There's so much good news at the Law School as we enter a productive new era that it's difficult to pack it all into one message.

As you know from our email blast, we had an impressive success rate this year on the Pennsylvania Bar Exam—an 85.96 percent first-time pass rate. This virtually tied us with Temple and beat out five other law schools, including Pitt and Drexel, putting us solidly above the state-wide average in Pennsylvania. This was a particularly impressive showing, given the greater resources at the disposal of some of the larger institutions against which Duquesne competes. Our students continue to rise to the top because they are trained to succeed. My thanks and congratulations to our director of Bar Services, Professor Richard Gaffney, and to the adjunct professors who assisted him (in part, thanks to an endowment created by the Law Alumni Association). Most importantly, we congratulate our recent graduates who've worked so hard to succeed on the bar exam, not only in Pennsylvania but in many other states.

Inside the Law School, highly talented new faculty and staff are in the midst of transforming the building and making us even more competitive.

Our new associate dean of Faculty Scholarship and the first Carol Los Mansmann Chair, Professor Jane Moriarty, is coordinating a regular exchange of top-notch legal scholars between Duquesne and myriad law schools across the country. She’s also getting our faculty’s scholarship into the national pipeline through innovative, high-tech pathways.

Our new director of the Clinics, Professor Laurie Serafino, has moved from Pepperdine Law School in California (where she ran clinical programs for 15 years) to the Burgh, where she’s already making a splash. We’ve rolled out an important new Veterans Clinic—one of the first of its kind in the country—and we’re aggressively seeking funding for a new clinic building in Uptown. (If you’d like to name the Clinic for a gift of $500,000, please contact me!)

Other prominent new faculty members have joined our ranks. Professor Wesley Oliver, who holds an S.J.D. from Yale and served as a commentator on the Sandusky trial for NBC News, is busily setting up a new Criminal Law and Justice program. Professor Jacob Rooksby, who earned his J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia and is swiftly gaining national attention as a scholar, is coordinating our efforts in the important area of Intellectual Property. Professor Steven Baicker-McKee, well known in Pittsburgh as a prominent partner at the Babst Calland firm and author of a practitioner’s guide to civil procedure, has joined us full time to head up our new Energy Law program while also continuing his writing and teaching in the area of Civil Procedure. Visiting Professor John Cogan, a Health Law expert who previously taught at Penn State, is ramping-up our offerings in a field increasingly important in Western Pennsylvania. And Visiting Professor of Lawyering Skills Sherri Adelkoff is assisting me as we develop an innovative Capstone Skills course that will help transform the way legal education is delivered at Duquesne and serve as a model for the rest of the country. (More on that in a future issue of this magazine.)

We’ve also welcomed to the Law School a new assistant dean of enrollment management, Sarah Arimoto-Mercer, who holds a J.D. from Hastings Law School and has held top posts at Yale, Chicago and Northwestern. Chris Driscoll joins us as our new director of IT, having held a high-level position at Villanova University; he now brings cutting-edge technology expertise to the Law School. And Colleen Derda has stepped into a new position as manager of PR, web writing and CLE offerings, giving us new versatility in these key areas.

As the practice of law and legal education continues to change, we are helping to forge a new path by placing increased emphasis on skills necessary for our students to compete in a challenging market. Soon, we’ll be rolling out 11 concentrations from which students can select to better prepare themselves for work in areas including Energy/Environmental Law, IP Law, Health Law, Civil Litigation and Criminal Law. Our strong suit at Duquesne Law has always been producing highly talented practicing lawyers who are able to hit the ground running. As legal education moves more strongly in the direction of integrating skills into the curriculum, we are poised to be leaders in this realm. Duquesne Law School, for the past 100 years, has consistently emphasized the importance of practical lawyering skills. We’re now in a position to help shape the evolution of legal education as other law schools follow our lead.

In order to continue all of this great progress, I have one important request: Please be sure to hire our talented students and graduates whenever you have job openings, or when you know of...
job openings. This is the most clear-cut way of ensuring that our newest graduates have the chance to succeed, just as we’ve been blessed to succeed.

It’s because of the efforts of so many dedicated alumni—who are our most important key to success—that we are on a sustained, positive roll. As we enter this exciting new era for Duquesne Law School, I can assure you that we have no intention of slowing down.

With deep appreciation,

Ken Gormley
Dean and Professor of Law

The School of Law has named Anthony Jackson (left, with Dean Ken Gormley) as the second Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow, through a minority scholar program named in honor of the civil rights legend, law professor and mentor of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to sit on the nation’s highest court. The Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow award is funded through the generosity of alumnus Robert N. Pierce, Jr. and other donors who recognize the importance of supporting exceptional students.
Duquesne Welcomes Four New Faculty Members

Wesley Oliver, Steven Baicker-McKee, Laurie Serafino and Jacob Rooksby bring diverse and rich experiences to the Law School

Colleen C. Derda, Manager, Public Relations
Jacob H. Rooksby

Assistant Professor of Law Jacob H. Rooksby’s research into enforcement of university-owned patents is drawing attention to ethical and policy issues frequently hidden in the marketplace. Is it possible for universities to pursue commercialization while also being faithful to their public-serving missions? Rooksby is asking the tough questions, and professional associations and scholarly publications are interested in his legal, quantitative and qualitative research.

The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) invited Rooksby to present at its annual conference in March of 2013. This fall, the American Association of University Professors’ Academe magazine published his article “Sue U” and featured a Q&A with Rooksby on its website.


Duquesne University School of Law’s newest assistant professor is equally at home addressing an audience of technology-transfer professionals, fellow litigators or first-year law students. As the school’s first tenure-track professor specializing in intellectual property (IP), Rooksby is teaching IP courses and helping to build a curricular focus in the subject area.

“It’s an exciting time to be at Duquesne,” says Rooksby, noting opportunities available to the School of Law faculty and students through the subject concentration and interdisciplinary work within the University.

Rooksby holds M.Ed., J.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. He formerly practiced law with McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond, Va., where he was a member of the firm’s IP litigation/patents department and higher education practice team. He also served as an adjunct professor at Washington & Lee University School of Law. Super Lawyers magazine named him a “Rising Star” attorney in Virginia in 2009, 2011 and 2012 in the area of IP law.

His professional affiliations include serving nationally as chair of the AUTM new metrics committee and locally as a member of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association.

In addition to his ongoing scholarship and professional work, Rooksby is making his mark at Duquesne by contributing to several School of Law committees, including the Curriculum, Technology and the Self-Study committees. He is also serving as associate director of the Summer Study of Law program in Beijing.

Laurie Serafino

Associate Professor Laurie Serafino tapped her new colleague, Jacob Rooksby, to plan an IP clinic for the School of Law.

The new director of Clinical Legal Education says she is looking to involve research faculty members with the mission of the clinics. It’s all part of her initiative to strengthen the clinical and externship programs and raise their profiles in the region and the nation, she says.

Serafino has more than 14 years of experience as a national leader in clinical education.

She previously served as assistant professor and director of Clinical Programs at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif. There she supervised special education, rescue mission, family law, asylum and securities arbitration clinics and arranged externship placements with the U.S. State Department, federal courts, entertainment companies and public interest law offices.

Serafino says she was attracted to the new position at Duquesne University for many reasons, including the School of Law’s “deep commitment to public service.”

Serafino says she was also impressed with Pittsburgh and its people, including the School’s faculty and students.

“People have been so welcoming, I saw a wonderful opportunity at Duquesne, and I look forward to fully developing the clinical legal education programs here.”

Serafino immediately set up offices in both the School of Law and in the clinic building to open lines of communication with the faculty and increase student accessibility. By fall, she completed the launch of a Veterans Clinic, making Duquesne one
Steven Baicker-McKee

Assistant Professor Steven Baicker-McKee, the third new full-time faculty member, is teaching courses in civil procedure and energy law, and working to develop an energy law concentration, another first for the School of Law.

Baicker-McKee joined the faculty this summer following 23 years at Babst Calland, where he concentrated his practice on toxic tort, environmental, natural resource and energy litigation. Between 2009 and 2012, he also served as adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and as visiting associate professor at the University of Toledo.

Baicker-McKee is co-author of the Federal Civil Rules Handbook, a leading work for lawyers in federal court, now in its 19th edition. He also is co-author of A Student’s Guide to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which is used in more than a quarter of the law schools in the United States. He is also a co-author of the Federal Litigator, a monthly publication reporting on breaking federal jurisprudence.

His new civil procedure case book is due out in 2013.

“After more than 20 years in practice, I am excited about this new direction for my career,” says Baicker-McKee. “I love being in the classroom and helping our next generation of lawyers develop. Energy law is the most vibrant practice area for our region, now and for the foreseeable future. I am looking forward to helping build a robust energy program here at Duquesne.”

Baicker-McKee has given numerous presentations and written about Marcellus Shale, fracking and related energy issues, as well as toxic torts and environmental law. His articles have been published in the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Civil Litigation Update as well as Environmental Law Reporter, West’s Legal News and Entertainment and Sports Law Journal.

His past professional roles include serving as chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Civil Litigation Section, co-chair of its Federal Practice Section and founder and co-chair of its Toxic Tort Committee. He has been elected to the Academy of Trial Lawyers and recognized repeatedly in The Best Lawyers of America and as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer.
Before joining Babst Calland, Baicker-McKee served as a law clerk to the Honorable Glenn E. Mencer in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his J.D. from Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, where he served on the board of editors for the Law Review.

Today, in addition to teaching Civil Procedure and Energy Law at Duquesne University, Baicker-McKee is helping the School of Law look toward its future through his work on the Self-Study and Long-Range Planning Committee.

Wesley M. Oliver

Wesley M. Oliver is developing a comprehensive Criminal Justice program at Duquesne University School of Law. In addition to teaching Criminal Law and Procedure, Criminal Process, Advanced Criminal Law and Federal Criminal Law, the associate professor is working to promote this new program and the School of Law through the media.

Oliver is a frequent commentator on criminal justice issues. This fall his commentary about sentencing appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The Huffington Post, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Bloomberg and other publications. During the Jerry Sandusky trial, he was a legal analyst for NBC News, often appearing on The TODAY Show and NBC Nightly News.

Oliver also previously appeared on ABC World News, CBS This Morning, 48 Hours Investigates, NBC Nightly News, The TODAY Show and The Ed Show. He also provided commentary for The New York Times, The Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle and The San Francisco Examiner.


Prior to coming to Duquesne University School of Law, Oliver was an associate professor at Widener University School of Law and was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer at Harvard Law School. His academic background includes J.S.D. and LL.M. degrees from Yale University and J.D. and B.A. degrees from the University of Virginia.

In his first semester here at Duquesne, Oliver developed a blog, DuqCrim.com, and encouraged his students to create DuqCrim Twitter accounts to share their research into criminal cases and statutes from across the country. He also involved his students in a new television series, Crime and Punishment, being aired monthly on the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

This spring, Oliver will host a national symposium, Plea Bargaining after Lafler and Frye, at Duquesne University. Read more about the Feb. 28–March 1 event and all School of Law faculty scholarship initiatives at www.duq.edu/law.

“I love being in the classroom and helping our next generation of lawyers develop.”

STEVEN BAICKER-MCKEE

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In addition to four new full-time faculty members, the School of Law added two visiting assistant professors for the academic year.

Sherri Adelkoff, visiting assistant professor of Lawyering Skills and Professionalism, is playing a key role in developing new approaches to skills training. This spring, she will teach Advanced Legal Writing: The Law in Practice, building upon her years of teaching legal research and writing courses here. She also previously co-taught Appellate Practice and Procedure with the Honorable Maureen Lally-Green. Adelkoff earned her Juris Doctor degree from Duquesne University School of Law.

