Justice Clarence Thomas

A Supreme Visit to Duquesne

April 9, 2013
The past few months have been a remarkable time at the Law School. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas participated in a relaxed and fascinating program with 1,200 attendees packing the Duquesne Union Ballroom and C-SPAN cameras filming the event for a national audience. Justice Thomas enjoyed his time so much that he changed his return flight, paid a surprise visit to the Law School the next morning to chat with students and pose for cell phone photos, taught a Constitutional Law class (see below), then insisted that he top off his visit with Primanti’s cheesesteaks before returning to Washington.

Ten days later, Watergate icon John Dean mingled with guests at the 61st annual Law Alumni Reunion Dinner, then delivered a spellbinding talk about *Watergate 40 Years Later*. As part of the night’s festivities, the oversold crowd gave a standing ovation to professor and dean extraordinaire, Ray Sekula, who received a special award in honor of his retirement after 45 years of distinguished service at the Law School. Angie Straka, ’80, Dave White, ’82 and Kathryn Kenyon, ’98, accepted Distinguished Alumni awards, capping off a perfect evening.

During this extraordinary period, the Law School also made news by moving into the top tier of *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, thanks to the strong support of the president, provost and board of trustees during a challenging time for all U.S. law schools. The University stood behind us, allowing us to stick to our high academic standards despite declining enrollments nationwide; this steadfast commitment to excellence was recognized by our peers.

In other great news, our Law Clinic received a $250,000 grant from Allegheny County and a $500,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to proceed with a new stand-alone clinic in Uptown so that our students can directly serve the community. These unprecedented grants were thanks to the support of Gov. Tom Corbett, Sen. Jay Costa, Jr., Judge Jeffrey Manning and others who supported this game-changing project that will benefit the Law School and the entire region. And, in a rare opportunity, students in our Federal Practice Clinic argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (see article on page 20).

Our trial advocacy teams continued to take the country by storm, including our BLSA team that won a berth in the national finals in Atlanta. Meanwhile, our newly created Appellate Advocacy Program under the leadership of Professor Erin Karsman won a series of astounding victories— including capturing second place and winning “Best Brief” at the prestigious Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition in New York, one of the most elite appellate advocacy competitions in the United States. Our hats are off to 3Ls Ginevra Ventre and Ryan Wilk, who put Duquesne Law on the map in yet another highly visible academic venue.

This is a time of exciting change and growth at the Law School. In the pages of this issue you’ll read about these noteworthy advances as well as the impressive curricular changes taking place at Duquesne, as we seek to position ourselves as a leader in the field of legal education nationwide.
You will also see the noteworthy achievements of our renowned law professors, who continue to be tapped for their expertise on legal issues.

It’s only thanks to the unwavering support, loyalty and dedication of our alumni that these great successes have been made possible during a time of unprecedented challenge in legal education and the profession. Relying upon the leadership and guidance of our alumni, our star will continue to rise.

With deep appreciation,

Ken Gormley
Dean and Professor of Law

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Students Charles P. Sapienza III, left, Stephanie Noel, center, and Jesse Drumm, third from left, stand with Dean Ken Gormley, second from left, Adjunct Professor Adrian Roe and Law Clinical Education Director Laurie Serafino after arguing before the Third Circuit.
Justice Clarence Thomas: 
Do Well in Order to Do Good
A Student’s Perspective

Dana Gallionardo, 3D

On April 9, United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spoke in front of a crowd of nearly 1,200 people in the Duquesne University Union Ballroom. In a wide ranging discussion with Dean Ken Gormley and Judge Tom Hardiman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Justice Thomas offered candid, spontaneous, upbeat remarks, relaying the message: “Do well in order to do good.”
Justice Clarence Thomas grew up in the African-American Catholic school system in the segregated, Deep South Baptist community of Pin Point, Ga. Thomas credits the nuns there with instilling in him a love of education and a desire to constantly do better.

“We were told under all circumstances we were inherently equal in the face of segregation or theories suggesting we were inferior,” Thomas said.

Thomas next attended Conception Seminary with aspirations of becoming a priest. From there, he attended Holy Cross College, and received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1974.

Exposed to different philosophies, including those of the Black Panthers, Thomas’s young adulthood was marred with anger that was ever-present during the turbulent civil rights era. Eventually, he “came home” and embraced the teachings of the conservative and traditionalist grandparents who raised him, particularly his grandfather, whom he lovingly referred to as “Daddy.”

As a young lawyer, Thomas said he was continually looked upon as a “black conservative,” and felt discomfort with such a label.

“I never called myself conservative,” Thomas said. “We were just people trying to think about very difficult things and provide our point of view.

“I was never politically involved. I don’t like politics. I don’t like how you can tell somebody something that is obviously wrong and make them believe it.

