awareness of the alumni association with the students currently enrolled at John Marshall. I graduated and was not aware that we even had an alumni association. I’ve got plans to introduce the alumni association to students while they are still in school and invite them to our networking events. I’m working with the Career Services Office to ensure that they let students know that their greatest resource for employment and mentoring exists right in the alumni association. The greatest asset that any student has is the alumni association.

I also would like to establish the goal of this association. I believe its main function is to provide networking opportunities with other alumni, and in order to do that, we need opportunities to network online and in person. Our association has had the benefit of some really great past presidents who have already established a number of networking events, events like the Freedom Award, Judge’s Night, and the Student/Alumni Exchange to name a few, and I hope to build on those a bit. We sponsored a cruise on the Spirit of Chicago at Navy Pier and we hope to do a few more events like Casino Night. The more alumni utilize their contacts, the more business the alumni are able

to generate, which makes this alumni association successful. We should be familiar with who in the group does estate planning, or criminal law, so that when a need comes up, that person gets a call.

How do you anticipate meeting these goals?

We’re currently working on different ideas. One idea is to hold our monthly meetings in the afternoon. We’ll meet from 4 to 5 p.m. and then have a cocktail hour that the students will be invited to. The Career Services Office is going to help with passing some information to students. We’re going to put together a brochure about the alumni association and why students should be interested in attending events and why it is critical to helping them be employed. We’ve got plans to put together an event at graduation as well, to introduce them to the association and let them know the benefits of being active in the organization.

How can alumni get involved?

First, remember that everyone is a part of the alumni association. Alumni can get more involved by coming to events. It’s hard to network when you don’t come. People cannot follow your career or know what is new with you if you don’t come and talk to anyone. Everyone can benefit from coming to alumni events to network and meet new



people, but you cannot do it from your office chair. People don’t seem to realize that the time to network for your next job, or to network for new business, isn’t when you need it. By then it’s too late. You should be meeting people on a regular basis, either to keep others informed about what you do, or just to mentor another attorney.

Whenever a family law issue comes up that I don’t know the answer to, the first thing I do is call my network of friends. Your network can keep you informed when new cases come down, when new positions open up at law firms, and the day-to-day events relating to others. Alumni who don’t utilize this association to network with their fellow alumni are really missing out. This is a great organization to keep you informed about so many things. I’ve kept up to date with classmates, mentored new attorneys, had wiser attorneys mentor me, and above all, it’s been a great socialization avenue for many years.

First Annual Moot Court Reunion



Enjoying the evening's conversation were (from left) former moot court competitors Assistant Professor Mary Nagel (JD '88) and Omar Sweiss (JD '10), Professor Ardath Hamann, director of the Moot Court Honors Program, and Associate Dean Ralph Ruebner, former director of the program.



Fall 2010 Moot Court Honors Board members (from left) Jessica Thornhill, Stephanie Potter, Emily A. Adams, and Emily Cullnan enjoyed the evening.



Geoffrey Hammond (JD '04), director of Annual Giving for The John Marshall Law School Foundation (left), welcomed former members of the Moot Court Honors Program (from second from left) Hon. Jillian Cerone-Marisie (JD '90), Hon. Peggy Chiampas (JD '89), and Daniel Taylor (JD '06).



Former classmates (from left) Rebecca Dancy (JD '07), Elise Allen (JD '07), and Charles Little (JD '07) reminisced with Professor Ardath Hamann.

A Message from Sherri J. Berendt Director of Alumni Relations

Friends:

The start of fall and the start of the academic year brought more than 380 excited new law students to the halls of John Marshall, the very crowded halls of John Marshall. The growing number of students brings the necessity for a larger faculty, more administrative staff, more classrooms and more amenities. We have not been caught off guard by this, though. The administration and the board of trustees has been planning the growth and expansion of our physical space for years. John Lee joined us as the president of The John Marshall Law School Foundation two years ago and Leonard Amari, president of the board of trustees, has been priming the board (and the budget) for several years as well, as we spend some savings and prepare for fundraising

We are finally at the place where we are seeing some exciting changes happen. This fall the new Justice Goldberg Memorial Court Room opened. It is in a word – beautiful! It is equipped with top-of-the-line technology to give our faculty, students and guests the best that can be offered. The lease for Walgreen's at the corner of Jackson and State Street will expire in the spring and will be transformed into the main entrance to the law school. This will give us a spectacular State Street presence and some great space for our students.