John Aloysius Cogan, Jr., visiting assistant professor, teaches health law courses. He previously taught health law and state and local government courses at Penn State Law School and Roger Williams University School of Law. Prior to teaching, Cogan was general counsel of the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner and also served as assistant regional counsel to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He also worked as a litigation associate in Boston and Providence, R.I. Cogan earned his Juris Doctor and a master’s degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin.
The gender wage gap is a controversial and much-discussed subject in academic discourse and the national media. The disparity between what men and women earn is substantial, even today: "American women who work full-time year-round are paid only 77 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts." A recent national report concluded that the wage gap impacts women as soon as they graduate from college and found that in 2009, recent male and female college graduates working full-time jobs were earning $42,918 and $35,296, respectively, representing a 20 percent gender wage gap. This wage gap persists throughout women's lives, contributing to economic insecurity for women and families, and culminating in women's increased likelihood of poverty in old age. As President Barack Obama has stated, "when women make less than men for the same work, it hurts families who find themselves with less income, and have to work harder just to get by."

Duquesne University School of Law recognizes the impact of the gender wage gap on many members of our community, hosting programs and discussions about the issue. Duquesne has hosted student events, covered the subject in Juris, addressed the problem in Continuing Legal Education programs and supported faculty scholarship in the area. The Law School’s focus on gender equity culminated with a well-attended event featuring Lilly Ledbetter, author, activist and namesake of the 2009 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act, on April 16.

Lilly Ledbetter joined our community at a luncheon hosted by the Law School, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Bar Association Women in the Law Division and the Institute for Gender Equality. She discussed her book, *Grace and Grit*, and recounted her experiences as a victim of pay discrimination, a U.S. Supreme Court litigant and a national icon for pay equity. Lilly was the plaintiff in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, wherein Justice Alito, writing for the 5-4 majority, rejected Ledbetter’s theory of the “paycheck accrual rule” and held instead that each paycheck received did not constitute a discrete discriminatory act on which relief could be granted. Though she lost her suit against Goodyear, Lilly remained steadfast in her determination to ensure that other women would not fall victim to similar injustice. Lilly continued to fight for pay equity and on Jan. 29, 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act into law, "restor[ing] the [original] position of the EEOC that each paycheck that delivers discriminatory compensation is a wrong actionable under the federal EEO statutes, regardless of when the discrimination began."

Ledbetter's presentation at the Law School was a tour de force. Audience members were delighted to listen to and meet the woman behind the Supreme Court case and the Fair Pay Act. She held the audience rapt as she spoke, encouraging students to
remain engaged in important issues, like pay equity, that impact their world. At Lilly’s book signing after the presentation, the line wrapped around the room, with attendees excited to meet the woman who had done so much to make the law more just.

It was my good fortune to spend some additional time with Ms. Ledbetter during her visit. I was impressed by her ability to humanize the issue of pay discrimination and amazed by the ability of this small, determined woman to rally legislators and others to understand the fundamentally unfair impact of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Her description of how pay discrimination affected her sense of fairness was humbling:

I was brought up very hard and we were so poor. And everything we got—you know you worked for it, you appreciated it and you respected it. And the laws—we always tried to follow them—and this was just not right.

While discussing how she felt upon discovering that she had been paid less than her male colleagues, she eloquently articulated the devastation she felt:

So I got on the floor and started my shift and then it hit me like a ton of bricks: my retirement; my contributory retirement; my 401(k) was 10 percent matched by 6 percent Goodyear stock, and … my Social Security, all is based on what I’m earning. That’s really the devastating loss in my life now.

Finally, she clearly explained why pay equity is not just a women’s issue:

And it was not only me. It was my two children who suffered. It meant whether or not they got decent clothes. My kids had to work their way through college. This was not right. And it also limited where they could go to college. They could have gone to more prestigious schools.
Lilly’s story is the story of pay inequality as experienced by millions of others. Her experience and ability to connect with Americans and personalize an otherwise political issue was instrumental in mobilizing support for the Fair Pay Act. The Duquesne community was richer for having had the experience of meeting her and hearing her story, and the continuing interest in pay equity is a testament to Lilly’s grace and grit.

Our students have demonstrated their continuing concern regarding the wage gap and other issues that affect women workers through two programs hosted at the Law School over the past year. The Federalist Society sponsored Perspectives on the Gender Wage Gap. This program included contrasting presentations by Diana Fuchtgott-Roth, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, and Heather Arnet, CEO of the Women and Girls Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania. The event exposed students to a wide spectrum of facts and opinions concerning pay equity. Subsequently, the Women’s Law Association hosted a Women in the Law panel featuring distinguished women of the Allegheny County Bar: Tina Miller, Soo Song, Kristen Del Sole and Loretta Benec, and recent Duquesne Law graduate and new Reed Smith associate Caitlin Gifford. Students listened attentively as panelists responded to questions about work-family balance and the unique challenges women face in the legal profession.

As a professor at Duquesne, I am encouraged to see how excellent speakers, like Lilly Ledbetter, increase student interest and engagement in the issues that affect their world.

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Many people have described Lilly Ledbetter as “special” and “brave” for her continued battle for equal pay. But the truth is that, Ms. Ledbetter has become much more than a “special” and “brave” woman. Ms. Ledbetter’s fight for equal pay has made her an iconic figure in the fight for women’s equality.

Ms. Ledbetter shared her inspiring journey with Duquesne Law alumni, faculty and students in the Power Center ballroom on April 16. She described her experience at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant in Alabama, where daily she was a victim of sexual harassment by her male counterparts. One supervisor had even propositioned Ms. Ledbetter for sexual favors in exchange for a positive job evaluation. Like the fighter that she has shown herself to be, Ms. Ledbetter filed a harassment complaint with the EEOC, and the supervisor was subsequently transferred to another area of the plant. Despite the objectionable conditions Ms. Ledbetter faced at Goodyear, she continued to do her job and do it well. In 1996, Ms. Ledbetter explained that she actually received a performance award from Goodyear, though the tire company attempted to later discredit her work ethic at trial—a supposed justification for the pay disparity between Ledbetter and the male supervisors.

Perhaps what is most inspiring about Ms. Ledbetter’s story is her continued reassurances that she intended to start a controversy with Goodyear. Ms. Ledbetter simply wanted, and still wants, what every American wants: to work hard and provide for her family. Luckily for all Americans, that desire to provide spurred Ms. Ledbetter’s courage and conviction to start the fight and shines brightest when she speaks about the importance of equal pay.

Ms. Ledbetter’s journey began in 1998, just before she was set to retire from the Goodyear plant. An anonymous employee left a note for Ledbetter explaining that she earned only a percentage of what the men in her position were making. Ms. Ledbetter took this information to the EEOC and subsequently sued Goodyear. While she was initially awarded more than $3 million in a jury trial, the damages were subsequently reduced to $300,000. Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision reversed the jury award because Ms. Ledbetter had not filed her claim with the EEOC within 180 days of receiving her first disproportionate paycheck, though she had not known about the disparity until 1998. With that decision, her historic fight for equal pay began.

Following the Supreme Court decision, Ms. Ledbetter took her cause to Congress, advocating for legislation to change the 180-day requirement for EEOC filings. Ms. Ledbetter shared her experience of speaking at the Democratic National Convention about the importance of equal pay legislation. She recounted her long days traveling back and forth between Washington, D.C., and Alabama to lobby Congress and attend to her ill husband, who sadly was unable to live to see President Obama sign the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act of 2009.

Though Ms. Ledbetter won the battle to change the law regarding the statute of limitations to file disparate pay claims with the EEOC to 180 days after receiving any paycheck, she continues to advocate for equal-pay legislation. The truth is that Ms. Ledbetter’s fight for her paycheck ended long ago, long before the Supreme Court decision. Now, she is fighting for the paycheck of her granddaughter and every woman in the country. She is fighting for principle and the true American dream.

Ms. Ledbetter ended her talk to a standing ovation, but she deserves so much more than that. She is not only a women’s rights trailblazer, she is an American icon as well. Ms. Ledbetter reminded all those in attendance what it means to be a “special” and “brave” person.
Appellate Moot Court Board on the Rise After Successful Inaugural Year

Alicia Nealon, 3D

In 2011, Duquesne University School of Law was pleased to christen the Appellate Moot Court Board (AMCB), its newest oral advocacy program. The AMCB is a student-run organization that allows its members to hone their speaking, advocacy and critical thinking skills. The board operates under the direction of a student-elected executive board, with faculty oversight provided by the faculty advisory committee of Professor Erin Karsman (director of Appellate Advocacy), Professor Julia Glencer, Professor Al Pelaez, Professor Tara Willke, and Hon. Maureen Lally-Green, L’74.

The board advances its mission through two avenues. First, each board member selected for membership completes a one-credit advanced appellate advocacy class taught by Karsman. The class focuses on advancing the proficiency that each student learned during the first-year legal research and writing class; it also introduces new appellate writing and advocacy skills to better prepare our members for competitions and, ultimately, for practice. Second, the board sends its members to a variety of national appellate and alternative dispute resolution competitions. While the alternative dispute resolution competitions involve advocacy skills in negotiation, mediation, arbitration and client counseling settings, the appellate competitions challenge the competitors to write an appellate brief and then argue their case before a panel of distinguished, nationally recognized judges.

Since its inception in 2011, the AMCB has grown with tremendous strength thanks to the tireless efforts of our founding executive board, faculty advisors and at-large board members. In just our first year at Duquesne University School of Law, the AMCB participated in a variety of appellate and alternative dispute resolution competitions, which covered a plethora of topics, including intellectual property, admiralty, energy and evidence law. The successes of the board during these competitions serve as a testament to how far we have come in the short time since our inception. In the fall of 2011, our team of Frank Stoy, L’12, Kate Lewis, L’12, Stephen Guzzetti, L’12, and Christina Zanic, 3D, advanced to the finals of the Regional ABA Arbitration Competition at the Salmon Chase College of Law in Northern Kentucky, and competed in the National ABA Arbitration Competition in Chicago. During the spring of 2012, then second-years Kaitlyn Kacsuta, 3D, and Ginevra Ventre, 3D, won First Place at the National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition hosted by the West Virginia University College of Law.

Ready to build upon last year’s achievements, this year’s AMCB is set to participate in six competitions during the 2012-2013 academic year. These include returning to the National ABA Arbitration Competition and the National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition, as well as expanding to the National ABA Appellate Competition.

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Fair housing, immigration and political asylum, and police-enforced policies are just a few of the issues that Duquesne law students recently worked on through a unique summer program offered by the School of Law.

Launched last year, the Public Service Law Fellowship program provides student attorneys with valuable work experience through summer positions in state government while supporting the law school’s ongoing commitment to public service.

“The School of Law has a long tradition of producing lawyers who engage in public service in a wide variety of roles—whether for an entire career or for blocks of time throughout a career,” explained Law Dean Ken Gormley, who created the program. “This unique program allows students to work in and make contributions to every facet of government service, and opens doors for them for future possibilities.”

Ten students spent this summer as fellows for organizations such as:

• Attorney General’s Office
• Allegheny County Veterans Court
• Nationalities Service Center
• Pennsylvania State Mayors’ Association
• Pennsylvania Human Rights Commission
• U.S. Attorney’s Office
• AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania
• State Sen. Jay Costa’s Office

Next summer, 10 additional public service fellowships will be available thanks to the generosity of alumnus John “Jack” McGinley, Jr., a 1968 law school graduate and University board member; his parents Jack and Marie, his aunt Rita M. McGinley, and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation. McGinley has reallocated existing funds that he and his family have donated to the University to establish the John R. and Marie McGinley Endowed Public Service Law Fellowship and the Bernard and Katherine McGinley Endowed Public Service Law Fellowship, which honors his grandparents.

“Whether it’s been on the bench, in government in general or even local government, public service has always been a great attribute of many Duquesne law grads,” said McGinley, a member of Eckert Seamans Cherin Mellott, LLC. “Anything we can do to help prospective lawyers learn about what life’s experiences are in the various fields of government will benefit them directly as well as the communities in which they decide to live. It’s important for these student attorneys to get this kind of experience, and this program is a great way to develop leaders for our community.”

