



Judge Bruce Black of U.S. Bankruptcy Court met in September with clerks (from left) Jason Koransky (JD '10) who was completing his one-year appointment; Erin McKibben (JD '10) who is clerking for United States District Court Judge Charles Norgle (JD '69); and Mary Barry (JD '04), who clerks for Black.

John Marshall Graduates Selected for Clerkships

Graduates of The John Marshall Law School are seeing increasing success in their efforts to win federal judicial clerkships.

Eight alumni and two students are clerking or have received offers to clerk at the U.S. District Courts, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. There also are nine alumni currently working as attorney advisers in the U.S. Social Security Administration in Chicago, positions similar to judicial clerkships.

“This is part of an evolution of our law school that began a few years ago,” said Dean John E. Corkery. “Our graduates are getting these highly sought-after jobs with distinguished judges today because they are talented and accomplished students who have worked hard and taken full advantage of the programs we offer at John Marshall to help them succeed in law and in life.”

The John Marshall graduate and current clerk with the most experience undoubtedly is Mary Barry (JD '04) whose job out of law school was clerking for Judge Bruce Black, chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, a position she's held for seven years. Barry said as a student she externed with the U.S. Trustee's Office. Black became familiar with Barry's work

Federal Clerkships... continued on page 11

Message from the Dean

John E. Corkery

As a law school dean, the question I get asked most often these days is: “How's your enrollment?” Well, our

enrollment is good. Our applications have been up and we have a full complement of excellent, enthusiastic law students who want to succeed in their careers and use their skills to help others and themselves. Our goal is to prepare our students to succeed in their careers and in life, no matter what the challenges are. And we are hard at work at it.

As you know, the job market for lawyers continues to be difficult and

Message from the Dean... continued on page 4

New Certificate and LLM Programs Expanding JD and Graduate Options

Law practice is much more than Torts, Civ Pro and Property. To help our students and alumni keep current with the latest trends in the legal practice, The John Marshall Law School has initiated new certificate programs in the emerging areas of Elder Law, Health Law and Sustainability. In addition, LLM programs in Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Estate Planning are being added after the American Bar Association gave its acquiescence, a step that is required before either LLM program could be offered.

“The practice of law has become increasingly more complex and multi-disciplinary in nature,” explained Associate Dean of Advanced Studies and Research Kathryn Kennedy. “Our courses enable students and attorneys

to acquire substantive knowledge and skills in particular areas of law that are in high demand today. The certificates and advanced degrees provide particular expertise for our graduates to compete effectively, especially in this economy.”

“While earning a certificate or a graduate degree may be of specific interest to some, I am encouraging alumni to look at the depth of our programs,” said Sherri Berendt, director of Alumni Relations. “They may find a class that can benefit them in their practice, and at the same time can help complete their CLE hours.

“Alumni also will find that we are increasing the number of online courses, so whether you're in the Chicago area or out of state, John Marshall may be able to serve your educational needs.”

New Programs... continued on page 9

John Marshall Welcomes Five to Professorial Rank

The John Marshall Law School is welcoming five new professors to its faculty.

Professors Margaret Kwoka, Daryl Lim and Benjamin Liu are new to the law school faculty. Professors Marc Ginsberg and Scott Shepard, who have been teaching at the law school the past two years, are moving from visiting professor to assistant professor rank.

“We are delighted to welcome them to our law school,” said Dean John E. Corkery. “As a group, they bring to us unique backgrounds in law practice, law teaching, and public service. They will enrich our curriculum and contribute to classroom teaching and scholarship.”

Kwoka is coming to John Marshall after completing a one year clerkship with Judge Michael Murphy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. She also has clerked for Chief Justice Phillip Rapoza at the Massachusetts Appeals Court.



Margaret Kwoka

At John Marshall, Kwoka is teaching Civil Procedure and Administrative Law. She has been a lecturer at George Washington University School of Law co-teaching a Public Interest Lawyering seminar; an attorney with the Public Citizen Litigation Group in Washington, D.C., as an Equal Justice Works Fellow; and the associate mentor for law and policy with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation working directly with three high-achieving, low-income high school students interested in a career in law and policy.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in biology from Brown University, she served with the Peace Corps in West Africa. She received a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. As a law student, she received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award; served as a research assistant in International Human Rights Law, and co-wrote a petition for *certiorari* to the U.S. Supreme Court on a death penalty case.

Lim was the Inaugural Microsoft Teaching and Research Fellow at the Fordham University School of Law where he taught European Union IP Law, Patent Law and Copyright Law. At John Marshall, his courses

include Patent and Trade Secret Law, Advanced Patent Law and the IP-Antitrust interface.

He was an associate at both the litigation as well as the IP and technology groups at Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore's largest law firm. Lim was an intern with Chief Judge Randall R. Rader at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and for Commissioner William E. Kovacic at the Federal Trade Commission. He also was a researcher at the Max Planck Institute for IP and Competition Law in Munich, and at Queen Mary Intellectual Property Law Institute in London.

Lim has graduate law degrees from Stanford University and the National University of Singapore (NUS). He received an undergraduate degree in law and economics from NUS, and in economics and management from the London School of Economics and Political Science. At Stanford, he received the Franklin Family Fellowship and was awarded the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Research Grant.

His articles have been published in leading IP law reviews and books in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Lim's forthcoming book, *Patent Misuse: An Empirical Study*, will be published by Edward Elgar Publishing. In 2009, he received the Grand Prize in the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in IP's International Essay Writing Competition which formed the basis of the lead articles in the forthcoming issue of *IDEA: The IP Law Review*. His current writing projects include co-authoring the patent and IP-antitrust sections of an IP casebook to be published by West Publishing in 2012.

Liu is serving as the director of the Chinese Intellectual Property Resource Center at The John Marshall Law School. He will be designing academic programs that will be hosted by the Center. He has been practicing IP law since 2004, first with Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP in New York, and



Daryl Lim

then as an IP attorney in private practice in Chicago. Liu has represented Asian and American clients in patent litigation, prosecution and consulting and his research focuses on comparative IP issues and biotech IP protection. At the law school, he is teaching IP specialty courses, including Administrative IP Protection at the U.S. Border and Comparative Topics in U.S.-China Patent Law.

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Harvard University in biochemistry and cellular biology, Liu conducted drug discovery research at Eli Lilly & Co. for two years. He then studied Japanese at Waseda University in Tokyo before attending UCLA School of Law, receiving a JD degree in 2004. He was the articles editor for the *UCLA Law Review*, and chief articles editor for the *Pacific Basin Law Journal*. He has published a study of IP protection for traditional medicine and contributed articles in *Genetic Engineering & Biotechnological News*, and *Intellectual Property Today*, in addition to presenting his research on pharmaceutical IP protection in China at pharmaceutical conferences.

Ginsberg joined the faculty in 2009 as a visiting professor after 30 years in private practice, and more than 15 years as a John Marshall adjunct faculty member. This semester he is teaching Evidence and Civil Procedure. He has been instrumental in the 2011 establishment of a JD certificate program in Health Law.



Marc Ginsberg

Ginsberg's most recent articles are “At Long Last, A Long Look At Respondents In Discovery” to be published by the *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* and “Informed Consent: No Longer Just What The Doctor Ordered? The ‘Contributions’ Of Medical Associations And Courts To A More Patient Friendly Doctrine,” published in the *Michigan State University Journal Of Medicine And Law*.

Ginsberg practiced with Rooks Pitts and its successor firm, Dykema Gossett PLLC, as a litigation partner in Chicago concentrating in trial and appellate cases, primarily in defense of physicians in medical litigation and litigation.

Ginsberg received a BA degree with honors from the University of Illinois at Chicago; an



Benjamin Liu

Mentoring Program Is Newest CLE Option

In these hectic times, everyone needs to be extra efficient with their resources, and very few resources are more important than your time. If you're a lawyer who values your time, you might be interested in a new program at The John Marshall Law School that will let you elevate the legal profession at the same time you earn Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits.

The Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program, approved by the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, is under way at John Marshall. Lawyers are eligible to participate as mentors if they have practiced in Illinois for at least six years, are listed as active and in good standing by the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, and have never been suspended, disbarred, or have pending complaints in any jurisdiction. Retired judges also are eligible to serve as mentors.

"This program is a great way for attorneys to strengthen the legal community by helping new attorneys shape their careers," said Justice Margaret Frossard, a former Illinois Appellate Court justice who now is director of Professionalism and Engagement at John Marshall. She is serving as the mentoring program administrator. "At the same time, mentors help themselves by earning six hours of professional responsibility CLE credit. It's definitely a win-win situation."

Frossard encourages attorneys who wish to be mentors to contact her for an application. She also is planning orientation sessions for this fall. After those sessions, the mentor and mentee will develop a plan for an individualized professional relationship that fosters learning. Regular interaction is required, including at least eight in-person meetings during the course of the mentoring year.

New lawyers who wish to be mentored by their more experienced colleagues also should get in touch with Frossard for an application. New lawyers are eligible to participate no later than two years after being admitted to the Illinois bar, and if they are registered as active by the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, and practice law in Illinois or intend to do so.

Currently pending before the Illinois Supreme Court is a change to court rules that would allow a new attorney to use six hours of professional responsibility CLE acquired through the mentoring program to fulfill six hours of Basic Skills CLE requirements.

John Marshall Law School also offers a CLE Basic Skills Course that will be presented this year on two Saturdays in the fall—Oct. 29 and Nov. 5.