Internally, we are very excited about all the changes and accomplishments, including the first place wins at the National Moot Court Championship, the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition and our third-straight win at the Animal Law Advocacy Closing Argument Competition at Harvard Law School and the law school's first academic chair in constitutional law. I think that you, our alumni, are sensing all the great stuff that is happening here as well. Attendance at our alumni events is up, volunteer numbers are up and donations are up.

I am proud to say that you are giving of your time, talent or treasure in impressive numbers. We are not there yet, though. With all the great opportunities to give back to your alma mater... I want to ask: What will you do? What will you do to help a recent grad or a student find a job, to help us meet our fundraising goals for the new building space, or to provide a deserving student a scholarship? Will you volunteer to be a mentor or buy a ticket to an event? I hope that this year brings greater involvement, attendance and contributions. Every dollar, every moment of your time...it all matters.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherri J. Berendt".

Sherri J. Berendt (JD '99)
Director of Alumni Relations

ANNUAL MEETING

Alumni Association Board of Directors Officers Sworn in at Annual Meeting

The 2010-2011 officers for The John Marshall Law School Board of Directors are (seated, from left) Daniel A. Cotter (JD '95) secretary; Kimberly J. Anderson (JD '98), president; and Hon. James Fitzgerald Smith (JD '75), first vice president; and (standing, from left) Natosha Cuyler-Sherman (JD '05) assistant treasurer; Michael V. Favia (JD '82), second vice president; and Regina A. Scannicchio (JD '88), treasurer. Anita M. DeCarlo (not pictured) (JD '98) is third vice president.



Melinda Usalis (JD '09) and Natosha Cuyler-Sherman (JD '05), alumni board assistant treasurer, met with 2010-2011 Student Bar Association President Michael Reever.



Sherri Berendt (left) (JD '99), director of Alumni Relations, welcomed Hon. James Fitzgerald-Smith (center) (JD '75), alumni board first vice president; and Tomer Laks (right) (JD '99) to the annual event.

Two Named Recipients of Annual Alumni Association Scholarship



Third-year student Phillip R. Nava (second from left) was named one of the recipients of the 2010-2011 Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulating him are (from left) Regina A. Scannicchio (JD '88), alumni board treasurer; Daniel A. Cotter (JD '95), alumni board secretary; and Katherine A. Amari-O'Dell (JD '00), alumni board outgoing president.



Third-year student Danice M. Kern (second from left) was named a recipient of the 2010-2011 Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulating her are (from left) Regina A. Scannicchio (JD '88), alumni board treasurer; Daniel A. Cotter (JD '95), alumni board secretary; and Katherine A. Amari-O'Dell (JD '00), alumni board outgoing president.

classnotes

1959

Anthony C. Raccuglia has been honored with the Leonard M. Ring Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Raccuglia is owner of Anthony C. Raccuglia & Associates, PC in Peru, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on personal injury law.



1960

Claireen L. Herting has been elected to the Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers. Herting is with the PriceWaterhouseCoopers Foundation in Chicago, Illinois.

1967

Lee A. Daniels has formed Daniels Slone, LLC in Elmhurst, Illinois. Daniels concentrates his practice on real estate law.



1968

Hon. Gerald C. Bender has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. Judge Bender is with the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois.

1969

Hon. Timothy Evans has been re-elected to a fourth three-year term as chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

1974

Hon. Fred L. Foreman has been named a director of the Lake County Bar Association. Judge Foreman is with the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Waukegan, Illinois.

1975

Russell W. Hartigan has been elected to the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. Hartigan is with Hartigan & O'Connor, PC in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on civil litigation and municipal law.



1976

Hon. James P. Flannery has been elected to the Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers. Judge Flannery is with the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois.