Students have certainly been learning through this opportunity. For instance, at the Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, which provides free and low-cost legal service to immigrants, Lauren Sullivan has conducted client intake and has written a brief to be filed with the Executive Office of Immigration Review regarding asylum, cancellation, or removal and withholding of removal based on the Convention Against Torture.

“This fellowship has been one of the most fulfilling experiences that I have had,” said Sullivan. “I’ve learned so much about immigration law, and I feel that I’m really making a difference in people’s lives.”

Law student Elizabeth Koefer is assisting a staff attorney at the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania with landlord-tenant court. “HIV-positive individuals are often viewed with a great deal of stigma, and I’m thankful to serve their legal needs while treating them with the respect and dignity that they are due,” she said.

Gormley is pleased that students will continue to have the opportunity for public service.

“My hope is that as the program continues to grow, more students will avail themselves of these opportunities,” he said.
Living the Mission: The Power of Pro Bono

Staci A. Fonner, 2D

How many people say they want to change the world? How many of us forget that we once said that too? And how many people have the opportunity to change the world by doing their life’s work? This summer, I learned many valuable lessons while working in public interest, but the most important one is this: As attorneys, we can change lives.

When looking for an internship after my first year of law school, I was open to any area of the law. Then I saw that Duquesne University’s Public Interest Law Association (PILA) had a scholarship for students to work in public interest. I received the scholarship and an internship at Legal Services for Immigrants and Internationals (LSII), a nonprofit under the umbrella of Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Pittsburgh. LSII offers legal advice and representation for immigration matters.

I quickly realized how our work impacted the lives of our clients. What may have taken a few minutes or hours of our days meant a change of a lifetime for most people. I also realized that in comparison to our clients, we only spent a little time thinking about their situations. The clients probably thought about their situations every minute of every day because these problems often involved vital necessities of life. Many clients were separated from their families, getting married or seeking citizenship. Some had been abused. Some had come as refugees from war-torn countries.

At LSII, the clients clearly outnumber the staff, which consists of two accredited representatives (only one full time), one part-time attorney and a handful of interns and volunteers. The staff receives hundreds of phone calls and attends several consultations, hearings and immigration appointments each week—not to mention completing the legal paperwork for each client. The only time I saw LSII turn someone away was when it was an asylum or criminal case because it did not have the resources to handle the case. This means the staff takes on many cases even when they do not have the time or the manpower to complete them. Somehow, they made time—because they cared.

Because of the interns and volunteers, the organization was able to serve many more immigrants in a few months’ time than the staff would have been able to complete on their own. Lives were changed because law students and attorneys gave their time and expertise. I saw that if we really are going to change the world, like we promised to do many years ago, this sacrificial giving is the way to do it.

The Public Interest Law Association provides stipends to students who intern in public interest law jobs each summer. These stipends help pay for the students’ living expenses, as they are not provided an income for their work. Monies are raised through fundraising activities by PILA and donations. The Duquesne Law Alumni Association fully funds one stipend every year. This year, six students received stipends. For more information on how you can assist these students, please contact the Law Alumni Office.
Dean Gormley congratulates SBA President, Devlin Fisher.

Law Alumni Association Immediate Past-President Mike McCarthy welcomes the new alumni.
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Ismail Najaf Youssef
Megan L. Zupancic

++January 2012 Graduates
+August 2011 Graduates
It is a profound pleasure for me to be here with you today as you celebrate your graduation and the Law School’s centennial anniversary. I am sure that I do not have to tell you that you are graduating from a very fine law school. Here you have received an outstanding legal education, which will stand you in good stead even in these difficult economic times. Let me therefore congratulate you, your family and friends who have believed in you, made many sacrifices for you and stood by you in the long journey that has led you to this important day. Congratulations are also due, you will agree, to your fine faculty for getting you where you are today.

I am honored that I have been asked to speak to you on this, for you, so important a day. On occasions such as these, however, I find it difficult to put one thought out of my mind: Did you know that there is research that indicates that within a week or two after Commencement exercises no one remembers what the commencement speaker had to say? Hence, if I had the courage and wisdom to act on this information, I would congratulate you wholeheartedly on your graduation and sit down. But then I would pass up the opportunity to speak to a captive audience. No self-respecting lawyer would ever do that.

When Dean Gormley invited me to be your Commencement speaker today, I asked him what he thought I should speak about. He suggested that I draw on my Holocaust and judicial experiences.

Before doing so, let me note that in the 100 years that have elapsed since this Law School was founded, mankind has witnessed changes and events, good and bad, unprecedented in any other period of human history.

A person who has lived to be 100 years old in 2012 will have benefited from some truly revolutionary advances in many different fields of human endeavor, particularly in the sciences, technology, transportation, communication and medicine.

But that same centenarian will also have lived through the First and Second World Wars, the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and many other armed conflicts in different parts of the world. While modern medicine has saved the lives of millions of human beings, many more have died in wars and internal conflicts. And let us not forget the millions who perished in the Holocaust, in Cambodia and in Rwanda.

As a Holocaust survivor, it troubles me immensely that despite all the progress that mankind has made in the past one hundred years, we still have not managed to give real and universal meaning to “Never Again” in order to ensure that no people anywhere in the world will ever again become victims of genocides or horrendous crimes against humanity. It is my profound hope, therefore, that your generation will commit itself to the achievement of this goal so that your children and grandchildren and all future generations may live in a genocide-free world.

I am often asked why my memoir about my Holocaust experience is called A Lucky Child, since the five years I spent in Nazi ghettos and concentration camps can hardly be described as lucky. That is true, of course, but I have always believed that luck played a vital role in my survival. But there is yet another story behind the title of my book. In 1939, shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, a friend talked my mother into going with her to a fortune-teller. The fortune-teller told my mother that terrible times awaited our family, but that her only child would make it through unscathed because he was “ein Glückskind” (a lucky child).

At the end of the war, after surviving Auschwitz and a number of other camps, my mother, from whom I had been separated in Auschwitz, began to try to find me. Whenever she asked other survivors whether they had seen me, she would be told to give up the search because, as the ten-year-old child I was at the time, I could not possibly have survived. But my mother did not give up because she believed or wanted to believe that I was alive. The fortune-teller, after all, had told her that I was
a lucky child, and those words sustained her in the hope that I had survived. That is the real reason why my book is called *A Lucky Child*.

This brings me to the message I would like to leave with you: Luck does not just happen. One has to be ready for it and frequently, too, one has to help make it happen.

Many events come to mind when I think of the role luck has played in my survival during the Holocaust. For example, when my father, mother and I arrived in Auschwitz, we were not subjected to the usual selection process at the entrance of the camp. Here children, the infirm and the elderly were separated from the other prisoners entering Auschwitz and taken directly to the gas chamber. That did not happen in our case. Because we came from a labor camp, the SS guards probably assumed that our transport consisted only of able-bodied workers.

Sheer luck—or was it? To help you answer that question, you will need to know how I made it into the labor camp in the first place. That happened during an earlier selection at the small ghetto of Kielce, one year before I arrived in Auschwitz. On that occasion, all the children were separated from their parents. The parents were to be sent to a labor camp; the children were to be killed. I survived because, sensing the fate that awaited us children, I ran up to the camp commandant and told him in German—the language of my mother—that I could work. Surprised, he looked at me and let me live. Sheer luck or self-made luck? You decide.

In the late 1970s, while at the University of Texas Law School, I taught a seminar on the International Protection of Human Rights. Among the topics I regularly dealt with in that seminar was the American Convention on Human Rights, a treaty then being drafted by the Organization of American States. In discussing the Convention, I would tell my students that because the United States was not going to ratify the treaty, we would not be able to nominate a U.S. citizen to the soon-to-be-established Inter-American Court of Human Rights. I also explained that while any state party to the Convention could nominate a U.S. citizen to be a judge on that Court, it was highly unlikely that would happen. Then one day, in 1978, the phone rang in my office. The caller identified himself as the Costa Rican ambassador to the United States. He was calling on instructions of his government, he told me, to ask whether I would allow him to consider me to be a candidate for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Sheer luck? Not quite. Let me explain. Costa Rica, where the Court was to have its seat and where the Convention was drafted, wanted to ensure that at least one of the judges would be a national of a major country of the Hemisphere and, if possible, an expert on the European Convention on Human Rights, the treaty on which the inter-American system was modeled. When the Costa Rican embassy began its search for an appropriate U.S. candidate, my name kept coming up most often because, at the time, I was one of only a handful of American legal scholars who had the human rights background the Costa Ricans were looking for. In short, without knowing it, I was prepared for the luck that had come my way.

One final example: When, in 1999, the State Department began to draw up a list of potential candidates to succeed the outgoing U.S. judge on the International Court of Justice, those of us on the short list had very similar credentials. What distinguished me from the others was that I alone had international judicial experience. I had not only served for 12 years on the Inter-American Human Rights Court but also two terms on the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank. That experience apparently had much to do with the decision of the State Department to nominate me for the position. Sheer luck? Yes and no—you decide!

Now, why do I believe that my experience may be something for you to think about as you begin your legal careers? I became an international lawyer because I believed that, as a Holocaust survivor, I had an obligation to those who died in the camps, to contribute as best I could to a world in which human beings everywhere would never again become victims of genocides or other serious human rights violations. That is why I studied human rights law and specialized in international law and the protection of human rights.

At the time, in the 1950s and early ’60s, international human rights law was, as a subject of study, still in its infancy. In those days, it was easy for me to become one of the experts in the field, if only because there were not many lawyers around with my interest in making the international protection of human rights their life’s work. Over time, many young lawyers entered the field, but by then I had become something of a human rights guru.

That is why I would advise you, today’s graduates, to find an area of the law that interests you professionally and that will allow you to promote causes or values you believe in. As a rule, that will also guarantee you a successful and personally satisfying legal career.

It is very tempting, I know, to look for jobs only where the money is good, given your college and law school loans, or simply because you want to live the good life. I can sympathize with such decisions, especially given the current state of our economy. But I have seen too many lawyers who realize, after years in practice and when it is usually too late to change jobs, that they derive no personal satisfaction from the professional choices they made. These are not very happy people. That may be good for their psychiatrists but not for the lawyers, who have had to become their patients, and their families. Do not become one of these lawyers. Life is too short.

Help make your luck happen and good luck to all of you.
Graduates of the Duquesne University School of Law achieved an 85.96 percent pass rate for first-time takers of the July 2012 Pennsylvania Bar Examination, according to the state’s Board of Law Examiners.

“These statistics are a testament to the dedicated efforts of our faculty, staff and administrators, and the hard work of our graduates, who simply out-worked the competition,” said Law School Dean Ken Gormley. “This also marks the seventh consecutive year that the School of Law exceeded the state average first-time pass rate. It is wonderful news for the entire Law School community.”

Duquesne’s recent results improved from its 2011 pass rate of 82.2 percent, and this year it placed ahead of five of ten Pennsylvania-area law schools. The School of Law placed ahead of Drexel University, the University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University-Camden, Widener University-Delaware and Widener University-Harrisburg law schools in this year’s bar exam results.

The School of Law ended in a virtual tie with Temple University; it only placed behind the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University-Dickinson and Villanova University.

The Duquesne University School of Law congratulates

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KEN GORMLEY, DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW
JOHN “JACK” R. McGINLEY, JR., L’68
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Law Clinic Updates

Welcome to the New Law Clinic Director and Faculty

This year we are pleased to welcome the new director of Clinical Legal Education at the Duquesne Law Clinic, Professor Laurie Serafino. Laurie joined Duquesne after serving as the clinic director at Pepperdine University School of Law for 14 years. Laurie brings passion and vision for the growth of our Clinical Legal Education Department. During her short tenure, she has already implemented changes in the Law Clinic, including the creation of new clinical opportunities, the hiring of additional adjunct clinical faculty members and staff, and the development of a long-term strategic plan. In addition, she is eager to reach out to Allegheny County residents, alumni, and the national and local legal and academic communities.

