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EVELYN SANGUINETTI ('98)  
ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



*Nationally acclaimed human rights attorney Bryan Stevenson delivered the keynote to John Marshall's January graduating class. The Harvard Law School grad and Founder and Executive Director of Alabama's Equal Justice Initiative has defended death row inmates and other clients underrepresented in society. He recently was named one of TIME Magazine's 100 most influential people of 2015, and his human rights work was featured in the May 2015 issue of Vanity Fair. He told John Marshall's graduating class: "You will have the opportunity to stand for justice. I hope you'll do it."*

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*Evelyn Sanguinetti ('98) made history in 2014 when she was elected the country's first Latina Lieutenant Governor.*

# Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends,

As I write this, spring is arriving, the school year is wrapping up, and Commencement is around the corner. At our Spring Commencement in a few weeks, we will graduate another 295 students, swelling our alumni ranks to more than 18,000.

Many of our alumni know Associate Dean Ralph Ruebner. They remember him as a professor, a mentor and an extraordinary advocate for human rights. Ralph has recently announced his retirement from John Marshall. He touched many lives over the years and he is remembered with great respect and fondness by our alumni.

It's hard when a colleague of many years, and a friend with whom you've worked long hours in the trenches, decides to move on. This is especially so when it is someone as talented and accomplished as Ralph—someone who has played such a big role in the life of the law school and the law. A person who has done as much as Ralph and has meant as much to our community is not replaced. He leaves too big a footprint. So we continue on and do the best we can to fulfill the mission of our school. We keep him in our thoughts, and we send him our best wishes wherever his path may lead.

This issue of *BriefCase* focuses on some very distinguished alumni—individuals who have dedicated their careers to public service.

I am delighted to share some of our good news with you.

## Great Response to Our Alumni Survey

As many of you know, earlier this year we conducted an email survey of our alumni. We had a strong response and will have the results soon. My thanks to all of you who took time to complete the survey and share your ideas. We will work diligently to use this input to shape our plans going forward. There is much more to come as the results come in and ideas take shape.

## Top Ranked in Chicago for Practical Training

*The National Jurist* Magazine recently ranked John Marshall among the top law schools in Illinois (tied with Northwestern) for practical training. The ranking in part reflects recognition of our long-standing clinics, including the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic and our Fair Housing Clinic, as well as recent expansions like the USPTO-licensed Trademark Clinic, and a new experiential learning graduation requirement. John Marshall's ten Community Legal Clinics not only provide students with greater opportunity, but also increase the diversity of *pro bono* service hours John Marshall gives back to Chicago. The recently instituted three-credit experiential learning requirement mandates that students partake in a clinical experience or an externship before graduation.

## Graduation Speaker Stevenson Shares Stories of Injustice, Inspiration

Bryan Stevenson (photo opposite), a TED Talk alum and nationally recognized human rights attorney, delivered the keynote address at John Marshall's 198th Commencement in January. Stevenson is the Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a group that provides legal representation to defendants who have been denied just treatment in the legal system. He is a member of the White House task force charged with reviewing national policing practices in the wake of uprisings involving police shootings.

## U.S. News & World Report Rankings

The 2016 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Graduate Schools of Law rankings have been released and John Marshall maintains recognition among specialty rankings. Our Legal Writing program, directed by Associate Dean Anthony Niedwiecki, is in the top five—the only ranked Chicago program. Our Intellectual Property Law program—directed by Professor Doris Estelle Long—is ranked 17th in the country. Our Trial Advocacy program—directed by Professor Susann “Sunny” MacLachlan—regained its national ranking at No. 16. Additionally, John Marshall was recognized as one of the most diverse law schools in the country.

## Students, Alums Thrive Online

John Marshall continues to expand its offerings of online JD and graduate courses. We offer more than 50 JD online courses, more than any other ABA-accredited law school in the nation. When students take our courses online, they thrive. Steve Eubank was just honored by the Chicago Bar Association for having one of the highest GPAs in the city in employee benefits LLM courses. Eubank earned his LLM entirely online from Houston.

As you can see, there is a great deal happening at John Marshall. If you haven't been by in a while, I encourage you to come and see for yourself. And thank you for all that you do for John Marshall. I appreciate your ongoing loyalty and support.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Corkery".

John E. Corkery  
Dean  
The John Marshall Law School

John Marshall again has much to be proud of in the latest

**RANKINGS FROM U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT.**

John Marshall is the only school in Illinois to be ranked in the top 20 nationally for its legal writing, trial advocacy and intellectual property (IP) law programs. It is the top Illinois law school on the legal writing list and one of two in Chicago—and just 23 in the country—to make the top 20 in three specialties. The school's Legal Writing program was ranked 5 and the IP program ranked 17. John Marshall's Trial Advocacy program rejoined the nation's top-ranked programs, coming in at 16.

Additionally, *The National Jurist* magazine rated John Marshall **AMONG THE BEST LAW SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING.** John Marshall earned an A- from the publication, which is read by current and future law students, law educators and the legal community. The magazine rated schools not only by the number of students involved in externships or clinics, but also by those who participate in interschool competitions. The magazine also recently named John Marshall's **TAX LLM PROGRAM AMONG THE TOP 20 IN THE COUNTRY.**

And still more accolades, this time for three John Marshall faculty members who have been honored by the Chicago Headline Club for their regular legal columns in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*. Professors **ANN LOUSIN, WILLIAM MCGRATH** and **TIMOTHY P. O'NEILL** were finalists for the Best Commentary Lisagor Awards, which honor the best journalism work in the Chicago area. McGrath took home the top prize for his commentary on intellectual property issues in current affairs. O'Neill was honored at the Chicago Bar Association's 2015 Kogan Media Awards luncheon with a Meritorious Achievement Award, for his column on the detrimental effects of discrimination in the justice system. Lousin also won an Award of Excellence from the Illinois State Historical Society for her writings about the state.

Moving from the local level to the national, acclaimed human rights attorney **BRYAN STEVENSON** delivered the keynote to John Marshall's January graduating class. Stevenson is the Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Ala., and recently served on a White House task force assessing best community policing practices in the wake of protests over police killings across the U.S. He encouraged John Marshall graduates to change the world with their conviction, telling them, "I hope you will be the kind of lawyers that stand when everyone else is sitting because you know that is what needs to be done."

On the international level, a delegation from John Marshall presented proposed international human rights legislation before the **UNITED NATIONS** this past fall. The group of faculty and staff—led by Professor William Mock—presented the Chicago Declaration on the Rights of Older Persons, legislation that aims to provide legal protections to older persons under international human rights law. John Marshall faculty, staff and students worked for several months with experts from around the world to draft the declaration, which they hope will lead to an international convention on older persons' rights.

Walk past 19 W. Jackson, and you'll notice the names of our respected clinical programs wrapped around the building's glass corners. The renovated space will be the home of **JOHN MARSHALL'S 10 COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS.** The law school recently expanded its clinical offerings by splitting the Intellectual Property Clinic into two tracks: Patent and Trademark, as well as reinstating the Immigration Clinic. The Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic and the Fair Housing Legal Clinic now share the space in 19 W. Jackson, with plans for future growth to accommodate all 10 programs.