Assistant Professor Cliff Scott-Rudnick, director of Continuing Legal Education and Professionalism at John Marshall, said the training program has been designed to employ the talents of experienced teachers as well as experienced lawyers.

"Those in need of credits for this required program should find this basic skills experience bringing out needed skills for practicing law that are not often developed through the law school experience," Scott-Rudnick said. "Most everyone taking these programs should find a feeling of more confidence when starting to practice and reassurance that there are practitioners and professors who will help them through this process."

For more information, Frossard can be contacted at mfrossar@jmls.edu and Scott-Rudnick can be reached at 9scott@jmls.edu.

MA degree from Indiana University; a JD degree with highest distinction from The John Marshall Law School; and an LLM in Health Law from DePaul University College of Law.

Before coming to John Marshall, **Shepard** was a visiting professor at Wake Forest University School of Law in the 2008-2009 academic year, and the Olin/Searle Fellow resident at Vanderbilt University Law School for the 2007-2008 academic year.



Scott Shepard

Shepard was a law clerk for Judge Jerry E. Smith in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit before going to work at the Washington, D.C., firms of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering and Ropes & Gray. In 2004, he joined the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, where he was an attorney advisor.

Shepard moved to Sacramento, Calif., to serve as managing attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, where he managed and developed the Western Water Law Project, working toward preserving private-property water rights. He litigated in state and federal courts and publicly defended issues of property, environmental and personal liberty law.

Shepard's primary area of research is property law, especially the relative efficacy of the various legal systems of property management. His article "Adverse Possession, Private-Zoning Waiver & Desuetude: Abandonment & Recapture of Liberty and Property Interests" was recently published by the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, and he discussed "Which the Deader Hand? A Counter to the ALI's Proposed Revival of Dying Perpetuities Rules" as a presenter at the 2010 Central States Law Schools Association Conference.

Shepard received a BA degree from the University of Richmond, an MA degree from Vanderbilt University, and a JD degree with Order of the Coif from the University of Virginia School of Law. In the 2011-2012 academic year, he is teaching Property, Natural Resources and Estates and Trusts.

Message from the Dean... *continued*

the competition for existing jobs is very tough. Although I believe the job market will turn around, that is cold comfort to students who are well prepared and want to get started. So this semester, I'm meeting individually with many students and grads and calling lawyers I know to see if I can find a good job match for them. If you hear of a place looking to hire a good lawyer, please email me at 7corkery@jmls.edu. I will make sure we supply great candidates for the job.

New Construction Update

While the economy continues to sort itself out, we are taking major strides to improve our physical facilities. One of our biggest endeavors is our new \$16 million campus expansion, which includes major renovations of the first two floors of the 304 State St. building and a large portion of 19 W. Jackson St., the building which we purchased last September.

In June, I was privileged to stand alongside other school, city and construction officials—with hard hats and sledgehammers firmly in hand—to kick off the State Street portion of this project. When completed in March 2012, the State Street construction will give us a new presence and address on State Street that reflects the contributions our school has made to the legal community over the past 112 years. We will also be maintaining our current entrance on Plymouth Court for ease of access to our school. In addition to launching our new entrance on State Street, the June kickoff also marked the

beginning of construction of our new 6,000 square-foot Student Commons area, on the first two floors of the 304 State St. building that will include a book store and food service areas.

As Jordan Peters, our board of trustee's Building Committee chairman has said, the expansion not only affords us much needed space but gives the law school the image and presence it so richly deserves—right in the heart of State Street's South Loop Education Corridor. Thanks to all who helped cheer on the groundbreaking ceremony.

And more changes are scheduled, as we've started updates on the 100-year-old 19 W. Jackson building, which will be refurbished on a floor-by-floor basis. The first floor of 19 West will be the new home of our Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic, which will be completed near the end of 2012.

Technology in the Practice of Law

The new construction is emblematic of the many good things now underway here at John Marshall, including renovating our classrooms, adding new law practice technology to our courtrooms, and upgrading our faculty support facilities. In addition to our two new high technology courtrooms added last year, we have also just completed our new small class high technology teaching courtroom and classroom on the 11th floor. These three high tech venues will give us an opportunity to teach students in a small class setting how to use technology necessary for the

practice of law today. This fall students in our Litigation Technology course in the new LLM in Trial Advocacy program, were each given iPad tablets to help them learn about the use of mobile devices and apps in the practice of law. We also are providing our students with access to the new "smart" technology in phones and tablets and providing instruction in eDiscovery and information management, so necessary in practice today.

Naming Opportunities

All of these projects, the Student Commons on State Street, and the Veterans Clinic at 19 West, and our new small class high technology teaching courtroom present exciting new naming opportunities for us. For information on these, please let me or John Lee, our Foundation president, know of your interest.

Online LLM's

Our Employee Benefits LLM and MS programs are now fully online, with another online program in Estate Planning set for 2012. I believe our investment in "distance education" for LLM students will help us meet the demands of our future students. It also is likely that some JD courses after the first year will have online aspects to them. These programs will help us improve our existing classes by using newer blended learning delivery techniques. Assistant Professor and Director of Lawyering Skills Anthony Niedwiecki, for example, will be introducing an online interactive module about the new Illinois Citation rules. This module, one of many planned online offerings, is used to teach Lawyering Skills I.

JMLS Legal Writing News

Professor Niedwiecki was recently profiled in *Chicago Lawyer* magazine and in 2012 he will take on the presidency of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), the national organization of law school teaching directors committed to the improvement of legal writing. His good work and recognition by his peers is a reflection of the efforts we have put into improving our Legal Writing Program which is ranked sixth in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.

JMLS Receives Grants

This year the JMLS Foundation, headed by John Lee (JD '73) has received a number of new grants. Examples include a \$60,000 grant from the U.S.—China Legal Cooperation Fund to expand our exchange programs within our Chinese Intellectual Property Resource Center (CIPRC), the first legal education center in



Standing in the space that previously housed a Walgreen's store, a delegation prepares to symbolically start demolition to begin a \$16 million renovation project at The John Marshall Law School. More than 75 people attended the June 21, 2011, ceremony that included (from left) Tim Puntillo, vice president, Bulley & Andrews LLC; Professor Rogelio Lasso, faculty Building Committee member; Jordan Peters, chairman of The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees Building Committee; Dean John E. Corkery; Leonard Amari, president of the board of trustees; Professor Kenneth Kandas of the Faculty Executive Committee; and Chad Harrell, president of the architectural firm Griskelis Young Harrell.

Message from the Dean... continued on page 5



A Message from Hon. James Fitzgerald Smith President of the Alumni Association

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

What do you remember about your days at The John Marshall Law School?

Whether you're out five years or 25 years, I want you to know things at the law school are not the way you remember them. This is a legal institution that continues to meet the challenges posed by a new student generation and changes in the business of law.

After graduating from the evening division in 1975 and beginning the pursuit of my legal career, I realized the unique value of my John Marshall education.

As the new president of The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, I now send this message to you—come back to John Marshall. Join us at alumni programs, or just find your way back to Plymouth Court for a short visit. I can guarantee you'll be pleasantly surprised by all that is going on inside the law school.

Did you know John Marshall now has three courtrooms with the latest technology so our students will know how to present their case in the courtrooms of today? Clinical Professor Susann "Sunny" MacLachlan (JD '94) is director of the Center for Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and has been working to keep our students current with what attorneys are doing in preparing for and presenting at trial.

Our Fair Housing Legal Clinic directed by Professor Allison Bethel, Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic co-directed by Joseph Butler (JD '95) and Brian Claus (JD '90), and our new

Business Transactions Program directed by Michael Schlesinger (JD '70) are giving students hands-on experience in dealing with clients and learning how best to represent them.

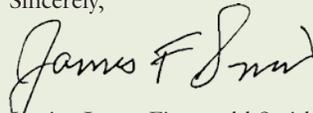
The law school initiated a Pro Bono Program last year. It has enabled our students to work with attorneys representing a former death row inmate, help residents struggling with foreclosure issues as volunteers at the JusticeCorps Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program, and offer general legal information as volunteers for Illinois Legal Aid Online LiveHelp services.

When you need CLE credit, link to John Marshall's website for a list of upcoming events that will help keep you current while you fulfill your CLE required hours.

My fellow board members and I are asking you to recognize that your expertise can be of value to our students. They look for mentors who can teach them the best interviewing skills, networking techniques and courtroom presentation and etiquette. I know John Marshall prepared you well for your career. I encourage you to step forward to help the next generation of John Marshall alumni.

We always want to hear from you. You can contact me through the Office of Alumni Relations at 312.427.2737, ext. 343.

Sincerely,



Justice James Fitzgerald Smith

Message from the Dean... *continued*

the U.S. dedicated to the study of Chinese intellectual property rights issues. We were one of only three U.S. law schools to receive such grants this time, the others are Cornell Law School and Vermont Law School. We are very pleased with this grant and will use it well.

Chinese IP Resource Center

We had the ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 23 for the official grand opening of CIPRC on the 17th floor of the 321 building. We had an overflow crowd of 70 people and welcomed several guests from China, including Gan Shaoning, the deputy commissioner of SIPO, and Ma Hao, president of the Patent and Trademark Law Office in Beijing and representative of the China Council for Promotion of International Trade. Also, Lu Kun, the deputy consul general of the Chinese Consulate in Chicago; Yufeng (Ethan) Ma, a board member at McAndrews Held & Malloy Ltd.; Chief Judge James Holderman and Judge Charles Kocoras of

the United States District Court-Northern District of Illinois; Judge Michael Mihm of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois; and William Spence, co-chair of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program-China Committee.