We welcome the following clinical adjunct faculty members: David Spurgeon, L’96, and Jennifer DiGiovanni, L’96, deputy district attorneys, Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office, Criminal Prosecution Externship Program; Sam Simon, partner, Houston Harbaugh, Federal Litigation Clinic; Jose Carvallo, L’11, assistant public defender, Allegheny County Office of Public Defender, Unemployment Compensation Clinic; Catherine DeMarino Meehan, L’11, associate, Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, Urban Development Clinic; and Debra Barnisin-Lange, assistant district attorney, Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office, Veterans Clinic. We are also pleased to announce that Assistant Law Professor Julia Glencer is now teaching in our Judicial Externship Seminar.

The following clinical opportunities were created for the 2012-2013 academic year:

In-House Clinics

Federal Practice Clinic
Taught by Adjunct Clinical Professors Adrian N. Roe and Sam Simon

Students in the Federal Practice Clinic focus on the litigation of actual cases pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and/or the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Most of the cases involve the representation of inmates in cases that the federal courts have identified as potentially meritorious.

Veterans Clinic
Taught by Adjunct Clinical Professors Dan Kunz and Debra Barnisin-Lange

Students in the Veterans Clinic provide legal representation to veterans who have been charged with criminal offenses and have been accepted into the Allegheny County Veterans Specialty Court. Our students serve as legal defense counsel for their clients and work with a team of probation officers and Veterans Administration staff members, including social workers, psychologists and physicians, to ensure that their clients increase their chances for success and graduation from the Veterans Court program.

The students and some of their clients participated in their first Veterans Court graduation ceremony on Nov. 8 at the Allegheny County Courthouse. Vietnam Veteran and former Steeler Rocky Bleier attended the graduation to encourage the success of his former comrades.

Externships

Criminal Prosecution Externship Program

We are pleased to announce the creation of a Criminal Prosecution Externship Program/Clinic for the 2012–2013 academic year. The class, which is open to upper-level students, was designed to give law students a practical approach to criminal cases as they work through the criminal justice system.

Students complete a year-long externship in the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office, exposing them to various stages of criminal proceedings. Class instructors David L. Spurgeon and Jennifer DiGiovanni provide in-court opportunities for students to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in preliminary hearings, pre-trial motions, guilty pleas and non-jury trials as certified legal interns. Additionally, law students attend weekly classroom instruction on criminal procedure and evidence, as well as complete a weekly vehicle using factual scenarios from actual closed criminal cases.
News from Our Clinics

Bill of Rights Clinic

Students working in the Bill of Rights Clinic have had a very busy fall semester. In September the students began focusing on the Pennsylvania voter ID Law. Students studied the law and presented several “Know The Law” sessions for voters throughout Allegheny County. Students were also invited to assist voters at the Department of Motor Vehicles with obtaining identification under the voter ID law for the November 2012 election.

At one session, a student was saddened to hear from an elderly African-American woman who had made several unsuccessful attempts to obtain a secure Pennsylvania identification card. She was unable to obtain valid ID because she did not have a birth certificate. She was born in a nearby county hospital; her mother was forced to leave the hospital the day after she gave birth when the hospital administration discovered she was African-American. Her parents never received a notice of birth or birth certificate for their baby. As an adult, she never drove and did not obtain a driver’s license. Throughout the years, she tried to obtain a birth certificate but was told there were no records of her birth. She told us several times, “It is as if I don’t even exist.” She was very discouraged by the thought of not being able to vote in the upcoming election, since she had worked at the polls years earlier. After several hours and completion of an affidavit verifying her address, she walked out of the DMV with a Pennsylvania voter identification card.

Community Enterprise Clinic

During 2012, the Community Enterprise Clinic (CEC) assisted six Pennsylvania nonprofits with obtaining 501c3 status. Additionally, it has helped numerous organizations to incorporate, obtain state sales-tax exemption or register with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations. In April, CEC presented a seminar to those client organizations completing all stages of nonprofit/tax-exempt formation about continuing compliance with state and federal agencies.

Unemployment Compensation Clinic

Michael Simon, L’80, Supervising Attorney

On Oct. 1, 2012, the Commonwealth Court filed its Memorandum Opinion in the case of Susan C. Lewis v. Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, No. 2065 C.D. 2011, in which it vacated the Unemployment Compensation Board’s decision to deny benefits to Susan C. Lewis and remanded the case to the Board for further review. The Unemployment Compensation Clinic represented Lewis in this matter.

This case was noteworthy for several reasons. In particular, the factual scenario was highly unusual. In this regard, Claimant Susan C. Lewis represented herself in the proceedings before the Referee. Her contention was that she voluntarily quit her position as social services director with the Lawson’s Nursing Home as a result of substantial and unilateral changes in the terms and conditions of her employment. The Employer did not appear at the Referee’s hearing, which was held at the McKeesport Referee’s office. The Referee entered a decision in favor of Lewis and the Employer thereafter appealed, contending that it had misread the hearing notice and instead of appearing in the correct Referee’s office, had, in fact, waited for the hearing in another office of the McKeesport Referee’s building.1 The Board ultimately remanded the case for proceedings to determine if there was just cause for the Employer’s nonappearance at the hearing and to also take testimony from the Employer regarding the Claimant’s separation.

1 In the McKeesport Referee’s office there are two (2) hearing rooms separated by a long hallway. Different Referees hear cases in each of the two (2) hearing rooms. The hearing notice notes specifically which hearing room will be used for each particular case.
After a second hearing before the Referee, the Board determined that the Employer did not show just cause for its actions in not appearing for the hearing and therefore refused to consider the Employer’s testimony. The Board, however, also sua sponte reversed the decision of the Referee granting benefits to the Claimant and instead held that the Claimant did not show compelling and necessitous circumstances for quitting her job. The Board found that the Claimant had demonstrated only that she was merely dissatisfied with the terms and conditions of employment or with her working conditions, which did not support a separation under 402(b) of the law, which requires a showing of compelling and necessitous circumstances before voluntarily quitting employment.

By way of background, the Claimant had introduced an abundance of evidence before the Referee demonstrating that her job requirements had changed dramatically and substantially. She did not contend that she was subject to pay cuts or an increase in hours, but just a “quantum level” increase in the nature and scope of her job duties such that she could never, ever, realistically complete her work or even come close to doing so, with the net result that she felt her professional integrity as director of social services was in jeopardy. The nature of additional work given to the Claimant in this case was stunning. Literally, the Claimant had introduced evidence of page after page of additional job duties, such that she was literally placed in the same condition as was seen in the Greek myth of Sisyphus, an individual who literally could never finish his work.

In Commonwealth Court, two students from the 2011-2012 class of the clinic, Arthur Nussbaum and Clarissa Chenowith, represented the Claimant along with the undersigned. The students briefed the issues thoroughly and in fact wrote a compelling argument to support the claim that this case centered on a substantial unilateral change in the terms and conditions of employment, not mere dissatisfaction with one’s working conditions. The Commonwealth Court, in the unreported Memorandum Opinion authored by Judge Simpson found precisely the foregoing, that the Board had disregarded the Claimant’s contentions in this regard and had literally failed to rule on the essential issues concerning the Claimant’s reasons for her separation and whether or not they constituted a substantial unilateral change under Section 402(b) of the law. Accordingly, the Court vacated the Board’s order denying benefits and remanded the case for further consideration.

The students who worked on this case devoted an incredible amount of time and, in the end, prepared an excellent work product.

This case presented a unique opportunity for the clinic. In this respect, cases involving simply the mere addition of job duties typically have not resulted in a grant of benefits to the Claimant where the Claimant could not show, additionally, for instance, a decrease in wages or an increase in working hours or the threat of discipline for not being able to complete the additional duties. Here, none of those circumstances existed, simply the “piling on” of so many additional duties that a normal person could never complete them.

The students who worked on this case devoted an incredible amount of time, prepared an excellent work product and are eagerly awaiting the Board’s decision following the remand order.

Urban Development Clinic

Students in the Urban Development Clinic attended a zoning hearing in Penn Hills to represent their client, the owner of a miniature horse, in a request for a zoning variance. The owner requested a variance in order to allow his miniature horse on his property as a household pet even though a miniature horse is considered a farm animal and only permitted on a farm that is five acres or more. The client’s miniature horse was housed in a small 8’ x 8’ shed on his 8,000-square-foot property. During a visit the code enforcer “found manure in all yard areas on the property and on the outdoor steps and deck on the property.”

The student representation of “Horse” (the actual name of the miniature horse) resulted in the variance being granted with conditions. The students received a rare round of applause at the conclusion of the zoning meeting.
FOCUS: Excellence in Faculty Scholarship

Jane Campbell Moriarty, Carol Los Mansmann Chair in Faculty Scholarship
Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship and Professor of Law

In 2011, Duquesne University School of Law began a new program to encourage and highlight faculty scholarship. The program is under the leadership of Professor Jane Campbell Moriarty, the first associate dean for Faculty Scholarship, who is also the Carol Los Mansmann Chair in Faculty Scholarship and a full professor, teaching evidence, professional responsibility and expert evidence.

The goals for faculty scholarship have been three-fold: First, to increase the scholarly output of the faculty; second, to increase the visibility of the faculty and their scholarship with other schools regionally and nationally; and third, to find ways to support faculty members as they strive to become better teacher-scholars. With the mantra that “teaching informs scholarship and scholarship informs teaching,” Dean Moriarty has sought to create a supportive and intellectually stimulating atmosphere for faculty scholarship and innovative teaching methods.

Faculty Initiatives

In August 2011, the Law School launched several new initiatives designed to implement these goals, including:

• The Faculty Colloquium Series, with scholars from Cornell, Case Western, Memphis and Washington University in St. Louis presenting their work to Duquesne Law Faculty;

• The Annual Three-School Faculty Colloquium (with West Virginia University School of Law and the University of Pittsburgh Law School), where faculty members from all three schools share their scholarship;

• The Junior Faculty Exchange Program (with Cleveland State University of Law), which provides less experienced faculty members an opportunity to present their scholarship to members of faculty, who provide feedback on their works in progress;
• A faculty scholarly mentoring program for members, to assist our (several!) new junior faculty in all aspects of teaching and scholarship;
• A “brown bag lunch program” to share and improve teaching skills, discuss scholarship concerns and improve our assessment of student performance;
• Workshops to present works in progress to our own faculty for constructive feedback and comments. Dean Nancy Perkins and Professor Rona Kaufman Kitchen presented in 2011–2012; and
• Creating more online visibility by electronic posting of our works on the Social Science Research Network (used by many legal scholars) and the Berkeley Electronic Press. In September, we sent out our first edition of the Duquesne University School of Law Research Paper Series, and within a week, had more than 200 downloads of the articles. These articles have been accepted by various journals.

Faculty Articles
• Using Brain Imaging for Lie Detection: Where Science, Law, and Policy Collide, Daniel D. Langleben, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Jane Campbell Moriarty, Duquesne University School of Law
• Eradicating the Mothering Effect: Women as Workers and Mothers, Successfully and Simultaneously, Rona Kaufman Kitchen, Duquesne University School of Law
• Toward a Meaning-Full Establishment Clause Neutrality, Bruce Ledewitz, Duquesne University School of Law
• Restorative Justice in Islam: Should Qisas be Considered a Form of Restorative Justice, Susan C. Hascall, Duquesne University School of Law
• When Tigers Bare Teeth: A Qualitative Study of University Patent Enforcement, Jacob H. Rooksby, Duquesne University School of Law

Programming for 2012-2013
This year, we will move forward with new faculty colloquia, junior faculty exchanges, new publications by our faculty and teaching workshops, and will again meet up with law professors from the University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University for the Annual Three-School Faculty Colloquium. We have speakers coming for the faculty colloquium from The Ohio State Law School, the University of Georgia Law School, New York Law School, George Washington Law School and Indiana School of Law at Indianapolis.