Also expanding is John Marshall's **PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS.** One goal is to continue getting students interested in the law early, as well as to further extend a great legal education to students studying business. The law school recently created new **3+3 PARTNERSHIPS** with Benedictine University, Chicago State University and Elmhurst College. The school also created a new dual-degree JD/MBA partnership with Elmhurst, which allows John Marshall alums interested in getting their MBA to apply some of their earned JD credits to the business degree. The program joins existing dual-degree partnerships John Marshall has with Dominican University and Roosevelt University. For more information about the program, go to [www.jmls.edu/dual-degrees/](http://www.jmls.edu/dual-degrees/).

The law school will re-install the **HALL OF DISTINCTION.** Dean Corkery announced at the most recent Alumni Judges Reception that the new Hall of Distinction will be located on the 4th floor of the State Street building, currently home to the Goldberg Courtroom. Details will be available soon on the date for the reinstallation and a dedication event.

Alumni who have been looking for a reason to begin supporting John Marshall should take note of the **VETERANS CLINIC CHALLENGE GRANT.** If you've never given to the law school, or haven't made a gift in the past two years, a foundation will match your donation, dollar for dollar, up to

\$5,000. Even regular donors have an incentive to give, as any additional dollar you contribute above your highest total annual contribution within the past two years will also be matched, dollar for dollar, by the foundation. All of the money raised will assist the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic in continuing its mission to provide *pro bono* legal support to veterans in obtaining disability, medical and educational benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Other happenings on the development front include **TWO NEW SCHOLARSHIPS**. Joseph J. Duffy ('79) and children of Professor Samuel T. Lawton, Jr. each established a permanent scholarship at John Marshall. Duffy pledged \$25,000 to establish a scholarship to help aspiring trial attorneys. The children of Professor Lawton donated more than \$26,000 to endow the Samuel T. Lawton, Jr. Scholarship. The scholarship provides assistance to second- and third-year students in memory of Lawton, a John Marshall faculty member for nearly 50 years. For more information on these and how to give, contact Director of Individual Giving Lauren Priboda at 312.386.2871 or [lpriboda@jmls.edu](mailto:lpriboda@jmls.edu).

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Do you have news or a story that you think should be included in *BriefCase*? If so, please send it to [news@jmls.edu](mailto:news@jmls.edu).

## Faculty Retirements



**LINDA R. CRANE** joined the John Marshall faculty in 1989. During her time at the law school, she taught Property, Payment Systems, Commercial Law and Federal Securities Regulation. She also served as Associate Dean for Faculty Development from June 2004 to October 2007 and worked with the Pro Bono Clinic representing police torture victims in a case against former Chicago Police Sgt. Jon Burge.



**MICHAEL GERALD HEYMAN** began teaching at John Marshall in 1976. He previously was a judicial clerk for two judges and was in private practice for several years. Heyman, along with other law professors, also formed the Immigration Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). While at the law school, he taught Criminal Law, Immigration Law and Legislation and Political Thought.



**ALLEN RICHARD KAMP** became a member of the John Marshall faculty in 1981, after beginning his teaching career at Capital University Law School. At John Marshall, Kamp taught Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Contracts II and Lawyering Skills. He also served as advisor to the Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Mediations team, as well as the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition team.



**GLENN P. SCHWARTZ** first came to John Marshall to obtain his LL.M. in Admiralty Law. He later spent three years in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, handling maritime law claims for and against the Navy. He returned to John Marshall to join the faculty in 1974, teaching Business Planning, Corporate Tax, Corporations, Federal Income Tax and Torts.



**RONALD C. SMITH** began teaching at John Marshall in 1968. He taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Federal Criminal Law. In 1995, the ABA Criminal Justice Section honored Smith and John Marshall for "outstanding service to the American Bar Association." Before he began teaching, Smith served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County.



## In Memoriam Professor Benjamin P. Liu

Professor Benjamin P. Liu, the first Director of John Marshall's Chinese Intellectual Property Resource Center, died on Dec. 1, 2014. He was 38.

Liu began teaching at John Marshall in May 2011. He joined the faculty after spending a year and a half in private practice as a transactional patent attorney. In August 2011, the law school opened

the Chinese Intellectual Property Resource Center and Liu was appointed director.

Paul Kossof ('14) was a student of Liu's and had confided in him just weeks before he died.

"I told Professor Liu that I was considering relocating to China and wanted to get his input on what impact that would have on my work and personal life," Kossof said. "He told me about his experience. I knew that Professor Liu knew how to balance work and life and because of that, I knew I could rely on his advice."

Faculty, staff and students celebrated Liu in February with a memorial service held in the school's Arthur J. Goldberg Memorial Courtroom. Third-year student and SBA President Raymond Rushing shared condolences on behalf of John Marshall's student body, saying Liu "understood what being a law professor meant. He was the epitome of what a law professor should be."

Liu received his bachelor's from Harvard University in 1998, with degrees in biochemistry and cellular biology. He then spent a year studying in Japan before earning his JD at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

He is survived by his wife, Chelsea Foxwell, and their two children.

"We were so fortunate, if only for a short time, to have had a friend and colleague like Ben," said Doris Long, director of the Center for Intellectual Property, Information & Privacy Law. "He will be remembered."

# inthemedia



**Maureen Collins**  
Assistant Professor

**USA Today**

“While he may fancy himself the Matthew McConaughey of the Indiana Bar, this attorney should recognize that socks are part of the uniform worn by attorneys to demonstrate a respect for the formality of the courtroom and for the people whose lives are impacted by the decisions made in it. In my opinion, the attorney should grow up and put on a pair of socks.”

*On an Indiana lawyer who was reprimanded for not wearing socks to court*



**Jason Kilborn**  
Professor

**The New York Times**

“Chicago courts have a reputation for narrowly interpreting bankruptcy code,” Kilborn said. Chicago courts, he added, “seem to be searching for restrictions on what they can do.”

*Regarding Caesars Entertainment filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Chicago*



**Sarah Davila-Ruhaak**  
Director, International Human Rights Clinic

**The Hill**

“Even though there is legal authority for the prosecution in this time in foreign domestic systems, I think that politically it might not be viable.”

*On whether foreign countries could sue the CIA over interrogation practices*



**Celeste Hammond**  
Professor

**NBC-5**

“I think it’s terrific. We are finally catching up with the upgrade and the rest of the country. What this means is the cost for this kind of property in New York City and San Francisco [is] just too high and Chicago is just a natural place for investors to come.”

*On the Willis Tower being sold to new owners*



**Ann Lousin**  
Professor

**Bloomberg News**

“The state is reduced to arguing it’s in financial difficulty and we shouldn’t have to pay you. Sorry.”

*On the Illinois pension crisis*



**Steven Schwinn**  
Associate Professor

**Agence France-Press**

“When it comes to these types of low-value—even harmful—speech, the Roberts court has been clear: If you don’t like the speech, speak out against it; but government cannot ban it.”