“People were telling me, ‘You’re black, you’re supposed to think in a certain way,’” Thomas said. “This is bizarre.”

Thomas said he never envisioned himself as a judge, nor did he envision himself living in Washington, D.C.

“I didn’t go to law school to make money or be famous,” he said. “I went to law school to go back to Georgia and do what I wanted to do ... I wanted to go to my neighborhood and be a leader. (However) I believe that when your president calls you to do a particular job, you are to do it.”

At age 43—one of the youngest Supreme Court justices in modern day history—Thomas was sworn in as an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Aptly known as the highest court’s “silent justice” for refraining from asking questions during oral argument, Thomas prefers to “let capable advocates talk.”

Perhaps the most polite dissenter, Thomas believes collegiality is one of the Supreme Court’s greatest assets, even when justices disagree.

Thomas employs an “idealistic naïveté,” regularly relying on traditional ideals of the family unit and equality in fashioning his own opinions.

“I’m one of those people that still believes through grace you can do lots of things,” Thomas said.

A recording of the interview with Justice Thomas is available in the C-Span archives at http://c-spanvideo.org/program/JusticeCla.
Curriculum Reform
Giving Students the Tools They Need to Practice

Dean Ken Gormley and Associate Dean Nancy Perkins discuss the modernization of Duquesne Law’s curriculum

Jane Campbell Moriarty: For the last few years, the faculty at Duquesne Law has been working on revamping the curriculum. What was the genesis for the belief that the curriculum needed major structural changes?

Ken Gormley: The faculty has been discussing the curriculum for many years—probably as long as I’ve been a professor here. When Nancy and I moved into the deans’ offices, it was pretty evident that we needed to look at the curriculum and reform it to make modern, updated and more attuned to the new realities of law practice.

JCM: What types of changes were you thinking about when you undertook this curriculum reform?

Nancy Perkins: One of the earliest things we did was to make the curriculum more accessible and flexible for student schedules. So, we opened up evening classes to day students, while still giving evening students preference for seats in evening classes. I think that was a very welcome change and freed students to enroll in courses that they might otherwise not have been able to take.

JCM: So you attempted to make the curriculum more flexible for both day and evening students, and I believe the school began to offer more “twilight-hour” courses that would allow both day and evening students to take more electives.

NP: Yes, we now have more of those courses as well, which allow evening, day and part-time students more flexibility.

Another change we incorporated, due to revised ABA standards, was to add a required Professional Skills course in addition to the basic Legal Research and Writing course. The faculty looked at the course offerings and attempted to determine whether any of the courses they taught qualified as a Professional Skills course or whether the faculty could add skills to any of their offerings. So we now have the faculty teaching courses that are designated as Professional Skills courses and more faculty adding skills components to their courses.

JCM: What are some of the other large-scale changes to the curriculum?

KG: Historically, we had a combined criminal law and procedure course that did not have enough hours to address criminal procedure as deeply as it should. We thought a separate course on criminal procedure was critical, as it is heavily tested on the bar exam and as many of our students practice criminal law. From there, we began looking at the entire first-year curriculum and figuring out ways that we could make it more relevant and more contemporary. We also started integrating some skills into the first year, and the faculty has restructured Civil Procedure to incorporate drafting pleadings and other practical exercises in the second semester to provide context for the doctrinal material.

JCM: Every time we can incorporate more “real-world” skills into our doctrinal curriculum, students seem to really benefit from practicing the skill along with the newly learned doctrinal material. Could you explain more about the changes to the Civil Procedure and other first-year courses?

NP: Going forward, we have eliminated year-long courses in the first year and replaced them with courses that give a formal and final assessment to first-year students at the end of their first semester. For example, in Civil Procedure, the entire Civ Pro faculty was involved in creating two separate courses: Civ Pro I and Civ Pro II.
KG: A year ago, we hired Steven Baicker-McKee as a member of the faculty. Steven had been a practicing litigator for 20 years, while publishing civil procedure treatises and teaching as an adjunct at another school. Given his strong practice background, Steven took the lead in developing some skills exercises, consulting with both Nick Cafardi, who has taught the subject for many years and had his own materials, and Susan Hascall, who just began teaching Civ Pro this year. So they are all working together, and students will be able to get experience in practical skills training in their very first year of law school.

JCM: So what else is new in the first-year curriculum?

NP: Professor Jan Levine has chaired the Ad Hoc Curriculum Reform Committee and began the process nearly three years ago, looking at a number of other schools and creating surveys for faculty as well as current and former students. I think early on the sense was we should look at having single-semester, stand-alone courses, where students take Torts in one semester, or take Property in another. But by the time we were actually discussing the curriculum and voting on this, we decided that we wanted to keep many first- and second-year courses as two-semester courses, such as Torts, Property and Constitutional Law. However, there was widespread agreement that each semester should be separately graded.