Veteran's Clinic

In addition, our Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic has secured an outright program grant of \$10,000 and an additional \$100,000 challenge grant from an anonymous corporate donor. The funding will help us construct new clinic facilities to better serve those whose lives have been impacted by their military service. To meet the "challenge" and receive the \$100,000 grant, the school must raise \$100,000 in additional funds for the project by Oct. 31. We are hard at work at raising these funds. For more details on how to help us meet this \$100,000 challenge, please visit www.jmls.edu/give.

Professionalism and IP Directors

Lastly, I'd like to spotlight a couple names you should recognize. Retired Illinois Appellate Court Justice Margaret "Peg" Frossard has joined us as the new director of Professionalism and Engagement. She will work with our students on matters of professionalism and with our staff on meeting our students' expectations here at John Marshall. And Bill McGrath, of Davis McGrath LLP, who has served as our associate director for the Center for Intellectual Property Law, is taking over as the Center's interim director. Please join me in recognizing them both in their new roles.



John E. Corkery, *Dean*

Challenge Allows You to Double Your Gift to Benefit the Veterans Center & Clinic



The 19 W. Jackson building is getting a major facelift. Crews are cleaning and tuck-pointing the façade of the 100-year-old building. The first floor will serve as the new home of the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic.

Did you know you can double your gift to The John Marshall Law School by making a contribution for the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic (VLSC)?

The John Marshall Law School Foundation is working to raise \$100,000 in matching funds for a challenge grant by Oct. 31, 2011. All donations will be used to help the Clinic move from its cramped quarters in the Plymouth Court building to first floor space in our newly acquired 19 W. Jackson building. This build-out will give us the additional space the Clinic desperately needs, and it will make the facility easily accessible to all who inquire about the Clinic's work and free services.

The VLSC was the first law school clinical program in the country devoted solely to veterans legal issues. Since its founding in 2007, our students and a network of attorneys across Illinois have provided assistance to more than 3,000 veterans to win medical and educational benefits they are entitled to, but often denied. In addition, our Clinic staff has worked with the Circuit Court of Cook County to address the needs of veterans through a special Veterans Court Program.

Help us continue this important mission. We look forward to receiving your gift for the VLSC Challenge Grant at www.jmls.edu/give or send a check to the foundation office at 321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, IL 60604. Should you need additional information, contact John Lee, president of the Foundation, at 312.386.2871.

U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund Gift Leads to New U.S.-China IP Exchanges

When the Chinese Intellectual Property Resource Center at The John Marshall Law School had its grand opening in August 2011, a special thanks was extended from The John Marshall Law School Foundation to the U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund for its generous gift of \$60,000 fostering an international partnership.

Herbert J. Hansell, co-chair of the fund's board of trustees, said the organization applauds the staff at the Chinese IP Resource Center for its work on the initiative, "U.S.-China: An International Partnership for Advancing Respect in the Field of Intellectual Property (IP) Rights." The funding from the U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund will help foster innovative exchange programs between American and Chinese law students, IP specialists, engineers and judges under the umbrella of the U.S.-China Intellectual Property Exchange Program. We expect it will be an exciting year as we begin this new initiative.

The Chinese IP Resource Center was founded in response to the growing importance of Chinese IP laws and issues in connection with world commerce and IP development. The Center has been the dream of Dean John E. Corkery and Dorothy In-Lan Wang Li, director of the law school's Asian Alliance Program. They first approached Chinese attorneys about the idea for a Center two years ago when John Marshall and China's State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) marked the 15th anniversary of their cooperative partnership.

The law school's partnership with China is nearing the 20-year mark. It is an exciting time to be working in close cooperation with one of the world's fastest growing countries as we learn together in mutual cooperation. Your gift can help us continue this partnership and the growth of the Chinese IP Resource Center. Please consider making a gift at www.jmls.edu/give.



A Message from Sherri J. Berendt Director of Alumni Relations

Friends:

I am happy to announce that Lauren Prihoda, (JD '10), has joined the alumni office as assistant director. Lauren will be working closely with our Young Alumni Council and developing programs that help our students engage more with our alumni community. She has already proven to be a valuable member of the team!

This has been an exciting summer around John Marshall. The construction started on both the old Walgreen's space to convert it to our new Student Commons, and the 19 W. Jackson building, the future home of our Veterans Clinic and other departments. The Foundation also has secured some exciting grants that are really elevating our fundraising numbers.

Last month, I sent a letter to my fellow '99 classmates asking them to give back to our alma mater. I asked my classmates to make a \$19.99 gift, and many of them responded to the call. I really love the "But for John Marshall" stories that I hear and I have my own "But for John Marshall" story, too. We are at a very crucial time in the fundraising history of John Marshall and are asking everyone to make a gift. If you have never made a donation to John Marshall, please consider making your gift in the amount of your graduating year.

We say "every gift matters" because it truly does! The total percentage of our alumni that donate to the school is a very important number to foundations that are evaluating our grant applications. So, this is a case where every gift really does matter.

We have a full alumni relations event plan for the year. We are visiting cities that we haven't visited in some time, including Dallas and Houston, and have added some new events. For example, come join us for a night at Chicago's Lyric Opera on Jan. 11, 2012, for a performance of "The Magic Flute."

I hope you enjoy reading about all that we are doing and that you will help us meet our goal to increase the number of alumni who are giving back to our school.

And if you are so inclined, share your "But for John Marshall" story with me at sberendt@jmls.edu.

Warmest Regards,

Sherri J. Berendt (JD '99)

Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund Programming

The May 2011 Freedom Award & DSA Luncheon



The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association presented its 2011 Freedom Award to Illinois Appellate Court Justice Joseph Gordon (seated, center) and its Distinguished Service Awards to Circuit Court of Cook County Judge Lynn Egan (JD '85) (seated left) and Anthony C. Raccuglia (JD '59) (seated right), and (standing, from left) Circuit Court of Cook County Judge John Doody (JD '74), Ferdinand Serpe (JD '84) and Norman Lasko (JD '67).



Northwest Indiana Alumni Association Chapter President Carol Green-Fraleley (JD '84/LLM '94) (third from left), is joined by Eric Kirschner, Judge Jeffrey Harkin (JD '95) of Hammond, Ind., City Court, and Glenn Kuchel. Kirschner, Green and Kuchel practice with the firm of Green & Kuchel.



Guests at the Freedom Award luncheon were (from left) Joseph Cataldo (JD '92), Circuit Court of Cook County Judge James Ryan (JD '92), Frank Andreou (JD '95) and John Fotopoulos (JD '00).

The **Elder Law Studies Program** was designed by Barry Kozak (JD/LLM '00). The curriculum focuses on life planning and durable powers of attorney, estate planning and wills and trusts, conservatorship and guardianship, health care planning, Medicare/Medicaid planning, employee benefits, prevention and prosecution of elder abuse, and public policy regarding the rights of the elderly.

Beyond understanding the appropriate laws, students also learn to mediate between family members and deal with ethical, moral and societal issues that affect the elderly.

The cutting-edge curriculum includes the prerequisites Financial Aspects and Planning and Preserving Dignity and Independence of the Elderly. The advanced classes address specific issues, such as the attorney's role in court-appointed guardianship, navigating federal and state bureaucracies for benefits; and drafting elder law legal documents.

The new **Health Law Certificate Program** was developed because of a societal need for such specialization and in response to student interest in health law.

John Marshall is an innovator in offering courses in health law, according to Professor Marc Ginsburg (JD '77) who helped organize the new program. In addition to the nine required credits,

students will choose from an array of courses, including those relating to technology, privacy, public health issues, litigation and legal drafting. The curriculum also includes an innovative course that teaches students the lawyering skills for drafting legal documents and performing the skills required of health law professionals.

Sustainability is a new specialization that can make attorneys competitive in the emerging, interdisciplinary area which is of increasing importance in real estate, environmental and regulatory legal work. After completing required courses in energy law, environmental law, local government law, real estate transactions and sustainability in modern real estate transactions, students tailor their specialization with electives from a broad range of disciplines, including historic preservation, international business and trade in agriculture, land use control and public finance.

"Most business or commercial real estate lawyers need to know about the implications and consequences that sustainability, the green building movement and climate change will have on the real estate industry," said Celeste Hammond, director of the Center for Real Estate Law. "We have been offering courses in sustainability law. We created the certification program in response to increased demand from students and employers alike."

The **LLM in Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution** complements the law school's outstanding nationally-ranked program in trial advocacy, and enables JD students to earn a joint JD/LLM degree.

"This new LLM in Trial Advocacy and ADR supports the law school's mission to educate and train attorneys with broad skills to meet the challenges of the legal profession and is consistent with emerging trends in the national law school community," said Clinical Professor Susann MacLachlan (JD '94), director of the Center for Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution.

The curriculum includes required courses in Advanced Scientific Evidence, Expert Witnesses, Litigation Technology, Models of Dispute Resolution, and Negotiation Theory and Practice in Primarily Pre-Trial Scenarios. Students will be able to select from 15 electives, three of which—Prosecutorial Ethics, Media Relations and the Advocate, and Environmental Crimes and Prosecution—are available online.