Gary A. Jones has been named manager of the Federal Office of the Christian Science Committee on Publication in Washington, DC.

1977

Joel B. Bernbaum has joined Timoney Knox, LLP in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. Bernbaum concentrates his practice on family law.



Hon. Ronald J. Gerts has been selected associate judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit Court in Kankakee County, Illinois.

1979

Cary J. Collins has been appointed to the Judicial Inquiry Board for the State of Illinois. Collins operates a private practice in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.



Paula H. Holderman has been elected third vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association. Holderman is with Winston & Strawn, LLP in Chicago, Illinois.



1980

Hon. Daniel J. Kelley (Ret.) has been honored with the 2010 Accipiter Award from Fenwick High School and The Fenwick Bar Association in Oak Park, Illinois. Judge Kelly currently operates a solo practice in Chicago, Illinois.

Patrick M. Kinnally has been elected president of the Kane County Bar Association. Kinnally is with Kinnally, Flaherty, Krentz & Loran in Aurora, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on general and commercial litigation.



Nicholas J. Lynn has been recognized in the 2010 Chambers USA "Survey of the American Legal Professional." Lynn is with Duane Morris, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on pharmaceutical law and healthcare litigation.



Gary A. Peters has been selected to attend the 57th Annual National Security Forum at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Peters is with Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC in Royal Oak, Michigan, and concentrates his practice on environmental and regulatory law.



1981

Bruce R. Meckler has been appointed to the Judicial Inquiry Board for the State of Illinois. Meckler is with Meckler, Bulger, Tilson, Marick & Pearson, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on complex commercial and insurance litigation.



Barbara A. Sacha has been named vice president of Human Resources for Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living.

1982

Theodore T. Lemberis has been honored with the Global Counsel Award from the International Law Office and the Association of Corporate Counsel. Lemberis is the senior vice president and assistant general counsel for Diners Club International, Ltd.

1983

Kirk T. Harley has been appointed to the board of advisors for the LLM in International Business Practice offered by the Center for International Legal Studies of Salzburg, Austria, and Lazarski University of Warsaw, Poland. Harley is with Childress, Duffy, Goldblatt, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on insurance, corporate and tort law.



Susann "Sunny" MacLachlan (JD '94) was appointed director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution at The John Marshall Law School in June 2010. MacLachlan oversees a program that includes more than 30 attorneys and judges serving as adjunct professors for trial advocacy and alternative dispute resolution. She served as associate director of the center for eight years, as well as director of the Externship Program.

As a clinical professor, she teaches Animal Law and Transactional Negotiation. She coached John Marshall to its fourth straight first place honor at the Animal Law Advocacy Closing Argument Competition at Harvard Law School in spring 2010.

She helped develop JD certificate programs in trial advocacy and alternative dispute resolution, and is working on a curriculum for an LLM degree in trial advocacy for 2011, with a joint JD/LLM option.

1984

Daniel T. Coyne has been appointed to the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission by Governor Patrick T. Quinn. Coyne is a professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, Illinois.



Daniel T. Coyne

Donna B. Makowski has been elected president of the Women's Criminal Defense Bar Association.

Hon. Patricia W. Supergan has been appointed administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration in Oak Brook, Illinois.

1985

Kathryn A. Gallanis Matern has been elected president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Gallanis Matern is with Bruce Farrel Dorn & Associates in Chicago, Illinois.

Hon. Barbara A. Riley (Ret.) has joined the Law Offices of Burton A. Brown in Chicago, Illinois.

Hon. Jane L. Stuart has been honored with the "Presidential Commendation Award" by the Illinois State Bar Association. Judge Stuart is with the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois.

1986

Mark E. Wojcik has been elected to the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) Board of Governors. Wojcik has also been elected secretary of ISBA. He is a professor at The John Marshall Law School.



Mark E. Wojcik

1988

Judith C. Rice has been appointed senior vice president and head of Community Affairs & Economic Development for Harris Bank, N.A. in Chicago, Illinois.



Judith C. Rice

1989

Jerald B. Holisky has joined Aronberg Goldgehn Davis & Garmisa in Chicago, Illinois. Holisky concentrates his practice on business transactions and banking and finance law.