We realized that we might need a few courses that had fewer credits, such as Torts, which is now five credits (3/2) instead of six. Other courses that will continue to have six credits in a year (3/3), such as Property, will now cover mortgages, which is tested on the bar. And, we’ve added more UCC coverage to Contracts, which is also still six credits (3/3).

KG: We took a look at what a number of other schools were doing, but one of the things that we consciously did not do was just parrot what other law schools had done. After our review, we concluded that a lot of them made a mistake by slashing the number of credits in first-year courses that were important for the bar exam and for competent lawyering. We really want to produce good, ethical, practicing lawyers.

JCM: And speaking of producing ethical lawyers, we are adding an ethical component to our clinics. As Professional Responsibility professors, Mark Yochum and I have agreed to spend an hour a week meeting with various clinical classes throughout the year, talking about the ethical implications of what it means to be a lawyer as we do in PR, but doing it for the first time in a real-world setting where students are actually representing clients.

NP: Additionally, many of our other doctrinal faculty—Bruce Ledewitz, Rona Kaufman Kitchen and Steven Baicker-McKee—will be working with various clinics. In addition, our clinical faculty, including Director Laurie Serafino and Professor Joe Mistick, will teach doctrinal courses.

KG: All of these plans point out our desire to have a clinic that is a fully integrated part of the Law School, and to have more doctrinal and clinical faculty teaching together, which is something that we talked about for a long time and are finally able to do.

JCM: Have the changing market for lawyers and the economic realities of practicing law affected the school’s view of the curriculum and what must be done to prepare them for practice?

NP: One really important change is our new concentration program. Concentrations are the equivalent of a major or a minor in undergrad. Students can select one of 12 concentrations and complete a paper in that concentration as well as a number of courses, including skills courses.

KG: After becoming aware of the Marcellus Shale projects a number of years ago, I thought we should first create a concentration in Energy Law. And then I thought that given western Pennsylvania’s explosive growth in the areas of high-tech and medical services, we should include concentrations in both Intellectual Property (IP) and Health Law. We were specifically talking about developing concentrations to make our students competitive in these burgeoning areas. The original idea was to hire faculty to permit greater offerings in those courses. As we started looking at it, we concluded that creating numerous concentrations would make our students better poised in the
job market in a host of different areas. Many students were already taking courses in a particular area and we thought we should make it possible for them to exhibit a high level of expertise in those areas. So it really grew from a small number of concentrations, specifically designed for areas of growth in employment, to a broader set of options to provide students with opportunities to shine and develop areas of expertise.

JCM: Could you also talk about the new capstone course that’s been added?

KG: The Capstone Skills course is something that I have dreamed of for many years, dating back to my first years of teaching, when I taught Property. I always took my class to the Recorder of Deeds and let them search a title, which was viewed unorthodox at the time. As a former practicing lawyer, I believe, and I know that many of our faculty believe, that students learn best in context, and this class helps promote that concept.

The capstone course is an attempt to have one course in the final year where students are exposed to a host of very practical issues, like how to develop clients, how to do conflict checks, how to bill time, how to open a solo or small practice and how to handle basic civil or criminal cases.

We worked with the president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Tom Wilkinson, the president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Mark Vuono, and a team of distinguished lawyers and practitioners to develop this course, including Visiting Professor Sherri Adelkoff and Linda Hernandez, my former research assistant, who now practices at Dickie McCamey. In my view, it’s the first program of its kind in the country that has developed the course material based upon the recommendations of the practicing lawyers.

JCM: Is this all part of the Duquesne concept that our lawyers will be practice-ready when they graduate?

KG: Yes—we train students to be both ethical and competent lawyers. To do that, students need to be exposed to the basics of the profession before graduation. And this is an effort to go right to the heart of that issue. We have also added for next year a capstone doctrinal course in Remedies. Chancellor John Murray will teach both sections in the day to tie together Torts, Property, and Contracts principles in a very rigorous way in the third year designed to provide one more intensive way to help prepare students for practice and assist them in passing the bar.

JCM: So, we are doing more real-world training, more skills training, more ethics training and more teaching material in context.

NP: And we are making things more student-friendly. For example, students can now take Independent Research for one, two or three credits, and can take certain required courses in any upper-level year, rather than being required to take them in their second or third year. Also, for the first time this summer, we will have adjuncts teaching both a skills and a bar-tested course. All of these changes are expanding the scheduling opportunities for our students.

JCM: Could you discuss the bar preparation courses that have been added to the curriculum?

NP: Once the ABA indicated that bar preparation courses could be included in the regular curriculum, we were able to add a core competencies course in both divisions for the entire year. It is an advanced legal reasoning course that is available to everyone but required of some students in the second year. Bar Services Director Richard Gaffney has been teaching these courses and focusing his review on the major doctrinal areas by giving students a practice performance test like they have on the bar. So it offers a review for students of both material and methodology.