The Law School will be offering one workshop this year for the faculty on better assessment of student learning and another in the spring for incorporating new discoveries in learning theory into our teaching. As you know from reading this magazine, several new faculty members have joined Duquesne this year and we believe they will enhance our value to students and our reputation in the local and national communities.

Symposia for 2012-2013
This looks to be a banner year at the Law School, with three symposia on a variety of fascinating topics:

Friday/Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 2012
Symposium, Current Constitutional Issues in the Americas
Chair: Professor Robert Barker

Thursday/Friday, Feb. 28 – March 1
Symposium, Guilty Pleas After Laffler & Frye
Chair: Professor Wesley Oliver

Saturday, March 16
The Third “Colonial Frontier” Legal Writing Conference
Chaired by Professors Jan Levine, Julia Glencer, Erin Karsman and Tara Willke

For further information on any of the upcoming symposia, please contact Dean Moriarty at 412.396.4469 or moriartyj@duq.edu. If any of our readers would like a copy of one or more of the articles listed above, please contact Bridget Pruskovich at pruskovichb@duq.edu for an electronic copy of the article. Another edition of the Duquesne University School of Law Research Paper Series will be published soon.

“Teaching informs scholarship and scholarship informs teaching.”
Dean Moriarty
Robert S. Barker
PRESENTATIONS
• “La doctrina de la cuestión política en los Estados Unidos,” Third International Congress on Constitutional Procedure Panama City, Panama, June 28, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

MEDIA

Nicholas Cafardi
AWARDS

PRESENTATIONS
• “Faith in the Public Square: Jewish and Catholic Perspectives on Religion and Voting,” Iona University, Sept. 27, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS
• Voting and Holiness: Catholic Perspectives on Political Participation (Paulist Press, 2012), released in electronic format.
• Understanding Nonprofit and Tax Exempt Organizations (LexisNexis, 2012), co-authored with Professor Jaclyn Cherry of the University of South Carolina School of Law, May 2012.

ARTICLES
• “Politics and the Pulpit,” America, July 30, 2012.
• “The Good Sisters and Schism,” America, June 18, 2012.
• “A Cherished Accommodation,” Commonweal, June 1, 2012.

MEDIA
• “Allegheny County only found archives for a third of UPMC parcels,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Sept. 26, 2012.
• “UMPC land purchases may be legal, but experts say more oversight needed,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Sept. 23, 2012.

Ken Gormley
AWARDS
• Irish Legal 100, Washington, D.C., Irish Embassy, October 2012.

APPOINTMENTS
• ABA Standing Committee on Gavel Awards (appointed by ABA President, Laurel G. Bellows), October 2012.
• Chair, Dean’s Search Committee, Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, Duquesne University (2012).
• Member, Court Administration Vision Team, appointed by Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald, July 2012.

PRESENTATIONS
• Speaker, Allegheny County Bar Association’s Membership Luncheon (with Dean Charles “Chip” Carter, University of Pittsburgh School of Law), Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Oct. 10, 2012.
• Keynote Speaker, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Palm Beach, Fla., April 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES
• “A contemptible abuse of ‘contempt’: The last thing the country needs is another political circus in Congress,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, June 27, 2012.

MEDIA
• “Voter ID appeal likely to be heard quickly by state Supreme Court,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Aug. 10, 2012.
• “Pennsylvania’s Voter ID law upheld,” The Morning Call, Aug. 15, 2012.

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MEDIA
• “State Supreme Court sends voter ID case back to Commonwealth Court for review,” Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Sept. 18, 2012.
• “CJD’s Opinion in Case Against Orie Melvin Draws Criticism,” The Legal Intelligencer, Sept. 11, 2012.
• “Pennsylvania’s Voter ID law upheld,” The Morning Call, Aug. 15, 2012.

Bruce Ledewitz
AWARDS
• 2012 Inaugural Murray Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship, Duquesne University School of Law, for Church, State, and the Crisis in American Secularism.

PRESENTATIONS
Jan Levine
APPOINTMENTS
• Association of Legal Writing Directors’ Board of Advisors for the new edition of the ALWD Citation Manual.

Professor Frank Y. Liu
PRESENTATIONS

Steven Baicker-McKee
MEDIA

Joseph Sabino Mistick
MEDIA

Jane Campbell Moriarty
PRESENTATIONS
• Be-Friending The Jury: The Legal and Ethical Implications of Using Social Media to Investigate Juries, Dickey-McCamey Chilcote Commercial Litigation Program on Game Changing Issues In Commercial Litigation, Oct. 18, 2012.
• From Neuroselves to Neurosocieties, Hampshire College (Interdisciplinary symposium on the role of neuroscience in society), June 11, 2012.
• Organizer and Speaker for two panels on expert evidence, The Judge Sam H. Bell Trial Advocacy Program, Akron, Ohio, May 18, 2012.
• Shaken Baby Syndrome Conference (Moderator), Duquesne University Cyril Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, May 11, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS
• The Legal and Policy Implications of Using Brain Imaging for Lie Detection, ___ PSYCH., PUB. POL’Y & LAW ____ (2012)(with co-author Daniel D. Langleben).

John E. Murray, Jr.
AWARDS
• Irish Legal 100, Washington D.C., Irish Embassy, October 2012.

MEDIA

Wesley M. Oliver
PUBLICATIONS
• Material Witness Detentions After al-Kidd, 100 KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL 293 (2012).

PRESENTATIONS

MEDIA
• “Extradition said to be unlikely for suspect in threats against Pitt,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Aug. 18, 2012.
• Served as an NBC News Legal Analyst for the criminal proceedings against Jerry Sandusky, providing daily on-air commentary during the trial for the TODAY Show, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, and NBC local affiliates nationwide, and written articles for NBCNews.com.

John T. Rago
PRESENTATIONS

Jacob H. Rooksby
PRESENTATIONS
• “University Involvement in Patent Infringement Litigation,” Association of University Technology Managers annual meeting, Anaheim, Calif., March 14-17, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS
• “Sue U.,” Academe, September/October 2012

MEDIA
• “Pitt awarded $73.6 million in patent case,” Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, April 25, 2012.

S. Michael Streib
MEDIA

Mark D. Yochum
PRESENTATIONS

Law Library Faculty
Joel Fishman
PUBLICATIONS

• Bibliography of the Writings of Erwin C. Surrency. LH&RB 17 no. 3 (Spring 2012): 7-16.
• “The First Five.” Pennsylvania Lawyer 37 no. 3 (May/June 2012): 45-47.
Sarah Arimoto-Mercer has been named as assistant dean and executive director of enrollment management. In this new role, Arimoto-Mercer will work directly with the dean of the Law School in overseeing enrollment. Her responsibilities will include transitioning the office to an all-electronic process, and creating models and data that allow the law school to reach a wider pool of applicants in Western Pennsylvania and around the United States.

Sarah began her career as an admissions counselor at the Hastings College of Law. From there, she became the associate director of admissions at Yale Law School, director of financial aid at the University of Chicago Law School, and most recently, director of admissions and financial aid at Northwestern Law School. She earned a bachelor of arts in government from the University of Virginia and a Juris doctor from the University of California's Hastings College of Law, where she served as an editor for the Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly.

Colleen Derda was hired as the Law School’s first manager of Public Relations and Continuing Legal Education. Colleen ran her own communications business for 15 years and has provided writing, media relations and event marketing services for businesses and nonprofit institutions. In this newly created position, she will manage the Law School’s marketing communications, write Web content, direct the Continuing Legal Education program and work with the University’s Public Affairs staff on media pitches. Colleen is a graduate of Duquesne University McAnulty College of Liberal Arts.

Chris Driscoll is the new director of IT for the Law School. Chris formerly served as the director of IT for Villanova University, College of Arts and Sciences, and was a senior analyst for Navigant Consulting, Inc. He received his bachelor of science degree from Millersville University and a Master of Public Administration from Villanova. Chris also completed the Project Management Master’s Certification Program at American Project Management, University of Pennsylvania.

Frank Stoy, L’12, is the new director of the Academic Excellence Program and special assistant to the Dean. Frank graduated cum laude this past spring, served as president of the inaugural Duquesne Appellate Moot Court Board, and was the associate notes and comments editor for Duquesne Law Review (Volume 50). He received the Distinguished Student Award and is a member of the Order of the Barristers. Frank is a 2009 graduate of Juniata College.

Dr. Dittakavi Rao, associate director of the Duquesne Center for Legal Information, was recently honored by the University for 25 years of service.

Additionally, Dr. Rao and Dr. Joel Fishman, assistant director for lawyer services at DCLI, received the Connie E. Bolden Publication Award for Navigating Legal Research & Technology: Quick Reference Guide to the 1,500 Most Common Questions About Traditional Online Legal Research. Dr. Fishman was also re-elected for a two-year term as one of the Law School representatives to the Faculty Senate of Duquesne University.
CSO Update: Introducing DuqLawConnect

Maria D. Comas, Director, Career Services

During the fall 2012 semester, the Career Services Office (CSO) introduced DuqLawConnect—our enhanced Web-based employment portal for students and alumni. (We continue to use Symplicity to operate DuqLawConnect, so students, alumni and employers with existing accounts will continue to have access to this site.) New and continued features of DuqLawConnect include:

• **Virtual Résumé Books** for students and alumni interested in working at solo or small firms. Recognizing that solo and small firms often do not post job openings, we want to make it easier for solo and small-firm practitioners to find qualified candidates when the need arises. To that end, we have invited students and alumni interested in full-time, part-time and project-based work to make their résumés available for review online by solo and small firms in various counties and regions in Pennsylvania. Of course, virtual résumé books can be created for additional employers and geographic regions upon request to lawcareers@duq.edu.

• **Publication of job postings** for full-time, part-time and project-based employment and internship opportunities.

• **Coordination of fall and spring on-campus recruiting programs** for any employer that would like to interview our students or alumni at the Law School.

• The **Alumni/Student Mentor Program** will be housed here soon as well.

DuqLawConnect is a password-protected site. Law alumni seeking to use DuqLawConnect for personal use should contact the CSO to request log-in information. Alumni seeking to use DuqLawConnect for business purposes must register online. Registration is free and relatively easy to do. To access DuqLawConnect, visit www.duq.edu/law/career-services.

The CSO staff is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to answer any questions about this service. The CSO would like to thank all of the firms, companies and agencies that participated in our fall 2012 On-Campus Recruiting Program. We are excited to work with the Duquesne Law Alumni Association on its new Employment/Career Committee, and we look forward to contributing to this work that will assist our students and alumni.

The CSO also would like to thank the following people who joined us for programs and events from August to October:

• **Interview Skills Panel Presentation** featuring Laurie Lenigan, director of legal recruiting at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC and Jennifer Ross, senior manager of legal recruiting at Reed Smith, LLP (Aug. 23).

• **Presidential Management Fellows Information Session** with Marcus Graham, L’08, VA Office of General Counsel (Sept. 11).

• **Lunch & Learn: U.S. Army JAGC** with Captain Brad Dixon (Sept. 18).

• **Lunch & Learn: U.S. Navy JAGC** with Lieutenant Andrew Moore (Sept. 25).

• **Strategic Job Ideas: Document Review, What You Didn’t Know**, presented by Melissa Kelley, Esq., and Mary Welsh, Special Counsel (Sept. 27).

• **Practice Area Dinner & Learn: Family Law**, which was co-sponsored by the Family Law Society and featured Joseph R. Williams, L’09, Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz, LLC (Sept. 27).

• **Scholars in Local Government Information Session**, presented by Katie Meehan, Allegheny County Department of Human Services (Oct. 4).

• **Choosing Small, Choosing Smart: Small Firm Job Opportunities**, presented by Donna Gerson, Esq. (Oct. 8).

• **Essential Networking Skills**, featuring Donna Gerson, Esq. (Oct. 8).