The **LLM in Estate Planning**, set to begin in fall 2012, will be the second online graduate program. The curriculum for the Employee Benefits Program went online this fall semester. Both of the online LLM programs are designed for part-time students.

"The Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits is excited about the new **LLM in Estate Planning**," said Professor Malcolm L. Morris, associate director of the Graduate Tax Law Programs. "Lawyers with this advanced degree will be practice-ready to help clients deal with the wide range of issues impacting, *inter alia*, transferring personal and business assets to the next generation, tailoring retirement plans to specific needs, and developing successful tax strategies for transmitting wealth," he explained.

This program will require students to take courses in Wealth Transfer Taxation I and II; Estate Planning I and II; Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts; and Estate and Trust Administration and Post-Mortem Planning, and choose from a variety of electives. Students also must complete the Comprehensive Estate Plan Project that will require them to work individually on the project with guidance from a faculty member.

Alumni from Lake Forest College Meet



Alumni from Lake Forest College and The John Marshall Law School met with Lake Forest pre-law students. Coordinating the event were (left) Franco LaMarca (JD '05) and (right) Brian Clauss (JD '90) with Dean John Corkery.

LEGAL EFFORTS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS WIN Taradash Honors

Alan Taradash describes himself as “just a Chicago kid raised on the South Side,” but this local boy has gone far and achieved much in the 41 years since leaving The John Marshall Law School.

Taradash, 67, accepted the Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association in April 2011. The award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of Indian law, and who has worked in the field for more than 20 years. Taradash is just the fourth person to receive the award.

A partner at the Nordhaus Law Firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Taradash’s first job after law school was in Window Rock, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation where he was legal services attorney.

A nomination letter from attorneys at his firm notes that Taradash’s law practice “has been dedicated to serving the interests of individual Indians, Indian tribes and tribally owned entities” and that Taradash also mentors young Indian attorneys. “His achievements in this field are unparalleled,” the letter said.

When asked what successes are most satisfying personally, Taradash said that a combination of little things and larger cases make the cut and that his work with the Navajo Nation has been very rewarding.

He notes a case from the 1970s, in a trial before the Army Discharge Review Board, in which he established the legitimacy of Navajo witchcraft as a medical malady. The result of that effort was that the U.S. Army would afford afflicted soldiers the chance to seek traditional Navajo ceremonial treatments.

But Taradash’s satisfaction came in helping the man involved in the case upgrade his discharge papers, which allowed the man to enroll in college, giving him a chance at a better life.

Another case he mentions involves the Red Lake Band of Indians in northern Minnesota. Taradash took over as lead counsel in the early ’90s on a complex case involving land, timber and accounting issues that had been pending for more than 40 years. He secured two judgments totaling more than \$80 million for the Red Lake Band. These are among the highest judgments ever entered for a single tribe by the Indian Claims Commission and its successor to the “Claims Commission Cases,” the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Taradash’s law practice has been dedicated to serving the interests of individual Indians, Indian tribes, and tribally owned entities



Attorney Alan Taradash was honored April 8 in New Mexico with the Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association.

Taradash started at John Marshall in 1967, four days after ending a two-year stint in the Peace Corps, where he worked in Bombay (now Mumbai), India. And he recalls fondly the help he received from Dean Noble Lee and women in the Registrar’s Office who let him buy books on credit because he didn’t have any money.

But he speaks most forcefully about the quality of the education he received at John Marshall and of the egalitarian nature of that education.

“The rigor he [Lee] insisted on and the wonderful quality of teaching was just remarkable,” Taradash recalled.

He makes particular mention of the Introduction to Law course. In 1967, students were required to read Charles Kelso’s *Programmed Introduction to the Study of Law*. “It sort of burned into your brain, as if with a branding iron, the methodology of the law, the analytical approach which included a structured and rigorous examination of cases and legal issues.”

But Taradash also recalls something else.

“As Dean Lee taught us, law is not about making money. It’s a noble profession to be used to aid society and individuals in it,” Taradash said.

And the egalitarian societal view extended to law school admissions, as well, he said, noting that John Marshall accepted students regardless of race, situation or circumstance if they were willing to put in the work needed to succeed.

Taradash is married to Dr. Gloria Taradash and they have five children.

Lt. Col. Dyer's CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE HELPS Military In a Crisis

Stephen Dyer (JD '85) learned Japanese to save his University of Notre Dame scholarship. He enhanced his knowledge during a two-year Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Fellowship to Japan between his first and second years of law school.

His combination of Japanese culture, language and experience, together with his presence in Honolulu, turned out to be an advantageous mix 10 years ago when a fatal ship accident could have escalated into international discord.

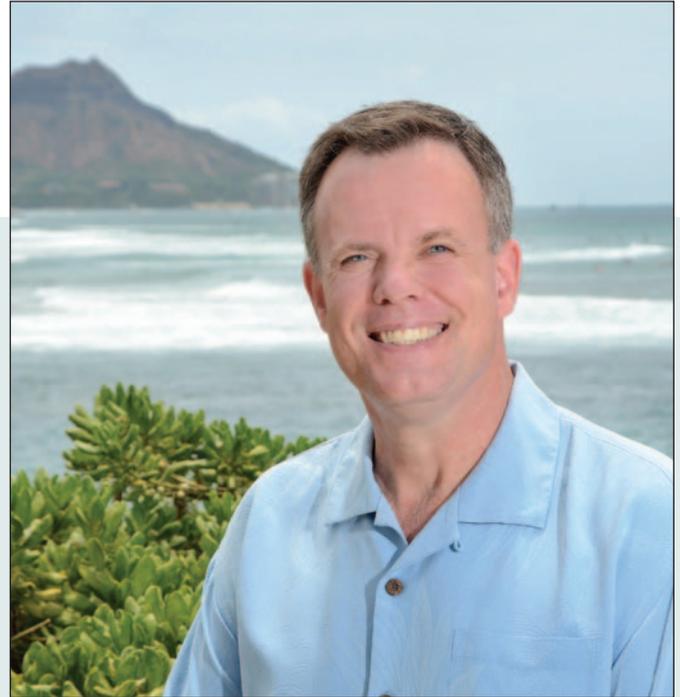
On Feb. 9, 2001, the Ehime Maru, a Japanese fishing trawler owned by the government of Ehime Prefecture, was in the midst of a 74-day training mission for high school students interested in becoming fishermen. The 191-foot-long ship, which had docked at Honolulu the day before, was carrying 35 people.

Also on that date, the USS Greenville, a U.S. Navy submarine, was in the midst of a demonstration for civilian visitors there to see the submarine's capabilities.

Shortly before 2 p.m. on that hazy Friday afternoon about nine nautical miles off the coast of Oahu, the USS Greenville collided with the Ehime Maru while demonstrating an emergency rapid-ascent maneuver. The submarine's rudder sliced the Japanese ship, which almost immediately began to sink. The Greenville was too large to get close enough to help those who had been tossed overboard. In the end, nine people died including four high school students.

That Friday night, Dyer, an attorney at the Honolulu firm of Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura, was getting ready to take clients to dinner when the JAG office at U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) called asking for his assistance. They wanted him to meet with the Japanese survivors, find out their needs, and express regret but not apologize, as the details of what happened were unclear at that point.

Dyer, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, recommended he accompany a higher-level officer to meet with



“In this situation, doing the right thing was doing it the Japanese way, or at least understanding Japanese customs and meeting their loss with compassion and understanding on their terms,”

the Ehime Maru captain and crew to show PACOM's level of concern and respect. They visited the crew late that evening at the U.S. Coast Guard facility where they had been taken after rescue. The crew were all wearing prisoner jumpsuits, as all their belongings had been lost. The captain was at first startled that the 6-foot-2-inch, green-eyed American was speaking Japanese to him. But then, Dyer believes, the captain drew some comfort from being able to communicate in his native language.

“The captain was shell-shocked and perhaps embarrassed to have survived,” Dyer said. “But then he opened up, and told us what his needs were.”

In Japanese culture, the importance of doing the right thing cannot be overstated, Dyer said.

“In this situation, doing the right thing was doing it the Japanese way, or at least understanding Japanese customs and meeting their loss with compassion and understanding on their terms,” he said.

Dyer set about arranging for basic necessities for the survivors, communicating information from the continued search for the nine missing Japanese and from the investigation into the accident, and assisting both the crew and their families, as well as advising PACOM leadership, in the immediate aftermath.

During those efforts, understanding Japanese culture was a way to avoid missteps that could make the situation worse. Dyer knew, for example, that rather than hand a check to the captain to purchase clothing and supplies for his crew, Japanese custom dictated that each man receive an envelope with his name inscribed in Kanji with crisp new cash inside.

By the following day, the facts had been sorted out and Dyer was authorized to make a formal apology to the Ehime Maru captain and crew when he delivered the envelopes. Dyer had earned a black belt in the martial art of Iaido (the way of the samurai sword), where he learned the movements for ritual apology, and he employed those in delivering the official apology on behalf of the United States government.

Lt. Col. Dyer... continued on page 11

Lt. Col. Dyer... *continued*

"If my efforts had any effect, it was that things could have turned out much worse if we hadn't approached things in the right way," Dyer said. "I think it was the start of our making lemonade out of lemons."

Dyer was invited to a memorial service in Honolulu earlier this year, marking the 10-year anniversary of the accident.