JCM: Have the students found this helpful? And how is this affecting the bar passage rate?

KG: Our bar exam results are extremely solid. We are doing an extraordinary job of producing graduates who are prepared for the practice of law when compared to schools with more resources, with higher numbers, with all of the things that would seem to predict greater success. We believe this program is helping our students perform well because we clearly have the fundamentals locked down.

JCM: This curriculum reform project has been accomplished by the work of the entire faculty to help think about the changes, help construct the changes and, ultimately, be the people responsible for making these changes work.

KG: The faculty poured a huge amount of time and energy into all of these changes. The curriculum changes took more than two years to accomplish. Jan Levine, as chair of the committee, spent untold hours on curriculum reform over the past three years along with the help of Vice Chair Nick Cafardi, and a committee that put a huge amount of time and energy into this project. Faculty colleagues, including Professors Tara Willke and Martha Jordon, and faculty librarian Joel Fishman, did extensive research so that we left no stone unturned. It required diplomacy to get faculty colleagues to sign on to these changes, and willingness of the faculty to compromise. We also had extraordinary faculty participation and cooperation in developing the concentrations. And, going forward, the faculty is also going to be advising students and supervising the students in these concentrations.

These have been terrific changes and it has been wonderful seeing the faculty coming together for the benefit of the student body to make this happen. I am extremely grateful for the faculty’s outstanding work.
The concept of concentrations has received an increasing amount of attention by law schools over the past two decades. Unlike undergraduate majors and minors, which are far more rigid in their requirements of courses for graduation and sweeping in their credit hour allocations, law school concentrations usually are not tied to an award of the J.D. degree. Concentrations were originally developed to showcase full-time faculty specialization and depth in one or two areas within the curriculum, but they are increasingly not limited to such a purpose.

The existence of concentrations organizes the curriculum for students, suggesting areas in which they can take courses that are consistent with career plans; in many ways, the existence of concentrations reduces somewhat the need for individualized faculty advising of students and encourages better elective course selection by students. Concentrations serve the faculty by making obvious the relationship among courses, permitting greater oversight and coordination of existing course content, credit hours, and coverage. At the same time, concentrations encourage better tailoring of the curriculum to fit students’ career plans. Concentrations permit more rational, efficient, and transparent long-range curriculum planning and faculty hiring decisions by the faculty and administration, by making obvious those which need to be developed to fit the changing environment of law practice. Concentrations can serve as a boon to student recruiting efforts, by showcasing course offerings and faculty who teach in the upper-level curriculum. Finally, concentrations can be a tool that boosts job placement efforts.

Eleven concentrations were identified and approved during the 2011-12 academic year. In October 2012, the Ad Hoc Curriculum Reform Committee met and reviewed all of the working group reports, together with the registrar and the president of the Student Bar Association. The committee moved adoption of 13 concentrations (we split two of the 11 into two), leading to faculty adoption of all 12 during the 2012-2013 academic year. The process identified the need to build further full-time faculty expertise in certain areas and identified solutions to other potential roadblocks to the plan.

The 13 concentrations are:

- Business Law
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Energy & Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Government & Public Interest Law
- Health Law & Science
- Intellectual Property Law
- International & Comparative Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Law & Religion
- Real Property Law
- Tax Estate Planning Law
The Value of Core Competencies

Richard Gaffney, Director of Bar Services and Adjunct Professor of Law
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Duquesne University School of Law’s class of 2013 is getting a head start on studying for this July’s bar examination due to the Law School’s newest bar preparation program, Core Competencies for Legal Practice. Core Competencies is a newly implemented four-credit, two-semester course offered in the final academic year to both day and evening students. Taught by Richard Gaffney, the course is designed to provide students with training in the type of legal reasoning required to succeed on the bar examination and as newly admitted attorneys in practice.

The course reinforces and builds upon the fundamental concepts learned in the first two years of law school by providing a review of the key legal concepts that students will encounter on the bar examination and in practice. The course covers core competencies in the subject areas of contracts, torts, property law, evidence, constitutional law, criminal law and criminal procedure. Lecture topics include substantive law, professional responsibility (character and fitness issues) and multiple choice test-taking skills. Students also learn how to respond to performance test questions that are a critical component of modern bar examinations. Unlike most courses, Core Competencies “flips” the classroom, posting the substantive lectures and “black letter law” online and using classroom time for application of legal principles to new cases and fact patterns. Gaffney deconstructs and reverse-engines multiple choice and essay-type bar examination questions, while students hone their analytical skills by repeatedly applying the law to new fact scenarios, which appear in multiple choice and essay forms.