• **Lunch & Learn: Beyond OCI—Successful Job Search Strategies of Recent Graduates**, which was co-sponsored by the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and presented by Kimberly S. Tague, L’04, Fenchel Law Offices PLLC (Moderator); Bryan C. Brantley, L’04, McGuireWoods, LLP; Robert Fisher, Jr., L’03, Edgar Snyder & Associates; Jessica M. Jurasko, L’04, eCap Network LLC; and Melissa Ruefle Spencer, L’03, Caroselli Beacher McTiernan & Conboy (Oct. 11).

Reaffirming the Mission of Service: Centennial Fellows and 1911 Society

Jeanine L. DeBor, Director, Law Alumni Relations and Development

Duquesne Law alumni are generous of their time and resources. One only needs to look at the number of alumni who have returned to their alma mater to teach, mentor students, participate in Career Planning events and, ultimately, hire young alumni to know this is true. It is also true that Duquesne lawyers give generously, as evidenced by our highly successful Centennial Celebration fund raising campaign.

I am pleased to announce that, to date, 54 alumni and friends have made commitments of $10,000 or more to become Centennial Fellows. In addition to the individuals named in the spring 2012 issue of The Duquesne Lawyer, we are pleased to announce that Robert S. Barker, L’66, Michael J. Foley, L’83, Jack J. and Ellen Kessler, L’79, Joseph Sabino Mistick, L’79 and Col. John F. Naughton, L’66 are Centennial Fellows. This program will continue through 2014, the centennial anniversary of the Law School’s first commencement.

Many of our alumni and friends, however, are not aware of the program that recognizes cumulative giving to the School of Law: The 1911 Society. Founded during the 85th anniversary in 1996, the 1911 Society was a “select group of highly dedicated individuals who (had) joined together to guarantee a new birth in vitality, resources, accomplishment and achievement to Duquesne University School of Law.” The Charter of the 1911 Society proclaims that the law for a Duquesne graduate is “a way to perfect society, to bring about the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Law is a profession of service. The original founders knew this and the Fellows of the 1911 Society re-affirm this.” Although this fellowship of donors was originally organized to raise monies for what is now known as the Dr. John E. Murray, Jr. Pavilion, the Society continued to grow thereafter and has become a permanent testament to the generosity of Duquesne Law Alumni and Friends.

One becomes a member of this Society once he or she has given a total of $10,000 to the School of Law, including Centennial Fellows gifts. The 1911 Society is organized into groups based upon levels of financial support, each named after the buildings in which the Law School has resided over the years: Alcoa Foundation ($10,000), Rockwell ($25,000), Hanley ($50,000) and Second Century ($100,000). We are proud to announce that 152 names now grace the 1911 Society wall in the main lobby of Hanley Hall (please see names on the opposite page). Members are honored every year by the Law School and Law Alumni Association at our holiday reception in December.

If you have any questions regarding membership in these prestigious programs, please do not hesitate to contact me at deborj@duq.edu.
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Margaret E. Scheib Estate
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Mark Yochum
Dear Friends,

I began my term as President with the glow of the Centennial Celebration still shining bright in the rearview mirror, and wondered what challenges and opportunities would present themselves during my term. Sometimes, the best way to move forward is to reflect upon the past. So, as we look forward to the Law School’s second century of legal education, let’s look back on some of the things I observed while serving on the Board of the Law Alumni Association these past several years.

Most of us probably paid little attention while in Law School to those words in Latin proclaiming the mission of the school, *Salus Populi Suprema Lex*—“The Welfare of the People is the Highest Law.” As I reflect upon what the Law Alumni Association has accomplished in the recent past, I am proud to relate how our alumni have embodied the spirit of this mission, particularly through the support of our current students and young alumni.

The Law Alumni Association has recognized that there are unique challenges facing current students and recent graduates in their transition from student life to life as a practicing lawyer. One of the resounding themes at our most recent reunion dinner was the need to “give a chance” to our law students as they start their careers. In order to help our alumni have the best chance possible, the Law Alumni Association has recently endowed two funds to help our students in passing the Bar Exam and assist our graduates in their job search efforts.

The DLAA Endowed Bar Preparation Fund will provide the funding necessary to hire an adjunct faculty professor with the stated purpose of tutoring and assisting students who may need additional assistance in Bar Exam preparation. This program will start in the summer of 2013. Additionally, following the success of Law Alumni Association career programs in the recent past, the DLAA is in the stages of endowing a new resource fund that will enable the Career Services Office to provide additional assistance to those seeking employment, contemplating career changes or looking to develop additional career skills. The Law Alumni Association has also started a term lecture series in which our more established alumni will offer career suggestions and advice in an informal setting to students and young alumni.

It has only been through your generous contributions of time, talent and financial resources that the Law Alumni Association is able to endow these funds and offer these programs. Recognizing the many opportunities that the Law School has afforded each of us, I invite you to join the Law Alumni Association and participate in more of our events (visit the DLAA website at www.duq.edu/law/alumni-and-friends for information on how to join). No matter what career path you have taken, you have something to offer the Law Alumni Association, and I am confident that the Law Alumni Association also has something to offer you in return.

I thank all of you for allowing me to serve as president, an opportunity for which I am truly humbled and honored. Together, we will continue to find new ways to benefit the welfare of the people and to continue the tradition of honor, service and accomplishment that make the alumni of Duquesne Law School special.

Warmest regards,

Eric J. Zagrocki, L’92
President, Duquesne Law Alumni Association
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Class of 1962 celebrates its 50th anniversary at Nemacolin Woodlands with Dr. John E. Murray, Jr.

The Duquesne Law Alumni Association was this year’s event sponsor at our annual dinner, which honored three prestigious law alumni and featured the comedic legal insights of Sean Carter, founder of Lawpised Seminars.

Judge Arthur E. Grim, L’72, was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his longstanding work as an advocate for children in Pennsylvania. Judge Grim was appointed as Special Master by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to review all juvenile cases in the “kids for cash” scandal in Luzerne County. As a result of his findings and recommendations, the Supreme Court entered an order expunging the records of more than 5,000 juveniles. His efforts to address the disproportionate representation of minorities in the juvenile justice system included organizing more than 50 community leaders to coordinate their efforts to help the large Latino population in Berks County. Judge Grim has also been active and received awards for his work in raising awareness about problems associated with domestic violence and its impact on children.

Brian Keith Parker, L’93, received the Outstanding Achievement Award recognizing, among other accomplishments, his being the first African-American managing partner of a major law firm in Pittsburgh (McGuireWoods, LLP). Marie Milie Jones, L’87, a founding member of JonesPassodelis PLLC, was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for her continued support of the Law School and the DLAA. Marie, a member of the 1911 Society, was one of her class’ ambassadors during the Law School’s Centennial Celebration. She made a substantial commitment during the year, becoming a Quinn Fellow and funding the Second Century fund.
Fall Receptions

New York City, Sept. 20

Washington, D.C., Oct. 11

Pittsburgh, Oct. 18
Young Alumni Profile:
Gabriela Steier, L’12

Home: Stayen, Germany. Currently lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Dr. Michael Nathenson.

Languages: Fluent in English, German, French, Romanian; conversational in Spanish and Italian; currently studying Chinese.

Education: Tufts University, BA Cum Laude; Duquesne University School of Law, JD.

Other Experience: Studienzentrum für Fortschrittliche Zahnheilkunde (Ctr. for Adv. Dental Studies), Mayen, Germany, Management Assistant (June 2007-August 2009); MS Dentistry, London, UK, Consultant (January 2005-August 2009).

Awards: This year’s recipient of the John J. Sciullo Peer Excellency Award, presented to one graduating student each year for integrity, diligence, leadership and academic performance. Also received four CALI Excellence for the Future awards for International Business Transactions, Secured Transactions, Securities Regulation and Health Care Law.

Legal Publications:
• “Externalities In Industrial Food Production: The Costs Of Profit,” Dartmouth Law Journal, (Fall 2011).

Interdisciplinary Publications (sample):
• “Tratamiento de Canais Radiculares” (Treatment of Root Canals), Artes Medicas (2012) (one chapter).

Passion: Food law. “Growing up in Europe, my parents travelled widely with me, and I love to explore the world and take in customs, art and the local cuisine. In law school, I researched the laws surrounding food, and what I discovered was a whole new way to look at the world—and the law. Professor Jan Levine, my first-year legal research and writing instructor, launched me in a direction where I found my passion for food law. I read about 20 books on the topic before I finally completed my paper on the externalities in the industrial food production. That was my first legal publication and I was so excited that people showed interest in my work. Since then, I have built my own little food law and food policy library.”

On family: “I would dedicate this article to my father, a world-renowned professor of endodontics, who inspired me to write about what I love. I would also like to express my gratitude to my mother and my grandmother for always reading my papers and for their precious feedback and finesse.”

The value of a Duquesne Law education: “I am lucky to be living in a time of abundance, blooming globalization and advanced science where I can explore the colorful facets of food law. After all, we all eat food, we all drink water, we all breathe air, we all call this planet our home and we all have to comply with the law. Naturally, then, we need to keep our planet clean and our bodies healthy. At Duquesne, I was encouraged to think critically and I learned that I am now part of a system that it is my duty to improve. I hope that I will be able to contribute to this process with my perspective as a Duquesne Law School alumna.”
1956
Hon. Gustave Diamond received the Amen Corner’s 2012 Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership and Excellence.

1967
Steven K. Yablonski was reappointed to another six-year term on the First Appellate District Judicial Nominating Commission by Florida Governor Rick Scott.

1968
Charles H. Lehman has been named counsel at Rodella Law in Pittsburgh.

1969
Robert A. Galanter was awarded the Five Star: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager distinction for 2012.

1972
Charles W. Kenrick was elected to serve as Board Chair for Familylinks.

1973
Kenneth P. Davie was recently appointed as assistant town attorney for the Town of Kearny, N.J., and Special Counsel for the City of Bayonne, N.J. He also completed seven years of coaching the High Tech High School boys varsity soccer team in North Bergen, N.J., until all of the athletic programs there were eliminated. Davie’s teams won the Hudson County Championship 5 out of those 7 years.

John E. Wall received the Distinguished Defense Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pa. Defense Institute (PDI).

Ira Weiss was appointed to the eight-member Legislative Audit Advisory Commission, examining the standards of audits of affairs of the General Assembly and legislative agencies, and received the Distinguished Achievement in Law Award for 2012 at the Samuel Francis School Law Symposium and Special Education Workshop hosted by the Tri-State Area School Study Council.

1974
James E. Rimmel was elected to his sixth three-year term on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, serving as chair.

1975
Hon. Lawrence J. O’Toole received the Central Catholic High School 2012 Distinguished Alumnus of Faith, Scholarship and Service Award.

1977
Hon. Debbie O’Dell Seneca was honored at the annual Zonta International Rose Day Celebration with its Women in Government Award.

1978
Donald R. Calaiaro was named director of the board of directors of the American Board of Certification.

1979
Mary R. Grealy was elected to the board of directors of Team Health Holdings, Inc.

1980
Kate J. Fagan was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1981
Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark is the recipient of the 2012 Athena Award, which honors women who serve and mentor their communities, and the 2012 Amram Award, presented by the ACBA.

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1982

**Gregory W. Kirstein** was the honoree in the Top Counsel-Solo category of the *Columbus Business First*’s 2012 Top Corporate Counsel awards. Kirstein is the senior vice president and general counsel of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

**Clarence A. Martin** will return to the Criminal Justice Administration faculty at California State University, Dominguez Hills, as a full professor at the start of the spring 2013 semester.

**Paul A. Michels** was named to *The Irish Voice* America’s Irish Legal 100, a list of the top 100 Irish attorneys in the United States.

**Arthur Rooney, II** was honored as a visionary by Community College of Allegheny County and the community at the 2012 Legends in Leadership event.

1983

**Suzanne Belot Norton** was selected as a member of 2012 Who’s Who in Area Law by the Toledo Business Journal, honoring the top 100 attorneys in Northwestern Ohio. She also was appointed interim law director with the City of Maumee Law Department.