*On the U.S. Supreme Court deciding whether online death threats are considered free speech*

## Judges Reception



Alumni Association Board officers & Executive Committee members Christopher Cali ('09), Hon. Russell Hartigan ('75) and Donald Rubin ('80)



Hon. Deborah Gubin ('75), Illinois Appellate Court Justice James Fitzgerald Smith ('75) and Hon. LaGuina Clay-Herron ('92)



Gordon Walton ('94), President of the Alumni Board Natosha Cuyler-Sherman ('05) and Hon. Patrice Ball-Reed ('84)

## New approaches to billing

In an unsteady market amid fluctuating employment, everyone is looking for a way to keep costs low and profits high. Alum Bruce Meckler ('81) understands this better than most, as he has made a career out of analyzing the billing practices of other law firms. Meckler, Partner at Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson, co-founded the Legal Fee Solutions practice at the firm in the mid-1990s. Some tips he recommends to clients, such as insurance companies, are:

- Use in-house legal departments if you have them.
- Negotiate rates with outside firms before hiring.
- Implement monthly auditing systems to keep track of what money is going where.

## Ditching the traditional office space

In recent years, more attorneys are moving away from the urban office setting and going with a less traditional space from which to run their practices. Thanks to “the cloud” and other advancements in technology, the days of needing room for large file cabinets or conference rooms are no more. Here is what some attorneys are trying:

- Leasing office space in the suburbs, which can be cheaper in rent and closer to clients
- Creating a home office space
- Working remotely from anywhere in the world

## Maintaining your online reputation

Last year, FindLaw.com distributed a survey asking consumers how they are most likely to research an attorney before hiring them. Almost 40 percent said they would use the Internet in helping them find a lawyer. This is significant, as the same survey conducted in 2005 revealed only 5 percent chose the Internet as their preferred research method. This type of statistic demonstrates how a positive or negative online presence is more important now than ever before.

## Non-partner becoming a track more traveled

These days, there are more positions—or at least titles—than ever before for lawyers at firms: Counsel, senior attorney, partner and more often, department attorney. More firms are creating non-partner-track positions akin to associates, with arguably fewer overwhelming demands. According to the ABA Journal, proponents say the positions allow for greater flexibility in work life and in averting what can be a partner’s burdensome contract and hours. They typically require fewer billable hours and less travel, but come with lower paychecks. The positions have their critics, who say the “rebranded” titles could cost some lawyers the earning and career potential of those who eventually want to reach partner ranks.

## Message from Sherri J. Dzik

Director of Alumni Relations

Friends,

This winter our office conducted a major alumni attitude survey. In my nine years in this office, I don’t think I have been so excited for a project! We had a good response and as I write this, we will be getting the data and analysis back from the company in a few weeks.



I can’t wait to hear about how you, our alumni, responded. I want to know how you are feeling—not just about the law school but also about how we communicate with you and programs that we offer. One of my biggest challenges—and JMLS is not unique in this respect—is effectively communicating with our constituents about our offerings. It’s not uncommon for me to be at an event and to have an alum tell me that they wished we offered something and we already do!

The Office of Alumni Relations is here to make your alumni experience better and to provide programs and opportunities that make it easier for you to be successful. If you did not get the opportunity to complete the survey and you’d like to discuss alumni programming, please give me a call. I would love to hear from you. My number is 312.427.2737 ext. 343.

In our fall *BriefCase*, I will be sure to share the survey findings and will communicate what changes we are making.

Warm regards,

Sherri J. Dzik ('99)  
Director of Alumni Relations



Katherine A. O'Dell ('00), Hon. Geary Kull ('74) and President of the John Marshall Board of Trustees Leonard Amari ('68)



Mauro Glorioso ('97) and Michael Hennessy ('64)



Third-year student Rima Sleiman, Illinois Appellate Court Justice Jesse Reyes ('82) and Carolina Sales ('05)

# Freedom Award

Each year, The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association presents its Freedom Award to an honoree (in this year's case, honorees) who embodies the highest aspirations of the John Marshall community, through their work, high ethical standards, efforts to help humankind, and initiatives to improve society and our nation. The 2015 honorees, Neli Vazquez Rowland and Brian Rowland (MS '07), Founders of A Safe Haven, exemplify these ideals on a daily basis.

The Alumni Association also recognizes outstanding achievement in a career field or personal endeavor through its Distinguished Service Award. Recipients are honored for significant achievement in their chosen career, as well as sharing their time and talents at the law school; supporting John Marshall students, alumni, faculty, and staff; and reflecting the values that are a part of the law school's tradition, heritage, and mission. This year's Distinguished Service Award recipients—Hon. Dinah L. Archambeault ('88), George Canellis ('96), Michael P. Cogan ('81), Hon. Thomas W. Murphy ('79), and Professor Mary T. Nagel ('88)—have gone above and beyond in these areas.

Awards will be presented at the 2015 Freedom Award & Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 29. Tickets are \$95, and donations benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Reservations are being accepted at [events.jmls.edu](http://events.jmls.edu).



## Freedom Award Recipients

### Neli Vazquez Rowland and Brian Rowland *Co-Founders, A Safe Haven*

Neli Vazquez Rowland and Brian Rowland (MS '07) are the Co-Founders of A Safe Haven (ASH), a network of not-for-profit and for profit social enterprises that helps people—including youth, women with children, families, and veterans—transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency with pride and purpose. Since its founding in 1994, ASH has impacted the lives of more than 70,500 people, helping them to break the cycle of poverty and achieve financial independence.

With an annual budget of \$20 million, ASH renews communities by investing in distressed and abandoned properties in high-risk neighborhoods to create safe and supportive environments for residents to rebuild their lives. ASH programming provides phased housing, meals, education, drug and alcohol treatment, health care, job training and placement, and access to permanent affordable & senior housing.

Neli is a first-generation American who grew up in Chicago's Little Village community. She is a graduate of Loyola University's School of



Business and the Minority Executive Management program at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. She built a solid 13-year career as an investment banker and rose to the level of vice president at leading investment banking firms.

Brian is also a first-generation American. He is a U.S. Army veteran with a BBA in finance from Loyola University and an MS in real estate law from John Marshall. Brian also worked as a finance professional.

Today, Neli is President of A Safe Haven Foundation, and Brian is the CEO of A Safe Haven LLC, which manages the foundation's operations. Neli and Brian have received widespread praise for

their work at A Safe Haven, from the White House—which gave ASH a "Champion of Change Award" in 2013—to their hometown, from *Chicago Magazine*, which named Neli Chicagoan of the Year in 2010. The couple serve on several boards and were named as Co-Chairs in 2014 to two transition policy committees for incoming Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner. They are lifelong Chicagoans and proud parents of their sons Dylan and Devin.

## Distinguished Service Award Recipients

### Hon. Dinah L. Archambeault *Associate Judge, Will County Circuit Court*



Hon. Dinah L. Archambeault ('88) serves in the domestic relations division of the Illinois Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court in Will County, where she has brought innovative programs to her courtroom. In recognition of the hardships placed on local families due to the lagging economy, she developed an innovative *pro se* program to improve access to justice for litigants without legal counsel.

She developed and chairs the Law Student Extern Program for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, which helps law students to gain real-world experience in a courtroom setting. She is also developing a second externship program for college students, who will be trained to provide non-legal assistance to self-represented litigants.