Student feedback about the course has been overwhelmingly positive; 163 senior students enrolled in the course this year. Third-year student Pernille Frankmar describes the course as “a great initiative to keep up the hard work in the last year of law school. It eases us into the bar exam and helps us see how much work is required for the exam, while lowering our stress level because we are so familiar with the core concepts.”

Other students agree, as the feedback below suggests: “This class is invaluable. The amount of material is daunting, but the way the course is broken down, it provides me with a feeling that I can actually learn it all. The most valuable aspect of this class is that I am studying for the bar exam now rather than just beginning in the spring.”
Capstone Course: Lawyering Skills

Sherri Adelkoff, Visiting Professor of Law

Capstone Course: Lawyering Skills made its spring semester debut on Jan. 11, 2013. This unique course provides students in their final semester of law school with the opportunity to understand how the substantive knowledge they have acquired translates to the actual practice of law through skills training and experiential learning.

Dean Ken Gormley conceived the idea for this course in response to the reconfiguration of the landscape of the legal profession that has occurred over the past few years. Those changes compelled the conclusion that after students complete the process of learning to analyze cases and solve complex legal problems, a well-rounded legal education must provide practical-skills training to increase the ability of students to “hit the ground running” and enable them to actually practice law upon graduation and to provide more effective service to clients and employers.

With that in mind, Gormley formed a committee of 14 prominent members of the legal community that included Thomas G. Wilkinson, Jr., Esquire, president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a member of Cozen O’Connor in Philadelphia, and Mark T. Vuono, Esquire, president of the Allegheny County Bar Association and member of Vuono & Gray, LLC in Pittsburgh. Other committee members included practitioners in solo, mid-size and large law firms, as well as in-house counsel. Once the diverse committee was formed, Gormley posed this question: “What would you like a first-year lawyer to know and be able to do upon graduation?” That question prompted robust discussions over a six-week period that generated several draft syllabi. By mid-October, the committee had drafted the final version of the 14-week pilot syllabus used this spring.

In the pilot course, a total of 24 distinguished practicing lawyers and members of the judiciary taught a host of practical skills. Each week, a different lecturer or team of lecturers presented on a particular topic. Segments included An Overview of Law Firm Structures, The Business of Practicing Law I: Getting Started and Getting Paid, The Business of Practicing Law II: Case and Practice Management, Practicing Law in Different Courts and Jurisdictions, and Avoiding Professional Pitfalls. Following these segments, the students participated in a three-week drafting workshop in which they learned the essentials of drafting basic estate-planning, contract and property documents. Near the end of the semester, the students broke into a specialty-subject group of their choosing for essential-skills training in civil litigation practice, business law practice or criminal litigation. The final segment was devoted to Hanging Your Own Shingle.

After each segment, the students anonymously evaluated the lecture and its presenter(s) by writing a paragraph or two about their overall experience. Student feedback was extremely positive. For example, one student remarked that everything previously learned “now made perfect sense.” Others recognized that the capstone course teaches “lawyering” and “what we are not taught in other classes.” Some drew the conclusion early on that the information presented in the course will prove useful in the practice of law. Students also described segments as “very informative,” “valuable” and “intriguing.”

Although Capstone Course: Lawyering Skills debuted as a pilot, these comments demonstrate that it is already meeting its goal of integrating substantive knowledge, skills training and experiential learning to provide a bridge from third-year or fourth-year law students to prepared, competent, confident and marketable first-year attorneys. We are, therefore, enthusiastic and optimistic about its future, as well as that of our students.

Adelkoff, visiting assistant professor of Lawyering Skills and Professionalism, coordinated and moderated Capstone Course: Lawyering Skills this spring.

Topics included:

• An Overview of Law Firm Structures
• The Business of Practicing Law I: Getting Started and Getting Paid
• The Business of Practicing Law II: Case and Practice Management
• Practicing Law in Different Courts and Jurisdictions
• Avoiding Professional Pitfalls
• Hanging Your Own Shingle
Growing up in the Pittsburgh area during the 1940s and '50s, Raymond Sekula was accustomed to seeing his mother sweeping the ash and soot from the steel mills off their porch and walkways. His father was a tavern owner, and hard-working laborers naturally formed the nucleus of the tavern's clientele. Living in such a blue-collar environment could easily have steered young Ray away from academics, but he had a guardian angel: “From the time I was a little boy, my mother always said I was going to go to Duquesne,” he recalls.

Following his graduation from New Kensington High School, he proudly fulfilled his mother’s vision by entering the University as a freshman in the fall of 1958. Fifty-five years later he can still be found roaming the campus on the Bluff, a fixture at the School of Law and a popular icon of the University.