He seems to downplay his role, but the U.S. military has a different sense of his efforts. PACOM awarded Dyer the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his actions, noting that he was called in on short notice "to assist with the urgent handling of

international issues" and that his efforts were "invaluable to reaching an amicable resolution."

Professor Robert "Gil" Johnston, who taught Dyer when he was a student at John Marshall, said that Dyer acted admirably.

"He is credited with defusing an extremely embarrassing incident for the U.S.," Johnston said, "and avoiding what was rapidly mounting into a major international incident."

Says Dyer, "I was just doing my job, but I'm thinking I was the right guy in the right place at the right time."

Federal Clerkships... *continued*

and she was asked to apply when the clerk position became open.

"I think this is probably the best job in the world," she said. "Bankruptcy is one of the few areas of law that is still malleable, and it's a hot topic given the state of the economy."

Barry and the other clerks conduct legal research and draft opinions, prepare memos for the judge detailing cases and suggesting rulings and then meet with him to discuss the options.

"Judge Black considers his law clerks to be his legal counsel. Our job is to advise the judge on every matter that comes before him," Barry said. "As his senior clerk, I review everything before it goes to the judge. The buck stops here."

Michael DeMarino (JD '09) was a commercial litigator at Reed Smith, before beginning a prestigious clerkship in September with Justice William Bauer on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit.

"Aside from it being a feather in your cap," DeMarino said, "the experience is going to be invaluable, with enormous learning opportunities. This is a dream job."

To get the coveted position, DeMarino researched more than 50 of Bauer's opinions.

"I think I had a good understanding of the judge and his rulings," DeMarino said, which prepared him for the 30-minute one-on-one interview with Bauer. "The difference-maker is how well you mesh with the judge."

Jason Koransky (JD '10) clerked for Judge Harry Leinenweber at the U.S. District Court, Northern District

of Illinois from September 2010 through September 2011.

Koransky had "amazing experiences," participating in civil and criminal matters in federal court, including patent, trademark, civil rights and terrorism cases. Today he practices law at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

"The clerks *have* to provide the judge an accurate and succinct analysis of the issues in each case before us," he said.

Koransky, who was editor of *DownBeat* magazine for 10 years, said John Marshall was a good fit for him, with its evening division offerings and accommodations for non-traditional students. With his interest in intellectual property law, Koransky said he found "phenomenal" IP offerings, along with a really good writing program, and emphasis on "teaching practical skills."

"It's important to know that the top students at John Marshall are as good as the top students at any of the top 10 law schools in the country," Koransky said.

Erin McKibben (JD '10) began her one-year clerkship in January 2011 with Judge Charles Norgle (JD '69), and calls her clerkship "the best job a new lawyer could have."

Norgle said the role of a clerk is key to the judicial process: "Good adversaries and an intelligent, well-educated law clerk are vital to the court's decision-making process."

Professor Paul Lewis, chair of the Judicial Clerkship Committee, says federal clerkships historically have been very difficult to attain and have become even more competitive in the difficult job market.

"This recent achievement is a testament not only to the skills and preparedness

of our strongest students, but also to the tremendous efforts exhibited by the Career Services Office," Lewis said. "They do a great job."

Third-year student Rob Olmstead, who begins a clerkship position in January 2012 with Leinenweber, said he found it particularly beneficial to have Professor Mary Nagel (JD '88) serve as his mentor during the extended application process. Nagel clerked for two judges in the Circuit Court of Cook County. Olmstead described Nagel as a tough professor, and said he chose her as his mentor for that very reason.

"If I could survive a mock interview with her, the actual interview would be a piece of cake," he said.

Black sees a federal judicial clerkship as a "win-win" situation with both the clerk and the judge reaping tremendous benefits.

"For the clerk it is a unique chance to see a court from the inside. For the judge it is a chance to receive legal advice from a gifted young attorney," he said. "Usually, both benefit from the formation of a close personal relationship that is almost like family. Indeed, when former clerks become parents, my wife and I consider their children to be our 'grandclerks.'"

During the past 10 years, Black has had seven law clerks, six of whom are John Marshall graduates.

"Each year on the anniversary of my appointment as a federal judge, my wife and I host a reunion dinner for former clerks and their spouses or significant others," Black said. "It is always one of the highlights of my year, and it always reminds me that my law clerks make my job the best job in the world."

Retired Justice Frossard Is Named Director of Professionalism and Engagement

When Margaret “Peggy” Frossard finished college in 1973 at Northwestern University, she wasn’t thinking of law school. She was dreaming of a career in broadcast journalism. But the 21-year-old honor student’s plans were stalled when she was wait-listed for the master’s degree program at Northwestern’s prestigious Medill School of Journalism.

Rather than take a job working full-time at the U.S. Postal Service, Frossard started law school.

“One door closes and another opens up,” recounts Frossard, most recently the presiding justice on the Illinois Appellate Court, First Division.

From Chicago-Kent College of Law to the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, the Cook County Circuit Court and the Illinois Appellate Court benches, the would-be broadcaster has forged a formidable legal career that now brings her to The John Marshall Law School.

Frossard joined John Marshall on March 31, 2011, as the school’s first director of Professionalism and Engagement.

“We are enthusiastic about her helping us to become a better law school,” said Dean John E. Corkery.

The new position arises out of goals of helping students develop their sense of professionalism and engagement with their education, with faculty and staff fostering those efforts by modeling professional conduct for students, according to Corkery.

“I believe that Peggy, as a recent Illinois Appellate Court justice, is uniquely qualified to do this for our students,” Corkery said.

Frossard is no stranger to John Marshall. She is married to alumnus Steve Yonover (JD ’77), and during her time on the



Hon. Margaret Frossard

appellate bench she worked with many student interns, some of them from John Marshall.

“The John Marshall Law School students were among the most impressive,” Frossard said, encouraging her interest in John Marshall as she considered the next step in her career in the legal profession.

She is enthused about her new position.

“My goal is to promote student engagement which will provide the foundation for professionalism and prepare students to become responsible, dignified members of the legal community,” she said. “I will also work with deans, faculty and staff to create an atmosphere of good customer service for our students.”

When Frossard graduated from law school, she spent a week sitting in the office of the Cook County Public Defender, trying to get a job. She never got an interview there, and instead was hired on at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, where she remained for 12 years, eventually becoming chief of the Felony Trial Division, where she supervised 200 appellate and trial attorneys.

Frossard’s next move was to the Cook County Circuit Court, where she spent approximately 10 years on the bench before being assigned to the Illinois Appellate Court in 1997. She has just completed her 26th year of teaching Introduction to Trial Advocacy at Northwestern, and will continue to teach Advanced Trial Advocacy at John Marshall.

Cubs Outing

Cheering on the Chicago Cubs at the Office of Alumni Relations’ outing are (front row) Heidi Ruckman (JD ’00)(left) and Sherri Berendt (JD ’99), director of the Office of Alumni Relations; (middle row, from left) Donna Cusimano (JD ’99), Vanessa Cici-Fry (JD ’00), Margaret Donnell (JD ’99), and Tanya Dietrich (JD ’71), and (back row) Stacey Lynch (JD ’99) (left) and Jason Roberts (JD ’99).



**The John Marshall Law School
Office of Alumni Relations
Calendar of Events 2011-2012**

- Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Young Alumni Council Happy Hour
Exchequer Pub, 5:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Seattle Alumni Reception
The Arctic Club
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, November 10, 2011
Los Angeles Alumni Reception
CHAYA, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 6, 2011
Naperville Alumni Reception
Maggiano's, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Friday, December 9, 2011
Alumni Reception at ISBA Meeting
Sheraton Hotel

- Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Night at the Opera: The Magic Flute
Lyric Opera, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Alumni Judges Cocktail Reception
The John Marshall Law School, Rm. 3-East

- Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Blackhawks Alumni Outing

- Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Houston Alumni Reception

- Thursday, February 16, 2012
Dallas Alumni Reception

- Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Law Review Reunion
The John Marshall Law School, Rm. 3-East
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- Sunday, April 1, 2012
Washington D.C. Alumni Dinner

- Monday, April 2, 2012
Supreme Court Group Swearing-In

- Friday, May 4, 2012
Freedom Award & Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon
Palmer House Hilton – Grand Ballroom

- Wednesday, May 16, 2012
South Suburban Alumni Reception

- Friday, June 8, 2012
Alumni Association Annual Meeting
The John Marshall Law School, Rm. 200
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

DuPage County Alumni Meet at Grotto Italian Steakhouse, April 12, 2011



Meeting at the party were (from left) Gregory Smith (JD '80), Marc Wolfe (JD '76), Umberto Davi (JD '82) and Adrian Mendoza (JD '94).



John Marshall Law School Assistant Professor Mary Nagel (JD '88) (left) met classmates, Lori Prokes (JD '88) (second from left) and Greg James (JD '88) (third from left), and alumna Robin Spadoni (JD '99).



Director of the Office of Alumni Relations Sherri Berendt (JD '99) (second from left), enjoyed conversation with (from left) Vanessa Cici-Fry (JD '00), Margaret Donnell (JD '99), Frank Lamas (JD '99) and Michael Lodermeier (JD '99).

Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony in April 2012

The Office of Alumni Relations is hosting a trip to the United States Supreme Court for a Group Swearing-In Ceremony on April 2, 2012.