Jerald B. Holisky

Hon. Jorge L. Ortiz has been honored at the First Annual Men of Vision Awards Ceremony. Judge Ortiz is with the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Waukegan, Illinois.



Hon. Jorge L. Ortiz

1990

Hon. Raymond A. Cavanaugh has been selected as an associate judge of the 9th Judicial Circuit Court.

Bruce B. Jackson has joined the Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law in Washington, DC, as distinguished practitioner in residence. Jackson is also with Anthony J. Madonia & Associates Ltd in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on commercial transactions.



Bruce B. Jackson

Ricardo Meza has been honored with a "2010 Vanguard Award" by the Chicago Bar Association. Meza also has been appointed Illinois executive inspector general by Governor Patrick T. Quinn.



Ricardo Meza

Robert M. Oldershaw has joined Hamilton Miller & Birthisel in Miami, Florida. Oldershaw concentrates his practice on admiralty and maritime and personal injury defense.



Robert M. Oldershaw

L. Steven Rakowski has been appointed secretary of the Advocates Society in Chicago, Illinois. Rakowski is a sole practitioner in Northbrook, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on family law.



L. Steven Rakowski

1991

Hon. Ketki M. Steffen has been appointed judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois. Judge Steffen was previously a Cook County assistant state's attorney.

Scott D. Verhey has been named to the board of directors of the Danny Did Foundation. Verhey operates a solo practice in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on commercial litigation.



Scott D. Verhey

1992

Karen M. Enright has been elected to the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. Enright is with Winters Enright Salzetta & O'Brien, LLC in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates her practice on personal injury law.



Karen M. Enright

Steven A. Hart has been assigned to the executive committee of McCambridge, Singer & Mahoney, Ltd in Chicago, Illinois, as the toxic tort practice chair.



Steven A. Hart

1993

Joseph Butler, an assistant professor and co-executive director of the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic (VLSC) at The John Marshall Law School, was named the 2010 recipient of the Chicago Bar Foundation's Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence. Butler was honored for his work with the VLSC, as well as his previous work at The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic.

Gary L. Gassman has been named equity partner with Meckler, Bulger, Tilson, Marick & Pearson LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Gassman concentrates his practice on insurance coverage counseling and litigation.



Gary L. Gassman

Tracey A. Salinski has been promoted to partnership with Arnstein & Lehr, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Salinski concentrates her practice on transactions and health care law.



Tracey A. Salinski

1994

Hon. Celia G. Gamrath has been appointed judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. She was previously with Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck, LLP in Chicago, Illinois.



Hon. Celia G. Gamrath

Robert L. Gamrath has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America® 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc. Gamrath is with Quarles & Brady, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on real estate law.



Robert L. Gamrath

Guy N. Maras has been re-elected secretary of the Union League Club in Chicago, Illinois. Maras is with Hennessy & Roach, PC in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on workers' compensation defense.

Gordon K. Walton has joined Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Walton concentrates his practice on insurance law.



Gordon K. Walton

1995

Daniel A. Cotter has been elected treasurer of the Chicago Bar Association. Cotter is with Lindemann, LLC in Downers Grove, Illinois.



Daniel A. Cotter

1996

Paulette M. Gray has formed Brody & Gray, LLC in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Gray concentrates her practice on family law and financial matters.

Brian P. Kerwin has been recognized in the 2010 Chambers USA survey of the American legal professional. Kerwin is with Duane Morris, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on corporate and finance law.



Brian P. Kerwin

Daniel J. Polatsek has been elected to partnership with Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Polatsek concentrates his practice on litigation.



Daniel J. Polatsek

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Eugena Whitson-Owen has been elected treasurer of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Whitson-Owen is with SmithAmundsen, LLC in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates her practice on construction and product liability.



Eugena Whitson-Owen

1997

Hon. Kimberly S. Cromer has been appointed administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Hon. Karen E. Wall has been selected associate judge with the 5th Judicial Circuit Court in Marshall, Illinois. Judge Wall was previously with Spiros & Wall, PC in Danville, Illinois.