Judge Archambeault has a long history of community service and a commitment to helping women to achieve their full leadership potential. She has served as President of the Zonta Club of the Joliet Area, Director/Vice Chair of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, and Chair of the Council for Working Women, as well as numerous other community organizations. She serves as the Co-Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court's Judicial Conference Civil Justice Committee and serves on the Judicial Conference Education Committee.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, she practiced with the law firm of Spesia & Ayers. She earned her BA in liberal arts from Lewis University and her JD from John Marshall, with distinction. She and her husband John live in Joliet, where they raised three children and now enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren.



**George Canellis** *Assistant State's Attorney, Cook County*

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George Canellis ('96) serves the public as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, and Supervisor of Felony Review. He has worked for Cook County for 18 years, holding supervisory positions in Preliminary Hearings and as a Capital Litigation Specialist at the Criminal Courthouse at 26th and California.

Canellis has tried more than 40 murder trials, and argued several cases before the Illinois Appellate Court. Throughout his career, he has deftly handled cases involving complex, multi-defendant issues, as well as those requiring sensitivity in media coverage. In every case, he is driven by the desire to ensure that the rights of crime victims and their families are upheld.

In 2013, Canellis was appointed to Illinois's Child Death Review Team by the director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to contribute in the review and development of proper DCFS guidelines. He also serves on the Leadership Committee for MPEEC, which assists in the investigations of child abuse. He is currently a mentor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Co-Chair of the Hellenic Bar Association's Mentoring Program.

Canellis earned his BA in telecommunications from Arizona State University and his JD from John Marshall. He has three children and is a manager for the Orland Youth Association sports program. He often speaks to youth through a community outreach program designed to instruct inner-city elementary students about the law and is a firm believer in the value of mentoring the young.

**Michael P. Cogan** *Founding Partner, Cogan & Power, P.C.*

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Michael P. Cogan ('81) is a Founding Partner at Cogan & Power, P.C., where he has earned a reputation as a compassionate and aggressive advocate for victims of personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death. He has received the highest-possible peer-review rating from Martindale-Hubbell, been named one of the top 100 Illinois attorneys by the Leading Lawyer Network and has been inducted

into the American Trial Lawyers Association as one of the top 100 trial lawyers in the nation. He has obtained more than \$170 million in verdicts and settlements for his clients.

Cogan is an invited member of the Illinois Society of Trial Lawyers and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and serves on the Advisory Board of the Network of Leading American Attorneys and the Board of

Governors of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, where he also serves as co-chair of the group's medical negligence committee.

His commitment to improving the quality of patient care extends beyond the courtroom. He is a two-time President of the Board of Directors of the Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation at the University of Chicago Medicine and one of only two non-physicians on the Board of Directors of Cornerstones, a not-for-profit organization that provides continuing medical education to gastroenterologists in communities lacking teaching hospitals.

Cogan earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and his JD from John Marshall, where he teaches Trial Advocacy as an adjunct professor. In addition to his service in the legal and medical fields, he is also a dedicated member of the Chicago community, and has coached Little League baseball, park district basketball and served on the Board of Directors for United Way.

**Hon. Thomas W. Murphy** *Judge, Cook County Circuit Court*

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Hon. Thomas W. Murphy ('79) is a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, first elected in 2006 and retained in 2012. He is currently the Supervising Judge of the Fifth Municipal District Civil Division in Bridgeview and handles civil litigation matters that include both law division and municipal cases, including case management discovery, motions, pre-trial conferences and bench and jury trials.

Before being elected to the Circuit Court, Judge Murphy was elected four times to the Chicago City Council as Alderman of the 18th Ward.

During his tenure as Alderman, he served as the Vice-Chairman of the Budget Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Building Committee and member of the Finance, Police and Fire committees. While he served as Alderman, he introduced an ordinance to cross-train firefighters as paramedics in order to improve public safety.

Judge Murphy graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BS in history and a secondary education certificate from the State of Illinois. He earned his JD from John Marshall, graduating in the top 25 percent of his class. He lives with his wife, Molly Sullivan, and has two grown children, Brendan and Nora.

**Professor Mary T. Nagel** *Associate Director of Lawyering Skills Program, The John Marshall Law School*

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Professor Mary T. Nagel ('88) is an Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the Lawyering Skills program. She has taught at John Marshall since 1999 and became a full-time faculty member in 2007. In her time at John Marshall, she has taught Lawyering Skills I, Lawyering Skills II, Lawyering Skills III, Civil Procedure I, Civil Procedure II, Federal Courts, Illinois Civil Procedure and most

recently, Criminal Law. She dedicates long hours to helping provide a positive experience for John Marshall students. She is very involved not only in mentoring students one-on-one, but also coaching moot court teams and helping students secure jobs after graduation.

Before coming to John Marshall, Professor Nagel was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Thomas E. Hoffman on the Circuit Court of

Cook County and for the Honorable Fred A. Geiger, an appellate justice on the Second District Appellate Court for the State of Illinois. She was an Associate at the Chicago offices of Querrey & Harrow and Bollinger, Ruberry & Garvey. In the public sector, Professor Nagel was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois, and was Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Department of Labor.

Recently, she has addressed several legal writing and youth legal mentoring events. She spoke before the Association of American Law Schools on "Demands, Concerns, and Training for Part-time Legal Education" and has made numerous presentations on legal writing skills for the Legal Writing Institute, the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Just the Beginning Foundation's Summer Legal Institute for high school students.

# John Marshall Goes to the Capitol



“If your actions inspire  
others to dream more,  
learn more, do more  
and become more,  
you are a leader.”

—John Quincy Adams

John Marshall graduates have long exemplified a strong dedication to public service. We are in chambers creating legislation, in courtrooms defending the underserved and in statehouses making history. Many grads have embarked on careers in government and politics, taking on roles where they give back to their fellow man. These alumni share some insights into the distinct paths they chose that led them to serve their communities. They are just a few who represent John Marshall’s proud tradition of looking for ways to make the world a better place.

## Sanguinetti Makes History in Springfield

In many ways, the law directly led Illinois Lieutenant Governor **Evelyn Sanguinetti ('98)** to her leadership role in the state capitol.

It began when she graduated from John Marshall in 1998 and started her career as a prosecutor. Her own experience with seeking justice prompted her to public action. Her love of the law guided her from meager beginnings to leading the Land of Lincoln.

Sanguinetti was born to teen parents in Hialeah, a Cuban community outside of Miami. Her mother, a Cuban refugee, and her father, an Ecuadorian immigrant, struggled through poverty, but pushed Sanguinetti to succeed.

"I was supposed to be a statistic," Sanguinetti said. "My mother had me when she was just 15 years old. I failed the first grade. This is why I'm so big on education. An educational opportunity saved me in life."

As a young girl, she took up piano at a community center and honed a skill that helped earn her a spot in the New World School of Arts magnet high school in Miami. She attended Florida International University, where she received a bachelor's degree in piano performance.

When she was graduating from John Marshall, the Hon. Jesse Reyes ('82) recommended that she work for then-Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan. She worked as an Assistant Attorney General, after which she worked at Maisel & Associates, representing local governments against civil claims.