Applicants must meet the following registration criteria:

- Be a John Marshall graduate
- Be admitted to any state bar for at least 3 years
- Maintain an active state bar license
- Be present for the ceremony

The ceremony can accommodate 50 John Marshall alumni. The Court's fee is \$250. There is a \$125 fee for participants that will include a reception and dinner the evening before the swearing-in ceremony; transportation on April 2 to the Supreme Court Building; a continental breakfast before the ceremony, and an 8 X 10 group photo.

The Office of Alumni Relations will be coordinating an afternoon tour of the United States Capitol on March 31, and a docent-led group tour of the Library of Congress the afternoon of April 2.

The office has arranged for a block of rooms at a downtown Washington hotel, and airline discounts are available.

All additional information and frequently asked questions can be found at <http://alumni.jmls.edu/SCOTUS11>

After visiting the website, please contact Erin Dunne in the Office of Alumni Relations at edunne@jmls.edu with further inquiries.

Alumni Association's Annual Meeting



The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association conducted its annual meeting June 10, 2011, at the law school. Alumni members who enjoyed the party were (from left) Michelle Sinkovits, (JD '10), Dan Breen, (JD '09), Steve Hall, (JD '09), James Borkman, (JD '10) and Matt Kellam (JD '10).



Alumni Association President Justice James Fitzgerald Smith (JD '75) (left) and Dan Cotter (JD '95) (second from left) with Kimberly Anderson (JD '98) (right), immediate past president, present the Alumni Scholarships to students Victoria Vasilev (center) and Michael Eisenberg.



2011-12 Association Officers

The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association inducted its new officers at the June 10, 2011, annual meeting. Serving in the 2011-2012 term are (seated, from left) Justice James Fitzgerald Smith, president; Natosha Cuyler-Sherman, third vice president; Daniel A. Cotter, treasurer; and (standing, from left) Karie J. Valentino, assistant treasurer; Kim Anderson, immediate past president; Judge Regina A. Scannicchio, second vice president; Jennifer Irmen, secretary; and Michael Favia, first vice president.

classnotes

1949

Alfred E. Gallo (dec.) has been posthumously honored with the 2011 Spirit of John Marshall Award from The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees.

1964

Hon. Nicholas T. Pomaro (ret.) was a speaker for Vanderbilt University's Disability Society spring lecture "Blind Justice" addressing how he overcame his own disability to pursue a legal career and now strives to bring justice to others who are blind. Pomaro serves as director of the Kane Legal Clinic at the Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired. He spent nearly 30 years as a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Pomaro also had a one-on-one meeting April 19, 2011, with United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts at the Supreme Court Building in Washington, DC. The invitation was extended after Pomaro received a commendation letter from the chief justice in which he saluted the work being done by the clinic. Pomaro also was given a private tour of the West Wing of the White House, including a look at the Oval Office. The tour was arranged by Kareem Dale, President Obama's disability affairs advisor.

1969

Edmund P. Burke (LLM/RE '01) has co-founded Burke & Handley Attorneys at Law in Downers Grove, Illinois. Burke concentrates his practice on commercial banking and general civil litigation.

1970

Hon. Stephen J. Culliton has been honored with the 2011 Spirit of John Marshall Award from The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees. Culliton is the presiding judge of the Felony Division for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Wheaton, Illinois.

Alan R. Taradash has been honored with the 2011 Lawrence Baca Lifetime Achievement Award. He received the honor from the Federal Bar Association at the Indian Law Conference on the Pueblo of Pojoaque for his outstanding legal service to the Indian Community. Taradash is a senior partner with the Nordhaus Law Firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1974

Hon. Fred L. Foreman has been honored with the 2011 Spirit of John Marshall Award from The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees. Foreman is the presiding judge of the Felony Division for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Waukegan, Illinois.

1975

Joel M. Friedman has been honored with the 2011 Spirit of John Marshall Award from The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees. Friedman is with Horwood Marcus & Berk, chartered in Chicago, Illinois, concentrating his practice on taxation, estate planning and business law.



Joel M. Friedman

1976

Richard E. Aleksey has been appointed by Illinois Gov. Patrick Quinn to an advisory review board of the workers' compensation system. Aleksey is a partner with the Law Offices of Corti, Aleksey and Castaneda in Chicago, Illinois, concentrating his practice on worker's compensation.



Richard E. Aleksey

James R. Krasny has been elevated to senior status and of counsel with Markoff & Krasny. Krasny concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and bankruptcy.



James R. Krasny

Robert D. Kreisman has been elected to the board of directors of the Union League Club in Chicago, Illinois. Kreisman is a private practice attorney, concentrating on medical malpractice law.

Stuart L. Schneider has received a second-degree black belt in Jujitsu.

1977

Hon. Manuel Barbosa has been honored with the "2011 Vanguard Award" by the Hispanic Lawyers Association. Barbosa is with the United States Bankruptcy Court in Rockford, Illinois.

Martin R. Riskin has been honored with the 2011 Spirit of John Marshall Award from The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees. Riskin is a principal attorney with Pacific Commonwealth Mortgage Co. in Tiburon, California.

1978

Thomas P. Holden has joined Axiom in Chicago, Illinois. Holden was previously senior counsel for Accenture LLP.

Allan W. Jansen has joined Dickstein Shapiro LLP in Orange County, California. Jansen concentrates his practice on intellectual property counseling and litigation, trademark and copyright and trade secret law.



Allan W. Jansen

Mark A. Pedowitz has been named President of the CW Network. Pedowitz was previously the founder of Pine Street Entertainment and executive vice president of ABC Entertainment Television Group.



Mark A. Pedowitz

1979

Mark T. Banner (dec.) has been posthumously honored with the establishment of the Mark T. Banner Award by the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law.



Mark T. Banner

Paula Hudson Holderman has been elected commissioner of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Character and Fitness. Holderman is the chief attorney development officer with Winston & Strawn, LLP in Chicago, Illinois.

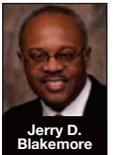


Paula Hudson Holderman

Stephen A. Litchfield has been appointed deputy general counsel for Schneider Electric in Palatine, Illinois. Litchfield was previously the associate general counsel for the Square D Company.

1980

Jerry D. Blakemore has been named vice president and general counsel for Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Blakemore was previously vice president and general counsel for Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.



Jerry D. Blakemore

Freddrenna M. Lyle has joined Chicago's City Council Black Caucus to represent them in an upcoming fight over new ward boundaries. Lyle served 13 years as 6th Ward alderman.



Freddrenna M. Lyle

1981

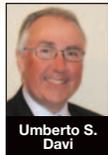
Rosalyn B. Kaplan (dec.) has been posthumously inducted into the Illinois State Bar Association's Academy of Illinois Lawyers. Kaplan was the former chief of appeals and ancillary litigation for the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

Hon. Timothy M. Lucas has been appointed circuit judge with the 10th Judicial Circuit Court of Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark and Tazewell Counties in Illinois. Lucas was previously an associate judge with the 10th Judicial Circuit Court.

Hon. Marcus R. Salone has been appointed to the First District Appellate Court in Illinois. Salone was previously an associate judge in the Criminal Division in Cook County.

1982

Umberto S. Davi has been re-elected to the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. Davi is a private practitioner in Western Springs, Illinois.



Umberto S. Davi

Scott D. Hammer has joined Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Hammer concentrates his practice on representing mental health professionals in commercial contracts and malpractice matters.

Michael A. Meschino has been sworn in as first vice-president of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association. Meschino is a private practitioner in Palatine, Illinois.

1983

Kirk T. Hartley has joined Gnarus Advisors, LLC as director of the firm's new Chicago office.

Craig J. Simon has opened the Simon Law Group, PLLC in Tempe, Arizona. Simon concentrates his practice on family and divorce law.



Craig J. Simon

1984

Stuart G. Gelfman has joined the new firm of Birnbaum, Haddon, Gelfman & Arnoux, LLC in Chicago, Illinois, as a partner. Gelfman was previously with Nadler, Pritikin & Mirabelli in Chicago.

Laura A. Pegler has been elected president for the board of directors of the Chicago-West Suburban Chapter of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society. Pegler serves as counsel and distance learning module coordinator at the Property Loss Research Bureau in Downers Grove, Illinois.



Laura A. Pegler

Hon. David P. Sterba has been appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court. Sterba was previously a Circuit Court of Cook County judge in Bridgeview, Illinois.

1985

Patrick J. Rocks has been named general counsel to Chicago Public Schools. Rocks was previously the first assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago's Department of Law.

1986

Emily P. Berendt has been elected trustee for the Village of Bull Valley, Illinois.

Jack B. Fishman has joined NHB Advisors, Inc. as managing director in Algonquin, Illinois. Fishman concentrates his practice on turnaround and restructuring consulting.

Anne M. Oldenburg has been elected president of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. Oldenburg is a partner with Alholm, Monahan, Klauke, Hay & Oldenburg, LLC.



Anne M. Oldenburg

1987

David C. Mineo married Dr. Lisa M. Mendonza on April 23, 2011, at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, New York. Mineo is the claim center manager at Chicago Title Insurance Co. Canada in Mississauga, Ontario.

Hon. Colleen F. Sheehan has been elected president of the Alliance of Illinois Judges. Sheehan is with the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois.

Hon. Cheryl A. Starks has joined ADR Systems in Chicago, Illinois, as a senior mediator/arbitrator. Starks (ret.) was previously with the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

1988

David K. Blattner has joined Fowler White Boggs in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Blattner concentrates his practice on government, environment and real estate law.