Hon. Karen E. Wall

1998

Jessica Arong O'Brien (LLM '02) has been elected corresponding secretary of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. O'Brien is with the Illinois Department of Revenue in Chicago, Illinois.



Jessica Arong O'Brien

1999

Lawrence G. Almeda (LLM) has been selected as chairperson of the State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for the state of Michigan. Almeda is with Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Ann Arbor, and concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.



Lawrence G. Almeda

Kerry I. O'Sullivan has joined Brown & Crouppen in St. Louis, Missouri. O'Sullivan concentrates her practice on workers compensation.



Kerry I. O'Sullivan

Melissa A. Smart has been promoted to litigation manager with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (ARDC) in Chicago, Illinois.

2000

Kevin M. Hull has been honored by Law Bulletin Publishing as one of the "40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40." Hull is principal at the consulting firm of Hull Partners, Ltd.



Kevin M. Hull

Sharon R. Knobbe has been elected president of the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers. Knobbe also has been elected second vice president of the DuPage County Bar Association. She is with Knobbe, Laho, Gradishar & Mack, LLC in Westmont, Illinois, and concentrates her practice on family law.



Sharon R. Knobbe

2001

Eric J. Alvine and Helen "Beth" Beatty (JD '03) were married in September 2010 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Michael H. Berendt has been named director of Labor Relations for Pepsi Beverage Company in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Jacqueline H. Sestito has been elected shareholder of Mallery & Zimmerman, SC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sestito concentrates her practice on real estate, lending and corporate transactions.

2002

Jason J. Green has been promoted to partnership with Jenner & Block in Chicago, Illinois. Green concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation.

Jacqueline M. Lacy has been appointed public defender of Vermilion County, Illinois. Lacy was previously an assistant public defender in DuPage County, Illinois.

Dominick L. Lanzito has been appointed to the Illinois State Bar Association Assembly. Lanzito is with Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on federal litigation.



Michael H. Berendt



Jacqueline H. Sestito



Jason J. Green



Jacqueline M. Lacy



Dominick L. Lanzito

Richard T. Ruzich (LLM) has been appointed vice chair of the International Life Sciences and Health Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law. Ruzich is with Duane Morris, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.



Richard T. Ruzich

Tobias E. Schlueter has joined Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in Chicago, Illinois. Schlueter concentrates his practice on labor and employment law.



Tobias E. Schlueter

Kristin S. Yoo has joined Cozen O'Conner in Chicago, Illinois, as a member of the General Litigation Department.



Kristin S. Yoo

Renee M. Zelinski has joined Cassidy Schade, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Zelinski concentrates her practice on medical malpractice defense litigation.

2003

Michelle P. Brandonisio married **Kevin M. DeBoni** on September 12, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois. Brandonisio is associate counsel for Shared Technologies, Inc. in Chicago and DeBoni is a Cook County assistant state's attorney.



Michelle P. Brandonisio
Kevin M. DeBoni

Kozak Heading Elder Law Program

Barry Kozak (JD '00/LLM '00) has been named director of the Elder Law Program at The John Marshall Law School. He has been serving as associate director of graduate Employee Benefits Programs and is an adjunct faculty member.

This 25-hour JD certificate program includes several basic elder law classes and a mandatory clinical experience. Kozak has been teaching elder law for five years, and has spent the previous academic year developing the curriculum and bringing in adjunct faculty. The program will be administered through the Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits.

Kozak is an editor of the *National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Journal*, and is a member of NAELA's Academic Committee. He is on the executive committee on the Section on Aging Law for the Association of American Law Schools, and is editor of *Saving Our Seniors*, a how-to manual being produced jointly by the Chicago Bar Association and ABA Young Lawyers Division to share information on offering *pro bono* elder law services.

Kozak recently completed a master's in public policy with an emphasis on public finance from the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago.



Barry Kozak

Sarah R. Breitlander has been elected recording secretary of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Breitlander is with Vedder Price, PC in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates her practice on commercial and real estate litigation.



Sarah R. Breitlander

Bryan R. Campbell has joined Cozen O'Conner in Seattle, Washington, as a member of the Subrogation & Recovery Department.