While pursuing a bachelor’s degree in accounting, Sekula began to consider the possibility of going to law school. As he remembers, “I interviewed with Dean Quinn and he persuaded me to come to the Law School after completing my bachelor’s degree in 1962—and I’ve never been sorry.”

Thomas F. Quinn was dean of the School of Law from 1955-1966. During his term, the Law School flourished. Full-time faculty grew to 15 professors, library acquisitions nearly tripled, and the full-time day program began. In addition to Quinn, the stellar faculty of Sekula’s first year as a law student included Leonard Levinson, Louis Manderino, Daniel Rothenburg and current Duquesne University Chancellor John E. Murray Jr., just to name a few. “I was tremendously influenced by my first year law faculty,” Sekula says, recalling his motivations for pursuing a career in academics. “They were all outstanding.”

After earning his J.D. from Duquesne in 1965, Sekula spent the following year as an instructor at the University of Virginia while completing a master of laws degree in taxation. Though he enjoyed his brief time in Virginia, he returned to his hometown immediately upon completion of his degree. Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1966, he immediately went to work practicing law with the Dickie McCamey firm and serving as assistant house counsel for West Penn Power. Then, in 1968, a defining moment occurred: Louis Manderino, who had succeeded Quinn as dean of the Law School, asked Sekula to join the law faculty of his alma mater. Fortunately for the students of Duquesne, he accepted.

The United States in the late 1960s was in the midst of the Vietnam War abroad and divided by civil unrest at home. While the television cameras often focused on the extreme events that came to define the era, the spotlight also shone on the function
of law in society, which, in turn, served to inspire a new generation toward a career in law. As Sekula remembers, the law students at Duquesne were always very cognizant of the current social and political events, “but they kept their noses to the grindstone; they were concerned with getting ahead in life.”

After 45 years of teaching, his admiration for the students of Duquesne has not waned. He believes emphatically that “some of the best lawyers in the country have walked through these halls.”

During his decades as a full-time faculty member, Sekula also remained dedicated to serving the community-at-large. Since becoming a member of the Pennsylvania Bar in 1966, he served as a member of the Committee Concerning Relations Between Lawyers and Accountants, and he has been a member of the Westmoreland County Bar Association. From 1970-1974, he served as the first chairman of the board of Westmoreland County Community College. He has been an arbitrator and mediator since 1970, beginning with his role as General Counsel for the Pennsylvania Local Government Commission from 1970-1972, during which time the Pennsylvania Home Rule Charter Act and the Local Governmental Debt Unit Act were drafted and adopted by the Legislature. He was consultant to Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justices from 1977-1993, initially serving under Justice Louis L. Manderino (1977-1979), his former professor and colleague. On June 9, 2010, Sekula was appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners for a term of three years. He was the first member of the law faculty to serve on this elite board, which is a select group appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

In 2004, Sekula was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 2011, he was the first recipient of the Centennial Award for Outstanding Services to the Law School. He was on the Academic Status Committee at Duquesne from 1968-2007, serving as chairman from 1982-2005. Associate dean of the School of Law for 11 years, Sekula was always committed to the growth of the school as well as to the betterment of his chosen profession. His many achievements include starting the first 3-3 program at Duquesne, which allows students to complete B.A. or B.S. and J.D. degrees in six years rather than the normal seven. The Law School now has 30 such programs with universities throughout the Commonwealth.

Reflecting on the pending retirement of Sekula, Dean Ken Gormley offers the following analysis: “Ray Sekula really defines Duquesne Law School, in my view. He’s a great scholar, lawyer, colleague, and teacher who always puts the interests of law students first in everything he does—which is why I’ve always admired him so much.”

And Gormley is by no means the only admirer. In 2011, Gail Balph Gordon, L’03, and other alumni established the Raymond F. Sekula Award to be given to the graduating student who most exemplifies the qualities of Sekula—passion for the study of law, diligence, and a desire to serve others (and the community) through excellence in the practice of law. This award is just one of the more tangible examples of how even in retirement Sekula’s influence will continue to have a positive impact on the students of Duquesne.

While he is officially “retiring” from active teaching, he is not planning on spending his time being idle. That’s just not his style. “I’ll be very busy. I’m still going to practice law and do arbitration work,” he says with a smile, adding that travel is part of the plan, too. And his strong ties with Duquesne won’t end with his retirement: He is married to Dr. L. Kathleen Sekula, a professor in the School of Nursing. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Sekula has developed a unique forensic master’s program that has incorporated courses developed in the Law School.

Not surprisingly, the Sekulas’ offspring reflect the professionalism of their accomplished parents. Their son, Frank, is an investment banker in London—which makes the United Kingdom an inviting travel destination for a retired professor. Their daughter, Christine Sekula Crocker, is an accomplished Pittsburgh physician and a lawyer, reflecting strong characteristics of each parent. Youngest son, Raymond Jr., an internationally recognized neurosurgeon and academic in Pittsburgh, is likewise successfully building on the solid foundation of his impressive heritage.