David K. Blattner

James B. Durkin has joined Arnstein & Lehr, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Durkin concentrates his practice on government and municipal affairs.



James B. Durkin

Elizabeth I. Reed has joined the new firm of Birnbaum, Haddon, Gelfman & Arnoux LLC in Chicago, Illinois.

Judith C. Rice has joined the Resolution Systems Institute's executive committee. Rice is currently senior vice president at Harris Bank in Chicago, Illinois.

1989

John T. Coli served as a member of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's inauguration team. Coli is president of Teamsters Joint Council 25 in Chicago, Illinois.



John T. Coli

1990

Selma C. D'Souza has been honored with the "2011 Vanguard Award" by the Asian American Bar Association. D'Souza is the legislative director for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Glenn S. Guttman has been named a partner with Rieff Schramm Kanter & Guttman. Guttman concentrates his practice on real estate and property tax appeals.

Christopher M. Hanlon has been elected president of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel. Hanlon is a partner with Carnahan, Perry, Hanlon & Hudson in Phoenix, Arizona.



Christopher M. Hanlon

Cole S. Kain has been appointed chief of staff and general counsel for the Office of the Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor.



Cole S. Kain

Ricardo Meza has been appointed the executive inspector general for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor.



Ricardo Meza

1991

Hon. Daniel L. Peters has been named a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Peters was previously with the circuit court clerk's office.

Hon. Sheldon R. Sobol has been selected to serve as an associate judge for Grundy County, Illinois. Sobol was previously the Grundy County State's Attorney.

1992

Karen M. Enright has been elected treasurer of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. Enright is a partner with Winters, Enright, Salzetta & O'Brien LLC in Chicago, Illinois.



Karen M. Enright

1993

Mark L. Maki has joined Miller Canfield in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Maki concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.



Mark L. Maki

George Z. Toscas has been named the deputy assistant general for Counterterrorism and Counterespionage for the National Security Division of the United States Department of Justice.

1994

Donald J. Cosley has been elected president of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association. Cosley is a private practitioner in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.



Donald J. Cosley

William J. Cusick has joined Siren Interactive in Oak Park, Illinois, as vice-president of creative services. Cusick was previously the CEO and Founder of Vox, Inc.



William J. Cusick

1995

Daniel A. Cotter competed in the Quad City Sports Performance powerlifting meet in August to raise money for Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth. Cotter is a founding partner at Korey Cotter Heather Richardson, LLC in Chicago, Illinois.



Daniel A. Cotter

Hon. Mark R. Gerhardt has been selected to serve as an associate judge for McHenry County, Illinois. Gerhardt was previously with Wiejaczka Law P.C. in Hawthorn Woods, Illinois.

Martin J. O'Hara has been named vice chairman of the litigation and dispute resolution group for Much, Shelist, Denenberg, Ament & Rubenstein PC in Chicago, Illinois.



Martin J. O'Hara

Kevin H. Saville has opened the Law Office of Kevin H. Saville, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois. Saville concentrates his practice on matrimonial and family law.

1996

Kerryann M. Haase has been elevated to managing partner with Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Haase concentrates her practice on labor and employment law.



Kerryann M. Haase

Edward G. Hild has been named chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Hild has been with Murkowski's office since March 2009.

Brendan P. Max has been elected vice president of Local 3315 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, representing Cook County Public Defenders.

1997

Robert J. Ambrose has joined Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC in Chicago, Illinois. Ambrose concentrates his practice on commercial litigation.



Robert J. Ambrose

Jeffery J. Makeever has been named second vice president of the Winnebago County Bar Association. Makeever is currently with Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Rockford, Illinois, as a shareholder.



Jeffery J. Makeever

Maureen Beacom Gorman has joined Marshall Gerstein & Borun, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, as a trademark attorney. Gorman was previously with Davis McGrath LLC in Chicago.



Maureen Beacom Gorman

Matthew C. Houchens has joined KPMG in Chicago, Illinois, as a partner. Houchens is a principal in the internal corporate services practice.

Neil F. Narut has been promoted to assistant vice president and managing attorney of Potestivo & Associates PC. Narut concentrates his practice on foreclosure, bankruptcy, title resolution and loss mitigation.

Jason M. Sax has been elevated to named partner with Myers, Carden & Sax, LLC in Chicago, Illinois. Sax concentrates his practice on insurance defense and municipal liability.

Stacy L. Watson May has opened Stacy Watson May, P.A. in Jacksonville, Florida. Watson May concentrates her practice on environmental law and the mediation of environmental and commercial cases.

Tracy Zwick has received a Master of Arts in Modern Art: Critical Theory from Columbia University in New York City, New York. Zwick is scholar-in-residence at Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts in Manhattan.

1998

Caren M. Gordon has been appointed associate general counsel for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Gordon concentrates her practice on real estate regulation, including drafting and reviewing legislation.

Jessica Arong O'Brien has been elected to the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. O'Brien is with the Illinois Department of Revenue in Chicago, Illinois.

Evelyn Pacino Sanguinetti has been elected councilwoman at-large for the City of Wheaton, Illinois. Sanguinetti is an attorney at Maisel & Associates in Wheaton.

1999

Beth A. Black has been elevated to shareholder with Greenberg, Traurig LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Black concentrates her practice on financial services litigation and commercial litigation.

Amy P. Grace has joined Chuhak & Tecson, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois. Grace concentrates her practice on banking and real estate litigation.

Scott M. Guetzow has joined Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Guetzow concentrates his practice on property tax management.



Neil F. Narut



Jason M. Sax



Stacy L. Watson May



Jessica Arong O'Brien



Evelyn Pacino Sanguinetti



Beth A. Black



Amy P. Grace

Michael N. Spink has been named chairman of the Intellectual Asset Management Group for Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Michael N. Spink

2000

Sharon R. Knobbe married Jim Mulyk on June 10, 2011, on Grand Cayman Island. Knobbe is with Knobbe, Laho, Gradishar & Mack, LLC in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.



Sharon R. Knobbe
Jim Mulyk

Katherine A. Amari O'Dell has been honored with the 2011 Spirit of John Marshall Award from The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees. She also has been sworn in as president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers of Illinois. Amari O'Dell is with Amari & Locallo in Chicago, Illinois.



Katherine A. Amari O'Dell

Jamie Rubin has joined InfoLawGroup LLP in Chicago, Illinois as a partner. Rubin concentrates his practice on media, promotions and intellectual property law.



Jamie Rubin

2001

Heather A. Bailey has joined SmithAmundsen, LLC in Chicago, Illinois. Bailey concentrates her practice on labor and employment law.



Heather A. Bailey

Laura A. LeDoux (LLM/RE) has joined Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, as an adjunct professor. LeDoux is a legal and wellness consultant for SSHP Enterprises, Inc.

Timothy S. McGovern has joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. McGovern serves as the chair of the firm's Admiralty, Maritime and Transportation practice group.



Timothy S. McGovern

2002

Theodore L. Field has been appointed assistant professor at South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.



Theodore L. Field

Adam G. Kelly has been named partner with Loeb & Loeb, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Kelly concentrates his practice on intellectual property law.



Adam G. Kelly

Adrian Neritani (LLM/IBT) has been designated as the government of Albania representative on the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes. Neritani is with Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus P.A. in New York.



Adrian Neritani

Barton J. O'Brien has been promoted to shareholder with Shefsky & Froelich, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois. O'Brien concentrates his practice on complex commercial matters and civil rights litigation.



Barton J. O'Brien

2003

Daniel A. Bellino has become a full-time member of the Major League Baseball umpiring staff.

Tania K. Gray married **Michael A. Harvey** on April 2, 2011, in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Gray is with Reed Centracchio & Associates in Chicago, Illinois, and concentrates her practice on family law.



Tania K. Gray
Michael A. Harvey

2004

Tracey L. Schroeder has joined Airoom Architects, Builders & Remodelers as the director of marketing.

Sharon M. Sintich, PhD has been elevated to partner with Marshall, Gerstein & Borun, LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Sintich concentrates her practice on biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent prosecution.



Sharon M. Sintich

2005

Michael Bartolic has been appointed to the Illinois State Bar Association Section Council on Employee Benefits. Bartolic is a private practice attorney in Chicago, Illinois.



Michael Bartolic

René A. Carmody has joined Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons, LLP in Denver, Colorado. Carmody concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation.



René A. Carmody

Wendy P. Durbin has joined Penland & Hartwell, LLC in Chicago, Illinois. Durbin concentrates her practice on representing condominium associations, homeowner associations and cooperatives.



Wendy P. Durbin

Mark C. Palmer has been appointed an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law. Palmer is with Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley in Champaign, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on banking, creditor's rights, commercial litigation and municipal law.



Mark C. Palmer

Daniel J. Schuch has joined Cozen O'Connor in Houston, Texas. Schuch concentrates his practice on labor and employment law.



Daniel J. Schuch

2006

Jonathan B. Blair married **Lana J. Zaretsky** on April 30, 2011. Blair is with Bradford Miller Law, PC in Chicago, Illinois. Zaretsky is with Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury, LLP in Chicago.



Jonathan B. Blair
Lana J. Zaretsky

Isaac J. Colunga has joined Ice Miller LLP in Chicago, Illinois. Colunga concentrates his practice on business litigation and intellectual property.