**Henry M. Sneath** was awarded the 2012 Pennsylvania Defense Counsel of the Year Award by the Pennsylvania Defense Institute.

1984

**Hon. Michael E. McCarthy** was the recipient of the 2012 Award of Excellence from ACTION-Housing, Inc.

1985

**Paul J. Gitnik** has been invited to serve on the Public Health and Energy and Environment Visioning Teams by Allegheny County Executive Richard Fitzgerald. This committee will review how government operates and will make recommendations on operations, efficiencies and policy for Allegheny County moving forward.

**Hon. Joseph K. Williams, III** received the 2012 Robinson Award, named after the founders Rev. James and Betty Robinson, for contributions to the community. The award was presented by the Manchester Youth Development Center.

1986

**Sally Griffith Cimini** was selected to become a member of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, where she will serve as mediator for CPR’s Employment Panel.

**Donald J. Palmer** was appointed solicitor of Chartiers Valley School District.

1987

**Edward G. Rice** has rejoined the Pittsburgh law firm of Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C., as a director and member of the Financial Services and Corporate Services practice groups.

**John P. Goodrich** launched a new firm, Goodrich and Associates, continuing his practice in the areas of personal injury, product liability, wills and estates, and worker’s compensation.

1988

**John A. Bass** was recently appointed to the Neighborhood Legal Services Association Board of Directors.

**R. Douglas DeNardo** was awarded the Five Star: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth ManagerSM distinction for 2012.

**Philip J. Murray, III** was appointed to the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee for District IV.

**Mary-Jo Rebelo** was elected to the Houston Harbaugh 2012 Executive Committee.

**Bridgette C. Roman** was the honoree in the Top Counsel-Community Outreach and Service category of the *Columbus Business First*’s 2012 Top Corporate Counsel awards. Roman is the General Counsel for community Choice Financial, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio.

1989

**Lisa A. Cesare** was recently promoted to Senior Corporate Counsel at Compass Group USA, having served two years as corporate counsel. Cesare was also appointed contracts and policy advisor to the Southbury, Conn. Film Commission and currently serves as chair of the Retirement Plan Oversight Committee for the Town of Southbury.

**Michael Magee** joined Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP as a partner in the Litigation Department and as a member of the Products Liability and Tort Practice groups.

**Christopher Passodelis, Jr.** joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a director in the firm’s Corporate Services and Litigation Services groups.

1990

**Hon. Paul E. Cozza** was appointed to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division by Governor Tom Corbett.

1991

**Colleen Ramage Johnston** was certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.
Gene A. Leposki was promoted to partner in the Dallas office of McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing, LLP.

Jon R. Perry was recently honored by The Pennsylvania State University with the Service to Society Award for founding the Pennies from Heaven Keeping Families Together Fund.

1992
Jeffrey J. Bresch was named partner in the business and tort litigation practice at Jones Day.

P.J. Malak was named Outstanding General Counsel by the Houston Business Journal at its annual Best Corporate Counsel Awards ceremony held in September. Malak is secretary, general counsel, and chief audit executive for the global heavy equipment manufacturer Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift, based in Houston, Texas.

1993
Debbie M. Lestitian accepted the position of assistant treasurer at Carnegie Mellon University.

Hector Torres joined Allegheny Capital, Inc. as the director of operations.

1994
John M. Hartzell was elected to the Houston Harbaugh 2012 Executive Committee as treasurer.

Sherrilyn Farkas VanTassel has joined Eastern Gateway Community College as vice president for administration services overseeing human resources, buildings and grounds, contracts, and security.

1995
Robert J. Burnett has been elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Royalty Owners Pennsylvania Chapter.

Joanne E. Cohen joined the staff of The Community Foundation in Jacksonville, Fla., as vice president of philanthropic services.

Francis J. Schultz was appointed by Governor Tom Corbett to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

1996
Hon. Mary P. Murray was elected president of the Magisterial District Judge Association of Allegheny County.

1997
Hon. David J. Barton was elected to the Executive Board of the Magisterial District Judge Association of Allegheny County.

1998
Ronald T. Aulbach was appointed as a director in the Business Services Group of Cohen & Grigsby.

Justin S. Daniels joined the Atlanta office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. as a shareholder providing corporate and commercial real estate advice to fast-growing privately held entrepreneurial business.

1999
Charles H. Dougherty joined Beck and Thomas, P.C. as a shareholder focusing on counseling life-sciences companies and research universities regarding licensing and litigation issues related to patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret law.

Mark S. Danek is a board member and secretary of the Borough of Conshohocken Authority.

Derek J. Ferace has joined Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as a senior counsel in the firm's Business and Finance Department.

Douglas M. Hall was elected partner of Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti, specializing in all aspects of federal litigation with a primary emphasis on intellectual property litigation.

2000
Timothy L. Jacobs was admitted to partnership of Hunton & Williams LLP, based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

Adam P. Palmer accepted a position developing and managing the global anti-cybercrime programs for the United Nations.

Boyd M. Patterson created a jury selection iPad app JuryStar that has been nominated as a 2012 Best Trial Prep iPad APP by the Best of iPad app JuryStar.

2001
John N. Demas has been named principal at Dickie McCamey & Chilcote.

April Morgan Hincy has been promoted to partner at Eckert, Seamen, Cherin & Mellott.

2002
Lauren N. Diulis joined Leech Tishman in the Employment Practice group focusing primarily on counseling employers on a variety of issues involving all aspects of employment.

Jennifer Staley McCrady has been named to the board of directors of Howard Hanna Foundation as a trustee.

Ryan J. Siciliano has been promoted to partner at Eckert Seamen Cherin & Mellott.

2003
Lawrence E. Ging has joined the Pittsburgh office of Rawle & Henderson, LLP as an associate practicing in the areas of defense, medical professional liability, product liability and toxic tort defense.

Marla N. Presley was named the 2012 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the ACBA Young Lawyers Division.

Melissa R. Ruggiero is a Legal Officer for The Special Court of Sierra Leone in The Hague, Netherlands.

April J. Wheeler is now the managing attorney at the law offices of Khan & Wheeler Nationwide Trial Division in Wheeling, W.Va.
2004
Sarah P. Hinton joined Chambers Street Properties and was appointed to the position of senior counsel, a newly created position at the company.

Nicole Scalabba is the assistant director in the Placement Office of Florida State University College of Law.

2005
Danielle L. Bacco joined Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck practicing in the areas of business law, criminal defense and general litigation.

Lorrie Lee (Cherillo) Jansen and husband, Erik Jansen, ’05, welcomed the birth of a son, Vincenzo Joseph.

David J. Morgan joined Gordon & Rees as Senior Counsel focusing in the area of commercial litigation.

Daniel M. Syphard accepted a position with World Fuel Services as associate counsel in Miami, Fla.

Megan Tymoczko-Korch joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a senior associate attorney in the firm’s Corporate Services group.

2006
William E. Blick joined Gordon & Rees as Senior Counsel concentrating in the area of civil litigation with a particular emphasis in the area of professional liability.

Ciara F. Boice joined Burns White LLC as an associate attorney in the Medicare Compliance Group.

David J. Garraux has been named labor and employment attorney at Fox Rothschild LLP. Garraux relocated to Pittsburgh from the firm’s Philadelphia office to expand the firm’s labor and employment presence.

Nina R. McDermott accepted a position with the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, as a Licensing and Compliance Officer.

Jason Pockl joined the Wheeling office of Dinsmore & Shohl as an associate in the Litigation Department.

Lisa M. Schonbeck was certified as a senior professional in Human Resources (SPHR) by the internationally accredited Human Resources Certification Institute.

2007
Robert Bracken is a trial lawyer and member at Archinaco Bracken LLC.

2008
Matthew J. Bates became the General Counsel for Evans Delivery Company in Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Jeffrey R. Hantz and Christopher A. Lovato were the 2012 winners of the Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote annual David B. Fawcett Pro Bono Award.

Eva P. Hershey joined Peacock Keller as an associate in concentrating in estate planning and estate administration.

Amie M. Mihalko joined Gordon & Rees as an associate concentrating in the area of civil litigation with a particular emphasis in the area of professional liability.

Emily M. Straub accepted a position with Butz, Dunn & DeSantis in San Diego, Calif.

2009
Robert A. Bartle, Jr. accepted a position in the tennis division of the global sports agency, Octagon, located in Washington, D.C.

Michael J. Joyce married Alyson N. Rotz in September.

Devon A. Kinnard accepted a position as an associate at DarrowEveret, LLP in the firm’s Business & Corporate, Commercial Finance and Private Equity practice groups.

Christopher S. Lockman joined the law firm Verrill Dana, LLP in the Portland, ME office as an associate in the Bankruptcy & Creditor’s Rights Group.


2010
Colleen M. Aracri accepted a position in the Pittsburgh office of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department.

Joseph V. Balestrino accepted a position as a Labor and Employment associate with Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, P.C.

Danielle E. Collins joined PNC Wealth Management in the Pittsburgh office as an associate trust advisor.

Dennis J. Hough, Jr. accepted a position as an associate with Duane Morris in Washington, D.C., focusing his practice on energy law.

Brian M. John joined Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC as an attorney/abstractor.
2011
Nicole A. Amato was named an associate at the Law Office of Vicki Kufic Horne.

Jonathan M. Bechtel joined Howd & Ludorf, LLC as an associate in the Hartford, Conn. office.


Scott R. Hess joined the Pittsburgh office of Reed Smith LLP as an E-Discovery Attorney.

Jessica M. Kester and Matthew A. Bole were married at the Duquesne University Chapel in May.

Matthew L. Lambach joined Babst Calland as an associate in the Energy & Natural Resources and Business Services groups.

Cassidy L. Neal joined Matis Baum O’Connor as an associate focusing in health care litigation.

Meghan A. (Halloran) Romano joined Lyrich Weis LLC as an associate in its real estate, corporate and litigation departments, and recently married Joseph C. Romano, L’09.

Curtis M. Schaffner accepted a position as an associate attorney with Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C., in the firm’s Corporate Services and Financial Services groups.

Michael E. Weber joined Grossman Yanak & Ford LLP as a tax associate.

Carly R. Wilson joined the Pittsburgh office of Leech Tishman as an associate in the Estates & Trusts Practice group.

Jessica K. Young joined Advanced Correctional Healthcare as in-house corporate attorney.

2012
Trevor R. Fleming and Matthew E. Orie joined Orie, LLC as associates.

Jeffrey Fromknecht founded and is president of Side Project, Inc., which works with non-profit organizations to develop their ideas and projects into sustainable programs that have an impact on the community.

Tracy L. Jones accepted a position with the Scolieri Law Group.

Kate M. Lewis joined Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie, P.C. as an associate.

Devin Misour began a clerkship on the U.S. District Court with The Hon. Joy Flowers Conti, L’73.

Adam L. Morris accepted a job as a law clerk at the trial court level with the 37th Judicial District in Warren, Pa., serving both Warren and Forest counties.

Robert D. Raver joined Pollock, Begg, Komar, Glasser & Vertz as an associate.

Megan E. Harmon, L’85, Sheila M. Burke, L’96, Kristen Del Sole, L’96, and Alka A. Patel, L’01, were each recognized as one of the region’s most influential women by The National Diversity Council.

In Memoriam
It is with deep sadness that we list the following Law School alumni who passed away between April 1, 2012, and Oct. 31, 2012:

Samuel J. Astorino, Ph.D., L’82
John R. DeAngelis, L’72
David M. Fineman, L’92
Andrew J. Gleason, L’40
Jose Gomez, L’79
Anthony Santantonio, L’62

Robert R. Schweers, L’95
Carol J. Sokolski, L’75
Sidney Sokolsky, L’72
William Zitelli, L’86
Noble R. Zuschlag, L’60

This list is provided through Duquesne University’s Advancement Records Office and may not be complete. If you have information about a Law School alumnus who passed away this past year and is not listed, please contact the Law Alumni Office at 412.396.5215 so that we may update our records.