"I never thought I'd get involved in politics, I just loved public service," she said. But an accident in 2007 changed all of that. That year, Sanguinetti sued municipal and transportation agencies, including the City of Wheaton, after slipping on black ice on her way to a Metra station in Wheaton. The case eventually was settled, and Sanguinetti donated the settlement to charity.

As she was recovering from her accident, Sanguinetti was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

"It was a very down time for me," she said. But with the love and support of her family, she said, she adopted a "get busy living, or get busy dying" attitude. It was one thing to seek redress and accountability for her accident, but that didn't solve what she saw as the greater problem of needed change.

"It's not enough to get upset," she said. She felt compelled to become involved, thinking of a refrain she reminds the law students she teaches as an adjunct John Marshall: "Always be a servant and understand that before you can be a leader, you must be a servant."

She ran successfully for Wheaton City Council in 2011. She met Bruce Rauner at a convention of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly and later joined his ticket for the Illinois gubernatorial race. Their election places Sanguinetti in a powerful position not only to steer the state's political agenda, but also to send a strong message about the possibilities for Hispanic women in government and public service.

Sanguinetti welcomes the responsibility that she says comes with being elected the country's first Latina Lieutenant Governor. She wants to empower women and Latinos to become involved in government and contributing back to their communities.

"I'd like to be a spokesperson," she said. "These dreams are available not just to me, but to everyone. That's one of the things that attracted me to John Marshall: I did see color."

She said she plans to continue teaching at John Marshall, where her roots are strong. She credits longtime Student Affairs Administrative Assistant Marilyn Criss as a strong influence and mentor, helping her see not only the importance of her legal education, but also of serving and being an active member of community organizations. Criss helped Sanguinetti and her husband, Raymond Sanguinetti ('98), become involved in the school's Latino Law Student Association, as well as the Fair Housing Clinic.

"Law school prepared me in so many ways," she said. "John Marshall not only gave me the ability to solve problems, to multitask, but also taught me to care for my fellow man."

She tells her students and other graduates interested in government or politics to "focus on the things they swore to do, what they will swear to do, which is to represent their clients, to be custodians of the peace."

Meanwhile, she will continue emphasizing the importance of education from Springfield. "I want every child to get what I got. The sky is the limit."



"John Marshall not only gave me the ability to solve problems, to multitask, but also taught me to care for my fellow man."

## John Marshall Goes to the Capitol

Although **Andre Thapedi ('96)** is well established in his career as an elected official, he's still very much engaged with, and supported by, his role as an attorney. A fourth-term state representative from Illinois's 32nd district—which includes Englewood and other neighborhoods on Chicago's South Side—Thapedi says he is still “watching and learning” in Springfield. He acknowledges that his income would be higher if he focused all of his energies on his practice at his firm, Thapedi & Thapedi. But he describes his experience as a legislator as “priceless.” “I’m a better lawyer now,” he said, “because I ‘know how the sausage is made,’ which lets me bring a deeper awareness to my clients’ concerns. It’s also certainly true that judges respect the perspective a legislator brings into the courtroom.”

Thapedi knew, from his youngest days, that he would choose a path that led toward helping other people. His mother is a retired judge and his father is a neurosurgeon, and



both parents were active in volunteer public service. Thapedi's initial plan was to become a doctor and he was a pre-med major at Morehouse College. But while an undergraduate he spent two summers interning in legal departments of the Chicago Transit Authority, and it was that experience—coupled with his already extensive knowledge of the court system gleaned from his mother—that led him to reorient toward law school. His mother was a Loyola University Chicago School of Law graduate, but after talking with her and several of her colleagues, he chose John Marshall, because it was clear the law school had a well-deserved reputation for producing practice-ready attorneys. “And I definitely found it to be true,” he said. “When you graduate from John Marshall, you’re ready to hang up your shingle and go for it.”

While Thapedi has some ideas about his own future, in conversation it quickly becomes clear he's quite fulfilled living in the present and in no hurry to be anywhere else. He might “stay in politics, but not as a politician. I might want to join the judiciary or work as a general counsel somewhere.” When asked what his next challenge might be, Thapedi chuckles and says, “Every day in Springfield is a challenge!”

“Judges respect the perspective a legislator brings into the courtroom.”

At an early age, **Andrew LeBoeuf ('09)** planned on a career in either law or medicine. What's great about his current career is that it involves both.

It was the medical angle that he pursued first, earning a BS in biology from Loyola University and then a master's in applied physiology from Chicago's Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. While in the master's program, LeBoeuf visited John Marshall to watch his older sister, Lisa ('03), compete in the Herzog Moot Court competition, and something about that hooked him. He chose John Marshall because of its reputation for graduating excellent trial attorneys, and litigation was the legal career he wanted.

After interning with the Chicago-based litigation firm Kralovec, Jambois & Schwartz during law school, LeBoeuf worked there as an attorney until 2010. His practice was focused on medical malpractice and products liability for medical devices and pharmaceutical products. Then one of his cases, based on a possibly defective medical device, led him to look into opportunities with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He was offered a job with the agency, and from then on, as he says, “Regulatory affairs became pretty interesting!”

“At the FDA, you have to have a really strong science background, no matter where you end up,” he says. “So for me, in regulatory affairs, I needed to have both a civil litigation background and a medical background.”

“This has been a tremendous experience for me, as I've been able to grow as an individual and a professional. I've learned about new technologies and diseases and I've discovered that I really like administrative law.”

His main interest is in policy implementation, and as a compliance officer, he evaluates cases that come into the Center for Devices and Radiological Health.



“Public health has always been a great interest of mine.”

LeBoeuf's current position is a combination of both reviewing enforcement actions and developing enforcement policies specific to the medical device commodity area. He eventually would like his role within the agency to be entirely focused on both policy development and policy implementation within the medical product areas.

“Public health has always been a great interest of mine,” he said. “I'll likely remain with the FDA for the foreseeable future.”

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**W**hen she was growing up in Kansas City, Mo., the one thing that **Lauren Leonard ('08)** was certain about was that she didn't want to follow in the footsteps of her lawyer father. She attended the University of Missouri and earned BAs in political science and psychology, and was considering continuing her education at business school. Then there was a diversion.

One of Leonard's cousins had been hired to work in New Hampshire on Howard Dean's presidential campaign, and she suggested that Leonard should come to New Hampshire and pitch in.

"My first campaign," Leonard recalls, "was very entertaining and very frustrating. But I was bitten by the bug—I had found my calling. And I realized that any career that I might want, in politics or government, would be immensely facilitated by having a law degree. Chicago is a city I've always loved, and I have family there, and I knew John Marshall's reputation for producing practice-ready litigators, so which law school to attend was an easy choice."

"I like the idea of working alongside people who make me raise my game."



A measure of her fervor was that even while in law school, she was not able to resist the draw of working on another campaign. In 2007, after hearing then-U.S. Senator Barack Obama speak twice in two days—first on the Senate floor and then at an event in Chicago—Leonard volunteered to work for Obama's first presidential campaign. She spent some time as a field intern with Obama for America, then as a Voter Hotline Manager and then as Deputy National Headquarters Manager.