And Stella Sekula, the remarkable lady who steadfastly guided a young Ray Sekula through the doors of Duquesne University back in 1958, continues to be a source of profound inspiration for Sekula and his family—an inspiration accentuated by the joyous celebration of her 100th birthday on May 18, 2013.

Now, as he surveys the horizon with a wisdom that comes from decades of passionate involvement and dedication, Sekula sees that during the span of his career “the law has really grown; its tentacles have stretched into every facet of life.” And he is unwavering in his assessment of the direction of the Duquesne School of Law, stating emphatically that “an outstanding faculty and an excellent administration have kept—and will continue to keep—this law school on the right path going forward.” From incoming freshman to respected professor, Sekula, who has done so much to enhance the growth of the Law School, knows all about going forward. Retirement is just another opportunity.

“Ray Sekula really defines Duquesne Law School, in my view. He’s a great scholar, lawyer, colleague, and teacher who always puts the interests of law students first in everything he does—which is why I’ve always admired him so much.”

DEAN KEN GORMLEY
Last semester I did something I never thought I would do while teaching: I cried in class.

One week into my dream job as a tenure-track professor at Duquesne, my wife was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She was also seven months pregnant with our first child. Just as we had happily pondered our chances of both finding jobs in the same city, we soon faced grimmer questions: Why cancer? Why now? We are not even in our mid-30s. No family history. Healthy habits. What were the odds?

September was a blur as we came to grips with the diagnosis and how it would change us. Weeks passed when it seemed like all we did was shuttle from one doctor’s office to another, strangers in our new city. My wife, five years a physician, resisted the role of patient. And I, a new professor, struggled with my reflex role of student. I had to master a new lexicon (cancer “staging,” sentinel...
nodes, estrogen receptors) and parse the advice of unfamiliar experts. With her scientific training and being ever the optimist, my wife came to see her disease and the array of clinical options as presenting an “interesting case.” An inveterate humanist as well as lawyer, I searched for meaning in circumstances that I saw as tragic and depressing.

I finally managed to wipe back my tears and tell a bit of our story. Then I moved on with the review class I owed them. A scene from The Paper Chase this was not.

My wife began chemotherapy scant weeks after diagnosis. Determined to carry on as normally as possible, we worked at our new jobs essentially as planned, resisting the gentle urging of concerned colleagues to put our professional lives on hold. On two occasions I accompanied my wife for her 7 a.m. chemo infusions, only to dash away three hours later so I could teach my 10:30 class on intellectual property law.

I told my students about my daughter’s pending arrival, but not about my wife’s cancer or her treatment. When our radiant and healthy daughter was born halfway through the semester, the students in my small class seemed to appreciate the photos I shared of her. Throughout November, they asked me to bring in more. I resisted out of a nagging concern about mixing too much of the personal and the professional. Nearly every week an unexpected familiarity would affirm the importance of being friendly without being confused for a peer.

But I soon became fretful that I was hiding a part of my life that my students would eventually learn anyway—and perhaps read my reticence as mistrust or shame. Would I show them more photos of my daughter if my stricken wife did not have cancer? Would it be wrong of me to burden them with such news, which had no relevance to the course’s subject matter?

I prepared for the final class of my first semester of teaching with a PowerPoint that included three photos with the disclosure I had been avoiding: the first two of my daughter, and the third of my wife holding her, smiling through the terror that envelops us. By the second photo, I started to choke up knowing what was coming. I continued to cry and said nothing as I showed the third. Students’ smiles faded as they saw the cheery but bald and frail mother holding her child and they began to construct a narrative still in mid-arc. I finally managed to wipe back my tears and tell a bit of our story. Then I moved on with the review class I owed them. A scene from The Paper Chase this was not.

During finals one of my quieter students came to my office unannounced to say that the class wanted to give me a photograph of my family. She asked if I would be willing to make some available so that they could have one framed.

After a few days’ hesitation, I emailed her a link without expectations, knowing that good intentions often evaporate on their own. After all, my students probably felt as awkward as I did about crossing boundaries. But at least the request had prompted me to a richer perspective on copyright law. As we had covered earlier in the semester, distributing an embodiment of a work does not automatically transfer copyright ownership in the underlying work. Yet by sharing downloadable copies of the photos with the class, I felt as if I were surrendering ownership of our family’s struggle, releasing rightful claim to our private lives. Even if this were not true from a legal standpoint, I took comfort in the honest transparency that came from this further act of revelation.

Over the holidays a package arrived containing a canvas print of a portrait of my wife, my daughter, and myself. The image in black and white features my wife’s and my bare feet, which are outstretched on our bed, with our baby’s tiny feet in between and lifted off the bed, as if trying to imitate the pose the photographer had coaxed from her parents. Our smiling faces appear out of focus in the background.