Isaac J. Colunga

Mark A. Javier has joined the Illinois Department of Public Health as an assistant general counsel.

Ann M. Moder has joined the new firm of Birnbaum, Haddon, Gelfman & Arnoux, LLC in Chicago, Illinois.

James D. Voigt has been appointed to the Palatine Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Voigt is with Lavelle Law, Ltd. in Palatine, Illinois, and concentrates his practice on new business formation and corporate maintenance and compliance.



James D. Voigt

2007

Elise D. Allen has joined Clausen Miller, PC in Chicago, Illinois, as an associate. Allen concentrates her practice on liability insurance coverage.



Elise D. Allen

Nicole Bashor has joined Quarles & Brady, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, as an associate in the Intellectual Property Group.



Nicole Bashor

Ian Bucciarelli is an assistant director for Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution at The John Marshall Law School.



Ian Bucciarelli

Tiffany L. Carpenter has joined Howard & Howard Attorneys, PLLC in Chicago, Illinois. Carpenter concentrates her practice on commercial litigation and contract disputes.



Tiffany L. Carpenter

Lawrence J. Gregory has joined the Gierach Law Firm in Naperville, Illinois. Gregory concentrates his practice on estate planning and business law.



Lawrence J. Gregory

Catherine Kim has joined Stahl, Cowen, Crowley, Addis, LLC as an associate. Kim concentrates her practice on bankruptcy and restructuring.



Catherine Kim

Matthew J. Steward has joined CBIZ Special Risk Insurance Services, Inc. as a regional associate.

2008

Elizabeth M. Al-Dajani has joined the Circuit Court of Cook County as a clerk for Judge Daniel Pierce.

Michael A. Bauer has joined the Charlotte School of Law as an academic success counselor.

Alisha K. Bull has joined Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, SC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bull concentrates her practice on intellectual property law.



Alisha K. Bull

James P. DuChateau has joined Sneckenberg, Thompson & Brody, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, as an associate. DuChateau concentrates his practice on commercial insurance, corporate and shareholder litigation.



James P. DuChateau

Shabbi S. Khan has joined Burns & Levinson, LLP in Boston, Massachusetts. Khan concentrates his practice on preparing, prosecuting and maintaining patents for individual inventors and corporations.



Shabbi S. Khan

Bridget A. Liccardi has joined Mulherin Rehfeldt & Varchetto, PC in Wheaton, Illinois.

Corey L. Minnihan has joined the Thomas Cohen Law Firm in Atlanta, Georgia.

Aaron S. Rosenblatt has become engaged to **Carissa J. Meyer (JD '09)**. The couple is planning to wed on Dec. 3, 2011. Rosenblatt is with The Law Office of Robert J. Callahan in Chicago, Illinois. Meyer is with the Social Security Administration in Chicago.

Edward J. Samuelson has joined Judge Ronald Davis as a law clerk in the Law Motions Division for the Circuit Court of Cook County.

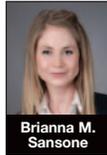
Andrea K. Small has joined Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Illinois, as a communications specialist. She also welcomed baby girl Abigail Margaret Small on March 10, 2011.

2009

Eva Golabek has joined Kralovec, Jambois & Schwartz in Chicago, Illinois, as an associate.

Joseph F. Locallo, III and Catherine R. Caifano welcomed baby boy Jack John Locallo on May 12, 2011. Locallo is with the Law Offices of Amari & Locallo in Chicago, Illinois. Caifano is with Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd in Chicago.

Brianna M. Sansone has joined Aronberg Goldghen Davis & Garmisa in Chicago, Illinois. Sansone concentrates her practice on commercial litigation.



Emma Smoler has joined the Smoler Law Office in Chicago, Illinois, as an associate. Smoler also welcomed her second child, Jascha Solomon.

2010

Mark M. Abellera has joined Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Scharf in Chicago, Illinois.

Katie Anderson is serving as the Pro Bono Program Coordinator at The John Marshall Law School.

Daniel Bondavalli is project manager for the Fair Housing Internship Program started with a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program is under the auspices of the law school's Fair Housing Legal Support Center.



Matthew Brennan has joined Mulherin Rehfeldt & Varchetto P.C. in Wheaton, Illinois.

Crystal P. Brown has opened the Law Offices of Crystal P. Brown in Chicago, Illinois. Brown concentrates her practice on family and criminal law.

Peter D. Graham has joined Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois. Graham concentrates his practice on construction law.

Matthew P. Kellam has joined Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin and Tominberg, Ltd. as an associate. Kellam concentrates his practice on labor and employment law.

Daniel Lacy (LLM/IT '11) has joined The John Marshall Law School as the new disability accommodations coordinator in the office of Academic Services.



Erin M. McKibben has joined the U.S. District Court-Northern District of Illinois as a clerk for Judge Charles Norgle.

Erica L. Padish has joined the Circuit Court of Cook County as a clerk for Judge Sebastian T. Patti.

Dayna L. Perlut has joined M. Scott Gordon & Associates in Chicago, Illinois, as a divorce attorney.

Stephen H. Roundfield has joined Segal, McCambridge, Singer & Mahoney, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois. Roundfield concentrates his practice on toxic tort.



Tara Shelke has joined the Circuit Court of Cook County as a clerk for Judge Bill Taylor.

Dennis Smith is serving as project assistant for the Fair Lending/Home Preservation Law Project for the law school's Fair Housing Legal Support Center. The project is funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



2011

Bridget A. Brockmann has joined Loren B. Siegel & Associates, LLC in Chicago, Illinois.

Michael R. Carton has joined Bullaro & Carton in Chicago, Illinois.

Jessica Dobias has joined the National Law Forum, LLC in Western Springs, Illinois.

Christopher L. Ehresman has joined Bruce Farrel Dorn & Associates in Chicago, Illinois.

Caitlin Fitzpatrick has joined Allstate Investments in Northbrook, Illinois.

Michelle C. Fitzpatrick has joined Sneckenberg, Thompson & Brody, LLP in Chicago, Illinois.

Claire Floore has joined the Larsen Law Firm in Chicago, Illinois.

Robert Gienko has joined RCG Management Services, LLC in Chicago, Illinois.

Mallory E. Goldwasser has joined Stone, Pogrud & Corey, LLC in Chicago, Illinois.

Efthymios Katsarelis has joined the U.S. District Court – Northern District of Illinois as a judicial extern for Judge Charles P. Kocoras.

Desiree Lauricella has joined the U.S. Foreclosure Defense Law Group, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois.

Bradley J. Schaufenbuel has joined Midland States Bancorp, Inc. in Joliet, Illinois.

Samuel J.H. Weyers has joined The Law Offices of Nathan Mirocha in Chicago, Illinois.

Correction: **James P. Balog**, '83 has recently joined O'Hagan Spencer, LLC in Chicago, Illinois, as a partner. Balog was previously a founding partner at O'Hagan Smith and Amundsen (now SmithAmundsen).



In Memoriam

Diane M. Bruzas, JD '78
 Charles W. Busse, Sr., JD '51
 Yvonne F. Casanova, LLM/RE '03
 Albert M. Casiello, JD '73
 W. L. Edwards, LLM '91
 James E. Fitzgerald, JD '80
 Renee Hanover, JD '68
 John J. Healy, JD '85
 Frederick R. Hofeld, JD '32
 Howard G. Kaplan, JD '67
 Jorge A. Marrero, JD '92
 John E. Repenning, JD '56
 Charles G. Satterlee, JD '58
 Darrell E. Statzer, JD '81
 Yahale R. Yadede, JD '03

Some Attorneys Advance Faster Than Others. Start Advancing.

Move Your Career Forward. Get the specialized skills and knowledge you need to gain a distinct advantage with one of our eight dynamic LL.M. degrees.

Employee Benefits | Estate Planning | Information Technology and Privacy Law
 Intellectual Property Law | International Business and Trade Law | Real Estate Law
 Tax Law | Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution

Contact Silvia Rodriquez at 1.800.276.0003 for more information.

Select courses now available online at eCourses.JMLS.edu
 Estate Planning degree begins in Fall of 2012

jmls.edu

THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL
 CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE



THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL®

BriefCase

is published by The John Marshall Law School

315 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois 60604

Fall 2011, Volume 10, Issue 2

Sherri J. Berendt (JD '99)

Director of Alumni Relations

Lauren N. Pihoda (JD '10)

Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

Erin Dunne

Administrative Assistant

Marilyn Thomas and Ciara Shook

BriefCase Editors

Terri Colby

BriefCase Writer

Michael Cabonce

BriefCase Design/Production

Ralf-Finn Hestoft, Mike Kelly and Colin Thomas

Principal Photography

312.427.2737 • Fax: 312.427.0438

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.

US Postage

PAID

Permit 3038

Chicago, IL

THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL *Congratulates*

40

Under Forty Honorees

On Their Outstanding Contributions To The Legal Profession



Benjamin Crane (JD '00)

Coplan & Crane Ltd.



Jamie Rubin (JD '00)

InfoLawGroup LLP



Karie J. Valentino (JD '96)

Amderson Rasor & Partners LLP

Their work reflects the spirit and educational goals of The John Marshall Law School, training attorneys in the theory and practice of the law since 1899. Our more than 16,000 alumni are bringing change through law around the world.



THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL®

315 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois 60604

312.427.2737

jmls.edu