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Jenna Smith
Andrew Stiffler
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Message from the SBA President

Halfway through the fall semester, Hanley Hall has seen enough activity to last through the New Year! The incoming first-year students were greeted on their first day of orientation with an afternoon picnic sponsored by student organizations, where they were able to meet upper-level students from more than two dozen of the Law School’s student organizations and publications. In September, first-year students met their upper-level student mentors at the first ever “Mentor/Mentee Reception” in the Law School lounge.

It was a year of firsts for the annual Katie Westbrook Race Ipsa Loquitur. The Student Bar Association paired up this year with the Animal Law Society to include dogs, and the day’s festivities were facilitated by our first race emcee, third-year student Michael Rush. In attendance were Katie’s mom, Beth Westbrook, with her husband, Andy Starnes, and their pug, Gracie. After the race, Mrs. Westbrook reminded the students to listen for that little voice encouraging them, and that Katie will always be watching over Duquesne law students.

Our students continue to advance the University’s mission through philanthropic events both on and off campus, including cooking dinner for more than 80 residents at two Pittsburgh Family House locations, volunteering with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank’s Produce to People, taking part in events for Panucci’s Promise (an organization established to raise money for chemotherapy chairs at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC), raising money for Cribs for Kids, collecting books for a library in a developing country and participating in a Dress for Success fundraiser.

The students have also been seizing opportunities to meet and hear from law alumni this fall. Maria Comas and the Career Services Office teamed up with ACBA Young Lawyers Division to bring a panel of recent graduates to campus to discuss Successful Strategies for Recent Grads. Along the same line, the Law Alumni Board has offered to present a series of events, beginning with one titled Perspectives of a Practitioner, a panel presentation by alumni from a variety of practice areas. Additionally, many graduating students attended the recent fall law alumni reception where they met and mingled with faculty and alumni.

We also have several students excelling in national and regional law student organizations. This past spring, third-year student Christy Gamble was appointed executive lieutenant governor of the ABA Law Student Division’s 3rd Circuit, and recently traveled to New York to attend the Fall Super Circuit Meeting for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 11th Circuits. Next February, Pittsburgh will host the Mid-Atlantic Black Law Student Association (MABLSA) Convention, coordinated by third-year student Stephanie Johnson. Other MABLSA Executive Board members include third-year students Simone Delerme (regional treasurer) and Lanre Kukoyi (West Virginia/Pennsylvania sub-regional director).

And to think, we’re just getting warmed up! With more than two dozen student organizations, there is an event or a speaker nearly every day of the week. We’re looking forward to the reinstitution of the Annual Family Picnic, which will take place on Saturday of the Alumni Reunion weekend this spring—we hope to see you all there!

As Dean Gormley said at the recent fall law alumni reception, “it’s a great time to be a Duquesne student,” and the students couldn’t agree more.

Julianne Cutruzzula, 3D
President, Student Bar Association

Sports and Entertainment Society

On June 21, the Sports and Entertainment Law Society hosted a panel and networking event featuring Jessica Berman and Daniel Ages, both labor attorneys with the National Hockey League, who spoke on industry opportunities as well as their own professional experiences. Deputy Commissioner and Chief Legal Officer Bill Daly also made an appearance and answered questions regarding the inner workings of the league. Berman also offered a limited number of tickets to students for the NHL Draft, which was hosted at Consol Energy Center on June 22-23. It was the first time that Pittsburgh hosted the draft since the 1997 NHL Entry Draft.

Approximately 40 students attended the event, along with attorney members of the Sports Lawyers’ Association and the Allegheny County Bar Association Sports Law Committee. Special thanks goes out to Daniel W. Kunz, L’02, clinical instructor of law at Duquesne, for coordinating the event, and to sponsors Barth & Associates, Chiorazzi & Mengine, Farrell & Reisinger, and Abes Baumann.
Annual Katie Westbrook 5k Race and Dog Walk

This September, Duquesne Law School held its 11th annual Katie Westbrook Race Ipsa Loquitur. The race is dedicated to celebrating the memory of Katie Westbrook, a remarkable young lady who dreamed of becoming a lawyer, but sadly lost her battle with cancer at the age of 15. We continue to be inspired by Katie’s courage and charisma, and donate all proceeds from the race to the Student Bar Association’s Centennial Endowed Fund, which provides scholarships to current law students who demonstrate such qualities.

The race is traditionally known as one of Duquesne Law School’s largest and most fun events. We were pleased this year to allow runners and walkers to bring their dogs to join in the race, and were delighted to have the Duquesne Animal Law Society co-sponsor the event. In addition, we were honored to have Katie’s mother, Beth Westbrook, participate in the race this year. She offered words of inspiration and encouragement to students who participated. We were reminded of what an extraordinary young lady Katie Westbrook was and the reasons why we continue to celebrate her life each year.

Katie Westbrook 5K race winners

Student Recognition

James Dilmore, 4E, won the 2012 Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA) student writing competition for his case note evaluating the Supreme Court’s decision in Global-Tech v. SEB (addressing the intent that was required to induce patent infringement under 35 U.S.C. 271(b)).

Christy Gamble, 3D, who was appointed national student director for the ABA Law Student Division’s Arbitration Competition (AC) Subcommittee. As national student director, Christy will serve as the student representative to the AC Subcommittee. She will serve from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Christy has also been appointed executive lieutenant governor for the 3rd Circuit of the American Bar Association Law Student Division for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Stephanie Johnson, 3D, has been named a 2012-2013 Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellow (through the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship). This year, Stephanie will join approximately 240 other Schweitzer Fellows across the country in conceptualizing and carrying out service projects that address the social and environmental determinants of health in underserved communities. Upon completion of her fellowship year, Stephanie will become a Schweitzer Fellow for Life and join a vibrant network of nearly 2,500 individuals who are skilled in and committed to addressing the health needs of underserved people throughout their careers as professionals.

2012 graduates Ann Kaluzavich and Edward Pollock are this year’s recipients of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Environment & Energy Law Section’s Scholarship Fund with the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. Each student received $1,000 for demonstrated excellence and interest in the practice of environmental and energy law.

Dr. Arthur Nussbaum, 4P, is the first student honoree to receive the Dr. John and Liz Murray Excellence in Scholarship Award for his published works as a student member of The Duquesne Law Review.
After a morning of lectures and introductions on the first day of new student orientation, members of more than two dozen student organizations and publications from the Law School greeted the new students at a picnic. The upper-level students seized the opportunity to tell the new students about each of their respective groups and recruit them as members for the upcoming school year.

The Duquesne Women’s Law Association, advised by Assistant Professor Rona Kaufman Kitchen, hosted a panel discussion with women attorneys from the Pittsburgh area on Sept. 11. Panelists included Loretta Benec, assistant general counsel at RTI International Metals, Inc.; Kristin Del Sole, L’96, partner, K&L Gates; Caitlin R. Gifford, L’11, associate, Reed Smith; Tina O. Miller, L’93, partner, Farrell Reisinger; and Soo C. Song, First Assistant United States Attorney. More than 40 students attended the event to hear the panelists discuss their career paths, obstacles they encountered in their careers, challenges facing female attorneys and how they achieve a work-life balance. The speakers also offered advice for young lawyers on how to attain their career goals.

On Sept. 20, the Christian Legal Society hosted guest speaker Sister Suzanne Susany, L’10, a practicing immigration attorney, who led a lively discussion on President Obama’s executive order on deferred action for illegal immigrants who came to the United States as juveniles. When Sister Suzanne’s parish asked her if she wanted to study law, she accepted the opportunity, as she was interested in helping the poor. She worked two summer internships at the Community Justice Project and is now a solo practitioner in Pittsburgh, providing pro bono immigration legal services to low-income individuals and families.

On Oct. 10, the Criminal Law Society hosted a program in connection with Associate Professor John T. Rago’s Wrongful Convictions class. The Honorable William Carpenter, administrative judge for the Montgomery County, Pa., Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division, spoke to students about the story of Bruce Godschalk, a Pennsylvania exoneree, who spent nearly 15 years in prison for crimes he did not commit, including two counts of rape and burglary. Judge Carpenter was on the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office team that prosecuted Godschalk in the late 1980s. With the help of the Innocence Project, DNA evidence exonerated Godschalk in 2002. Judge Carpenter and Professor Rago spoke about issues of eyewitness and victim identification and false confessions, which played a pivotal role in Godschalk’s conviction.
Wecht Institute Announces a Varied Forensic Fridays Spring Season

50th Anniversary of JFK Assassination Event also Planned

Ben Wecht, Program Administrator

From distracted driving to DNA analysis to sexual homicides and beyond, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law’s CLE and professional education offerings for the first half of 2013 represent a timely and diverse sampling of scientific applications in criminal and civil law.

Introduced in 2010, Forensic Fridays was developed to provide the region’s attorneys, nurses, death investigators and others a firmer grounding in many of the scientific disciplines upon which their work relies, as well as their applications to the criminal, civil and family justice systems. Offered both individually on a monthly basis and as a package, these seminars are designed to confer educational value and continuing education credit to working professionals in a variety of fields allied with the practice of forensic science.

The spring 2013 lineup, which may also be found on the Institute’s website, is as follows.

**Friday, Jan. 18:** Digital Detectives: A Computer Forensics Update

**Friday, Feb. 15:** DUID: The Science and Law of Driving Under the Influence of Distractions

**Friday, March 15:** Open Access DNA: Legal, Scientific and Ethical Issues

**Friday, April 19:** Interpreting Behavior from Sexual Homicide Crime Scenes

**Friday, May 10:** Forensic Audio and Linguistic Analysis of Insider Threats

With the exception of the March seminar, which is a full-day program, all seminars will run from 1-4:30 p.m. Locations and other details are available at the Institute’s website and to recipients on the Institute’s email list.

JFK Revisited, a Half-Century On

Following up on its world-renowned 2003 conference on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the JFK assassination, the Institute is pleased to announce *Passing the Torch: A National Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*. Scheduled for Oct. 17-19 in the University’s Power Center, the conference will reconvene many of the leading scientific, investigative and legal experts on the murder case that has fascinated and perplexed us for decades.

“As the JFK assassination and many of its witnesses, investigators and researchers begin to recede into history, this symposium is intended to educate students, professionals and the general public alike about one of the seminal events of 20th century American history, and why it still matters today,” said Institute Advisory Board Chairman Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, a longtime JFK assassination researcher, author, forensic pathology consultant and former witness to two governmental commissions on the case.

In addition to Dr. Wecht, confirmed speakers to date include Dr. Gary Aguilar, a surgeon and leading medical evidence researcher; Robert Groden, a photographic consultant to the House Select Committee on Assassinations and Oliver Stone’s film *JFK*; Mark Lane, an early Warren Report critic and author of *Rush to Judgment*; James Lesar, a leading FOIA attorney and president of the Assassination Archives and Research Center; Jefferson Morley, a former *Washington Post* reporter and author of numerous stories on the case; David Talbot, author of *Brothers: The Hidden History of the Kennedy Years*; and Dr. Josiah Thompson, a private investigator and author of the forthcoming *One Second in Dallas*.

*Established in fall of 2000, the Wecht Institute collaborates with the University’s schools of Law, Nursing, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Liberal Arts, Education, Health Sciences, and Leadership and Professional Advancement, as well as other academic institutions throughout the region, to create and support multidisciplinary courses of degree and non-degree study pertaining to the vast reach of the forensic sciences in today’s society. Through its conferences, seminars, workshops and publications, the Institute seeks to engender in its participants a multidisciplinary approach to the application of science to the law in our collective search for truth and social justice. To learn more about us or to add your name to our email list, please visit www.duq.edu/forensics. Or contact us at 412.396.1330 or wechtinstitute@duq.edu.*
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Friday, April 19, 2013

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