Following her graduation and Obama's victory, she worked in the Department of Labor. First as a special assistant, then as the Deputy Director, Leonard spent almost five years with the Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, a program designed to help ameliorate the difficulties caused by the downturn in the domestic auto industry. Leonard currently works in the Department of Commerce as Director of the Office of White House Liaison, a position she characterizes as "exciting."

"It's a wonderful opportunity," she says, "and I love it. It's very policy heavy, and I get to coordinate directly with the White House about the hiring, retaining and transitioning of political appointees at Commerce."

What comes next for Lauren Leonard? "I'm passionate about causes," she says, "and I think I can be more effective if I work for a nonprofit or foundation than as a practicing attorney. I'm still looking for challenges—I like the idea of working alongside people who make me raise my game—and I know my special experiences in Washington, DC, will make me marketable when and if I decide to move on."

## **"Doctor, I think I have campaign fever"**

**L**aw school, politics and personal life all collided in one memorable day for Lauren Leonard ('08).

May 13 is Leonard's birthday. On May 13, 2008, she was heavily involved with Barack Obama's first campaign for president. It was shortly after Super Tuesday when she took over running the voter hotline at national headquarters in Chicago. "On primary days, we would generally have two-hour shifts of 30-40 volunteers per shift, starting from 5 a.m. until about an hour or so after the polls closed. Since there were primaries most weeks, the schedule between the hotline and law school was a bit crazy.

"The primary that day was in West Virginia, a state we knew we were likely to lose. And then I was still trying to write my final law school paper. The class was Introduction to the Mexican Legal System, and because of the sources I had to use, it seemed to make the most sense to write the paper predominantly in Spanish. The problem, of course, was that I don't really speak Spanish.

"So I was writing the paper while running the hotline, and most of our calls from West Virginia were coming from people who would hit the button [to find their polling location] only so they could yell at us about why they would never vote for Obama. I think we got like 36 percent of the vote or something.

"It was a crazy, fun, challenging day."





## Donor Award Helps Alumna Fight for Civil Rights

**D**iane O’Connell doesn’t fear being in the trenches. The battle she’s fighting has nothing to do with war zones and artillery. Instead, she’s slashing through knotted vines of red tape, clearing the way for the people society doesn’t mind leaving in the shadows.

The 2014 graduate works for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. She’s long been drawn to helping the marginalized, from teaching English as a second language classes on the South Side of Chicago to leading peace circles and conflict resolution exercises with students suspended from school.

“I have an interest in civil rights and working with poor people,” she said.

O’Connell witnessed the impact of poverty as an 18-year-old living in La Perla in San Juan, Puerto Rico. “It was a slum,” she said. She lived there for two years, working odd jobs as a maid, a security guard and waitress. She soon learned that being educated would open doors for her, so she could open doors for others.

“I understood what it means to be powerless in the world,” she said. “I decided to get some power to bring it to the people.”

One of the first ways she did that was in helping victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She volunteered at a New Orleans legal clinic in the aftermath of the devastation, knee deep in landlord/tenant disputes and homeowners insurance problems.

“I met some inspiring lawyers,” she said.

The experience sparked her passion and interest in civil rights law. She studied law part time, crediting it as one of the best decisions she has made because it allowed her to study, work and have a personal life.

Her interests spanned from criminal law to immigration to public housing and she realized everything shared a common

thread—civil rights law. The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless brought all of those civil rights issues into a single focus.

Through the Alvin H. Baum Family Fund internship program—made possible by fellow John Marshall alumnus Joel Friedman and the Baum family—O’Connell was able to intern for the Coalition. The fund allows students to earn a stipend as they work in public interest law at Chicago-area nonprofits.

Friedman, a 1975 graduate and attorney with Horwood Marcus & Berk, said it is very gratifying to see O’Connell’s success. Friedman tries to select organizations for the internships that will result in a “triple win,” benefiting the law school, the student and the organization, he said.

As a student, O’Connell was instrumental in recruiting and organizing a group of named plaintiffs for a class action lawsuit against the City of Chicago for Fourth Amendment violations and related claims. The Coalition had been hearing about sweeps, in which homeless people were told to move for street cleaning. When they returned, their belongings were gone, she said. “They took everybody’s stuff and threw it in a garbage truck,” she said.

The case ended in a settlement.

O’Connell loved working one-on-one with the homeless. The Coalition guided her but also stepped back and let her work, she said.

“It was an amazing opportunity,” she said.

These days, she’s often on the streets in some of the known areas where homeless people stay, such as Lower Wacker Drive. She listens and she helps, even handing out her cellphone number to people in need.

In her free time, the married mother of two writes poetry and collects music.

## Message from Lauren Prihoda

Director of Individual Giving

As a John Marshall alumna and donor, I have seen first-hand how giving impacts our students and improves our programs.



This year the law school will provide more donor-funded scholarships to our students than ever before, and with your help, we can set another record next year. Like many of you, I know the burden of student loans. Scholarships alleviate financial constraints and enable students to focus on their studies. Our efforts to increase scholarship support and ease student debt are made possible by support from our alumni and friends. Thank you for helping to fulfill these dreams.

While scholarships are making a difference to our students, our students are making a difference in our community. John Marshall students may acquire hands-on legal experience in one of our 10 clinics through our Community Legal Clinics. With the assistance of *pro bono* attorneys, our students provide the Chicagoland area with \$5 million in free legal services hours each year. Investing in our Community Legal Clinics makes it possible for our students to learn lawyering skills while advocating for those in need.

I am so very proud of our law school and am happy to support current students by helping to increase scholarships and improve academic programs through giving. Please join me in making a gift to John Marshall by returning the enclosed donation envelope, visiting [www.jmls.edu/give](http://www.jmls.edu/give), or contacting me directly at [lprihoda@jmls.edu](mailto:lprihoda@jmls.edu) or 312.386.2871. I am happy to speak with you over the phone or meet with you in person.

Thank you,



Lauren N. Prihoda ('10)  
Director of Individual Giving

## NAPERVILLE-AREA ALUMNI RECEPTION



Hon. Richard Russo ('78), Dion Davi ('03) and Marc Wolfe ('76)



Idara Essien, ('13), Annette Bogolin ('05) and Anthony Abou Ezzi ('13)



Frank Feska ('14) and Dean John E. Corkery



Martin LaScola ('99) and Daniel Rosenthal ('14)

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Laurence Velchek ('76) and Jonathan Petersen ('07)



Michael Golando ('97) and Nello Gamberdino ('95), JMLS Employer Outreach Coordinator

# classnotes

1975

**Phillip R. Van Ness** was elected Chair of ISBA Real Estate Law Section Council. Van Ness is a shareholder at Webber & Thies, P.C., in Urbana, Ill.



1976

**Hon. Steven J. Fruth** (ret.) was appointed arbitrator to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. Fruth was previously at the Chicago Transit Authority and is a former judge with the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**John H. Redfield** has joined Crane, Heyman, Simon, Welch & Clar as an attorney in Chicago. Redfield's area of practice is bankruptcy law.

1977

**Hon. Manual Barbosa** (ret.) released his first book, "The Littlest Wetback: From Undocumented Child to United States Federal Judge." Barbosa served 15 years as a federal judge in Illinois before retiring in 2012.