Bryan R. Campbell

Jolanda B. Krawczyk has been honored with an Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service by the U.S. District Court in conjunction with the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Krawczyk is with Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates her practice on commercial and employment litigation.



Jolanda B. Krawczyk

Michael T. Roth has been honored with The John Marshall Law School 2010 "Diversity Award." Roth is the executive director of the Center for Disability and Elder Law in Chicago, Illinois.



Michael T. Roth

Daniel S. Sandman has been appointed regional director of The Anti-Defamation League in San Francisco, California. Sandman was previously director of business and legal affairs for The Tennis Channel, Inc.

2004

Michael J. Ori has been named a director of the Lake County Bar Association. Ori is with Fox Lunardi & Zeit, LLC in Waukegan, Illinois.

2005

Michael F. Bonamarte, IV has been honored by Law Bulletin Publishing as one of the "40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40." Bonamarte is with Levin & Perconti in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on personal injury and wrongful death cases.



Michael F. Bonamarte

Roman Seckel has been named the "Outstanding New Lawyer of 2010" by the Kane County Bar Association. Seckel is with Drendel & Jansons Law Group in Batavia, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on civil/commercial litigation.



Christopher P. Singer

Christopher P. Singer, PhD has joined Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Singer concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.

Jeffery S. Sobek (LLM '08) has joined Legal Advantage, LLC in Chicago, Illinois as the company's Midwest Region sales director.

2006

Michael M. Fenwick has joined Stellato & Schwartz Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois.

John F. Hiltz, III has formed Hiltz & Wantuch, LLC in Chicago, Illinois. Hiltz concentrates his practice on bankruptcy law.

Manish K. Mehta has been elected president of the Indian-American Bar Association of Chicago. Mehta is with Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.



Manish K. Mehta

2007

Jessica C. Henry has joined Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP as an associate. Henry concentrates her practice on medical malpractice defense litigation.



Jessica C. Henry

Kathy Wantuch (LLM '09) has formed Hiltz & Wantuch, LLC in Chicago, Illinois. Wantuch concentrates her practice on bankruptcy law.

Graciela M. Zamudio has joined Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC in Peoria, Illinois. Zamudio concentrates her practice on creditors' rights and real estate litigation.

2008

Amber M. Annis married Chris Kopechessi on October 17, 2009, in Manhattan, Illinois. Annis is with Country Financial in Bloomington, Illinois.

Dane A. Bolinger has joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Bolinger concentrates his practice on commercial and construction litigation.



Dane A. Bolinger

Dale R. Kurth (LLM) has joined Partridge IP Law, PC in Chicago, Illinois. Kurth concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.



Katherine E. Rengel
Michael Ress

Katherine E. Rengel married Michael Ress on October 10, 2009, in Madison, Wisconsin. Rengel is with Koepke & Hiltbrand in Springfield, Illinois.

Ryan C. Williams has joined Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC in Chicago, Illinois. Williams concentrates his practice on general litigation.



Ryan C. Williams

2009

Eric M. Anderson has joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Anderson concentrates his practice on general tort litigation and business disputes.



Eric M. Anderson

Jefferson A. Cheatham has joined Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz in Wilmington, Delaware. Cheatham concentrates his practice on patent litigation.



Jefferson A. Cheatham

Anthony J. D'Agostino has joined Golan & Christie LLP in Chicago, Illinois.



Anthony J. D'Agostino

Adam H. Doeringer has joined HeplerBroom, LLC in Chicago, Illinois. Doeringer concentrates his practice on toxic tort defense.



Adam H. Doeringer

James P. Driscoll has joined Efron, Efron & Yahne in Hammond, Indiana.



James P. Driscoll

Caitlin E. Groh has joined Chilton Yambert & Porter, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Groh concentrates her practice on general civil defense litigation.

Ryan J. Sullivan has joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Sullivan concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and business disputes.



Ryan J. Sullivan

2010

Joel Bruckman has been honored with the 2010 "Elmer C. Kissane Public Service Award" from The John Marshall Law School.

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