1978

**Alfred R. Fabricant** has joined Brown Rudnick, LLP, in New York. Fabricant's area of practice is intellectual property.

1980

**Daniel T. Hofmann** has joined Donahue & Walsh, P.C., in McHenry, Illinois. Hofmann's areas of practice are criminal defense and driver's license reinstatement hearings.

1981

**Hon. Edward J. King** was appointed Cook County Circuit Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial Subcircuit.

1982

**Myron Cohen** has moved his practice to Vandenberg & Feliu, LLP, in New York.

**Hon. Jesse G. Reyes** received the Dr. Jorge S. Prieto, Sr. Humanitarian Award from the Hispanic Heritage Organization. Justice Reyes serves on the Illinois Appellate Court in Chicago.

1983

**Daniel W. Collins** has joined Foley & Lardner, LLP, in San Diego.

**Hon. James P. Piczonka** was elected Cook County Circuit Court Judge in the 12th Judicial Subcircuit.

1984

**Michael L. Gesas** was elected Managing Partner of Arnstein & Lehr, LLP, in Chicago. Gesas' area of practice is corporate bankruptcy and he is also the Chair for the firm's litigation group.



1985

**Antonio M. Romanucci** was reappointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee. Romanucci was also elected Chair of the American Association for Justice's police misconduct litigation group and Vice Chair of the Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group.



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## 1986

**Lisa Jorgenson** was named Executive Director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.



Lisa Jorgenson

**Andrew D. Spiwak** was named Vice President of Regulatory Services for CBOE Holdings, Inc.

**Prof. Mark Wojcik** received the 2015 Section Award from the Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research in Washington, DC. Wojcik is a professor at John Marshall.



Prof. Mark Wojcik

## 1987

**Jill Pelka-Wilger** has been named City Attorney and Director of Legal for the City of Naperville.

## 1988

**Laura L. Malinowski** has been elected partner at Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC, in Joliet, Ill. Malinowski's areas of practice are family law, traffic and DUI defense.



Laura L. Malinowski

**James F. McCluskey** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Bar Foundation. McCluskey is a partner at Momkus McCluskey, LLC, in Lisle, Ill.

**Hon. Judith Rice** was appointed Cook County Circuit Court Judge in the Seventh Judicial Subcircuit.

**Hon. Glenn R. Schorsch** has been elected to the Circuit Court of Stephenson County as an Associate Judge in Freeport, Ill. Schorsch was formerly the Chief Public Defender for Stephenson County.

## 1989

**Lawrence Friedman** has published an article in 39 *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* on "Faster Resolutions in Tariff Classification Litigation: Using Patent Law as a Model." Friedman is a partner at Barnes, Richardson & Colburn in Chicago.

**Michael Noland** has joined the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District as General Manager.



Michael Noland

## 1991

**Hon. Michael I. Bender (LLM '05)** has co-founded Access Mediation Company in Chicago. Bender is a former judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.



Hon. Michael I. Bender

**Brian P. Liston** was honored by the Hellenic Bar Association as Lawyer of the Year. Liston of Liston & Tsantilis, P.C., in Chicago focuses his practice on eminent domain and property tax litigation.



Brian P. Liston

## 1992

**John W. Dietrich** was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., in New York. Dietrich joined AAWW in 1999 as associate general counsel.

**Melinda S. Malecki** has joined Momkus McClusky, LLC, as a partner, in Lisle, Ill. Malecki's area of practice is healthcare law.



Melinda S. Malecki

**Carla Scarsella** has joined Xcel Energy as the Assistant General Counsel in Denver.

## 1994

**Marci Blachman** has joined the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati as new Director of Agency Fundraising and Special Gifts.



Marci Blachman

**Richard Holada** has joined Truven Health Analytics as the Chief Data and Technology Officer in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Eric H. Edwards (LLM '02)** has joined Franklin Square Capital Partners as Senior Vice President of Government Affairs in Washington, DC.

## 1995

**Lisa Dunner** was elected Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law. Dunner is Managing Partner of Dunner Law, PLLC, in Washington, DC.

## 1996

**Paulette M. Gray** has been elected President of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Gray has her own law firm, Gray & Gray, LLC, in Crystal Lake, Ill.

**Tina Mroczowski** has joined Shutts & Bowen, LLP, as Partner in Sarasota, Fla. Mroczowski's area of practice is estate and trust tax planning and administration.



Tina Mroczowski

**Kelli Newman** has joined IPC The Hospitalist Company, Inc., as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary in North Hollywood, Calif.



Kelli Newman

**Mariyana Spyropoulos** has been elected as President of The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.



Mariyana Spyropoulos

## 1997

**Michael K. Cronin** was promoted to Chief Legal Officer at Cars.com in Chicago.

**Cecilia A. Horan** was elected Vice President of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago. Horan is a partner at Hinshaw & Culberson, LLP, in Chicago.



Cecilia A. Horan

**Cynthia Kretz** has been promoted to Vice President General Counsel of Cook Medical in Bloomington, Ind.



Cynthia Kretz

**William S. Parks** has become partner at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, in Memphis, Tenn. Parks' area of practice is intellectual property and is a member of the firm's Property Protection & Litigation Service Team.

**Lisa Sauer** is now Of Counsel at Clark Hill, PLC, in Chicago. Sauer's areas of practice are real estate, banking, finance and corporate law.



Lisa Sauer

## 1998

**Carla E. Barnes** has been named Chief Public Defender for McLean County.



Carla E. Barnes

**Anita De Carlo** has opened DeCarlo Law Group, Ltd., in Oak Park, Ill. DeCarlo Law Group focuses on workers' compensation.

**Thomas P. Heed** is now President of Interleaved Magnetic Products.

**Atonio P. Littleton** has been promoted to General Counsel for the City Colleges of Chicago.



Atonio P. Littleton

**Terry Mutchler** has joined Pepper Hamilton, LLP, in Philadelphia. Mutchler's area of practice is commercial law.



Terry Mutchler

**R. Jason Richards** recently published "A Primer on the Origins and Implications of the Thomas Becket Affair." Richards is a partner at Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, PLLC, in Pensacola, Fla.

**Martin J. Shanahan, Jr.** has been named Corporation Counsel for the City of Joliet in Joliet, Ill.

**1999**

**Lawrence Almeda** was named one of the Leading Lawyers in intellectual property in Michigan for 2014–2015. Almeda is a shareholder at Brinks Gilson & Lione in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Margaret M. Donnell** has joined Doherty & Progar, LLC, in Chicago. Donnell's areas of practice are personal and business litigation, civil, construction and product liability litigation.



Margaret M. Donnell

**Nicole Poranski** has joined Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A., in Naples, Fla.



Nicole Poranski

**2000**

**A. Kathleen Barauski** has joined Bruning & Associates, P.C., in Schaumburg, Ill. Barauski's areas of practice are commercial litigation, personal injury law, estate planning, and foreclosures.



A. Kathleen Barauski

**Ned Milenkovich** has joined Much Shelist as Principal. Milenkovich's area of practice is health care law. Milenkovich was also elected Vice-Chair of the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy.

**Katherine A. O'Dell** was elected president of the Sicilian American Cultural Association. O'Dell is a senior associate at Amari & Locallo in Chicago.



Katherine A. O'Dell

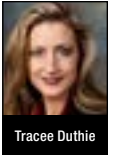
**Hon. Jessica Colon-Sayre (LLM '02)** was appointed Associate Judge to the Circuit Court of Will County. Judge Colon-Sayre is the first Latina appointed judge in Will County.



Hon. Jessica Colon-Sayre

**2003**

**Tracee Duthie** is now Of Counsel at Dickinson Wright in Las Vegas. Duthie's areas of practice are litigation, product liability, personal injury and construction law.



Tracee Duthie

**Lori Schmidt** has been named Prosecutor of the Year by Kane County State's Attorney's Office.

**2004**

**Bronwyn Pepple** has been promoted to Director and Shareholder at Lewis, Bess, Williams & Weese in Denver.

**2005**

**Christopher O'Connell** has joined Goede, Adamczyk, DeBoest & Cross, PLLC, in Fort Meyers, Fla. O'Connell's area of practice is community association law.

**Stacey Kalamaras** has joined Mayer Brown, LLP, as a Staff Attorney in Chicago, Ill. Kalamaras' areas of practice are intellectual property and transactions.



Stacey Kalamaras

**Michael T. Roth** has opened The Law Offices of Michael T. Roth in Chicago. Roth's firm focuses on probate matters, estate planning and real estate.

**Daniel S. Sandman** has joined American Medical Forensic Specialists as Vice President in Emeryville, Calif.

**Lydia Siu** has joined Tim Hortons as a Legal Administrator of Real Estate in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



Lydia Siu

**2006**

**Juan M. Arciniegas** has joined Vedder Price as a Shareholder in Chicago. Arciniegas' area of practice is derivatives law.

**Carrie Byrnes (LLM)** was elected partner at Bryan Cave, LLP, in Chicago. Byrnes' areas of practice are employee benefits and executive compensation law.



Carrie Byrnes

**Megan McAlister** has opened McAlister Law, Ltd., in Lake Forest, Ill. McAlister's areas of practice are matrimonial and family law.

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## 2007

**Carrie M. Buddingh** was named an Influential Woman in Business by the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Women's Innovation Network. Buddingh is an attorney at Bellock & Coogan, Ltd., in Oak Brook, Ill.



Carrie M. Buddingh

**David M. Hansen** was elected Chief Public Defender for Knox County in Galesburg, Ill.

**Tara C. Stuart** has joined Cantor Colburn, LLP, in Atlanta. Stuart's area of practice is intellectual property law.



Tara C. Stuart

## 2008

**K. Shaylan Baldwin** has joined Chuhak & Tecson, P.C., as Principal in Chicago. Baldwin's areas of practice are banking and real estate law.

**Kathleen Duhig** and husband Joe welcomed their new baby Thomas James Duhig on Aug. 6, 2014. Duhig is an Assistant Illinois Attorney General in the Public Integrity Bureau.

## 2009

**Christopher Cali** has joined Latimer LeVay Fyock, LLC, as an Associate Attorney in Chicago. Cali's areas of practice are real estate, business & corporate planning, transactions and estate planning and probate administration. Cali is also the Treasurer for the John Marshall Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

## In Memoriam

Jerome C. Brezinsky ('65)  
 Jeffrey T. Cline ('00)  
 James E. Congdon, III (LLM '61)  
 Jack P. Creagan ('90)  
 Joseph S. Farrell ('95)  
 Hugh E. Gorman ('85)  
 Calvin K. Manshio ('79)  
 Michael Meschino ('82)  
 John N. Pieper ('76)  
 Scott H. Sessler ('82)  
 Kent E. Stonner ('75)  
 Raymond B. Werntz, Jr. ('75)

## 2010

**Stacy Campbell-Viamontes** has joined Gozdecki, Del Giudice, Americus, Farkas & Brocato, LLP, as an Associate Attorney in Chicago. Campbell-Viamontes' area of practice is litigation law.

**Fielden Fleming** has joined PowerPlan, Inc., as Senior Consultant in Atlanta.

**Timothy R. Herman** has joined Clark Hill, PLC, in Chicago. Herman's area of practice is litigation law.

**Michael Lee** has been elected as a member of the CAN TV Board of Directors. Lee is an Assistant General Counsel at Exelon in Chicago.

## 2011

**Liliana P. O'Shea** has joined Ankin Law Office, LLC, in Chicago. O'Shea's area of practice is injured victims' rights.

**Jason P. Schneider** is the new Board President of TriCity Family Services. Schneider is a personal injury lawyer with The Law Offices of John J. Malm & Associates, P.C., in Naperville, Ill.



Jason P. Schneider

## 2012

**Tracy Dalton** has been named Senior Vice President of wealth fiduciary services at Johnson Bank in Racine, Wis.

**Jeffrey J. Gaster** is now a Judicial Law Clerk at the Illinois Appellate Court, First District.

**Christopher Jarchow** has joined Hennessy & Roach as an Associate Attorney in Chicago. Jarchow's area of practice is workers' compensation law.



Christopher Jarchow

**Ericka M. Stawiarski (LLM '13)** has joined the National Association of Realtors as a Policy Consultant in Chicago.

**Jay A. Westensee** has joined the City of Chicago Office of General Inspector as a Chief Investigator. Westensee also exchanged wedding vows with Laura Franciszkiwicz on May 25, 2014.

## 2013

**Anthony M. Abou Ezzi** founded his new law firm Ezzi Law in Chicago. Ezzi's areas of practice are estate planning, probate guardianship, small business/corporate law and disability law.

**Catherine D. Cavenagh** has joined Dixon Law Office as a trial attorney in LaGrange, Ill. Cavenagh's area of practice is workers' compensation law.



Catherine D. Cavenagh

**Daissy Dominguez** held the grand opening of her law firm Dominguez Legal Justice Center in October 2014. Dominguez Legal Justice Center services low-to moderate-income clients who do not have access to affordable legal assistance.

## 2014

**Brian B. Afshar** has joined TransUnion, LLC, as an in-house attorney in Chicago.

**Rebecca Bryant** has joined The Law Offices of Michael Bartolic, LLC, in Chicago. Bryant's area of practice is employee benefits.



Rebecca Bryant

**Cody D. Hartman** has joined Nyhan Bambrick Kinzie & Lowry as an associate in Chicago. Hartman's area of practice is workers compensation.

**Sen. Michael E. Hastings** was elected Vice-Chairman of the Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee.



Sen. Michael E. Hastings

**Mary Leukam St. Marie** has joined The Law Offices of Faegre Baker Daniels in Minneapolis. St. Marie's area of practice is corporate law.

**Matthew J. Percich** has joined The Law Offices of John F. Dixon, LLC, in Countryside, Ill. Percich's areas of practice are commercial real estate acquisitions, disposition, development, construction and leasing.

**Nana Yaa O. Russell** has joined Geraci Law, LLC, in Chicago.

**Adam D. Sussman** has joined Amin Talati Upadhye as an Associate Attorney in Chicago. Sussman's areas of practice are pharmaceutical patent, litigation, FDA and regulatory work.

**Eric A. Zelepugas** has joined Scherrer Patent & Trademark Law in Crystal Lake, Ill.



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