The canvas now hangs in my office as a reminder of many things: the resilience of my wife’s spirit, the capacity for joy in the face of adversity, and the reassurance that our baby is mercifully oblivious to the drama her elders cannot avoid. It also serves as reminder of why I entered this profession. Education invites exposure, for teacher as much as student.
On Feb. 7, I took my Energy Law class on a field trip to an active Marcellus Shale drilling site. I thought, I can’t really adequately describe the size and complexity of an active Marcellus Shale drilling operation, so we climbed into a school bus and took an old-fashioned class trip.

Arranging the field trip turned out to be less complicated than I anticipated. Eric Harvey, a student in the class, happens to work for a school bus company in his spare time (a fictional concept for most law students). Not only did Harvey make the arrangements for the bus, he actually drove it.

The well pad that the class visited is operated by Rice Energy, and is located about 45 minutes south of Waynesburg. The trip down to the site was an adventure in itself. The first 90 percent of the trip was an uneventful drive over well-maintained public roads. The last road, however, was steep and winding, and eventually turned to gravel and then mud. The last 200 yards were too steep and muddy for a school bus, so the class had to hike.

When the class finally got to the well pad at the top of the hill, however, it quickly became clear that the experience was well worth the effort to get there. Rice Energy offered the services of Robert “Coach” Rikeman as tour guide, and he could not have been more informative, accommodating or helpful. He spent approximately an hour and a half with the class, explaining the safety precautions at the site, water usage issues, logistics concerns and all of the other details that go into a Marcellus operation.

For example, Rikeman explained Rice’s approach to water usage—one of the primary concerns with hydraulic fracturing. Hydraulic fracturing in a typical horizontal well requires millions
of gallons of water. This water requirement presents issues at both ends of the process. At the outset, there are cost and logistical issues associated with trucking in that much water, as well as potential harm to the roads and disruption for local residents. On the back end of the fracturing process, the water that comes out of the well is contaminated, and disposal of it is expensive and raises additional logistical issues.

Rice handles these water issues differently from some other operators to circumvent the problems. It constructs a pipeline to bring water directly to the drilling site, avoiding the need for truck traffic. The energy company then uses a water treatment system at the drill site that allows it to recycle and/or process the contaminated water. Using this system, Rice is able to treat all of the produced water so that it does not need to dispose of any contaminated water.

Reaction from the class confirms that they appreciated the field trip.

“Field trips are great—adds perspective on the material we are covering. Makes it more real.”

“Interesting to hear from someone like Coach at Rice Energy about actual issues they encounter when fracking shale.”

“I loved the field trip. I wish every law school class would take field trips.”

“The field trips are very positive experiences and put the ‘meat on the bones.’”

The Marcellus Shale is so important to our region that I thought seeing a Marcellus well pad in person was an important opportunity we could offer our students. Very few people get to see a Marcellus well pad while fracking is occurring—this was a rare treat.

In addition to the field trips, the class is contributing to an energy blog that is found at www.duqlawblogs.org/energy. Over the course of the semester, students write blog entries and comment on each other’s posts. The blog entries both encourage the students to explore our energy topics in a little more depth and spur some interesting class discussion.

Baicker-McKee, in his first year at Duquesne, is part of the school’s commitment to developing its energy curriculum. The School of Law just introduced a number of new concentrations, and Energy and Environmental Law is one of them (see p. 9). To satisfy the concentration, students must take 14 credits from a defined list of strongly recommended and optional courses related to energy and environmental law, and must write a scholarly paper on an energy or environmental law topic.

U.S. News Ranks Duquesne in Top Tier of Best Law Schools
Legal Writing, Part-time/Evening Programs also Ranked

It’s official: U.S. News & World Report has named the Duquesne University School of Law among first-tier schools in its 2014 Best Graduate School Rankings. With a ranking at No. 144, this marks the first time in many years that the School of Law has been ranked, let alone in the top tier.

In addition, U.S. News ranked the Legal Research and Writing program at No. 11 among law schools in the Legal Writing category. The Part-time/Evening Division was ranked No. 49 in the nation.

Many factors have contributed to the Law School’s upward movement. One important factor, according to Dean Ken Gormley, has been the decision to maintain high standards with respect to entering students’ LSAT scores and GPAs, despite the downturn in enrollments nationwide. Duquesne’s reputation as an innovative and forward-moving law school is growing.

In the past year, the Law School has accomplished the most significant overhaul of the curriculum in decades. The Legal Research and Writing program, the Legal Clinic, the Trial Advocacy and Appellate Advocacy programs, the highly regarded study abroad programs, and the student and faculty publications continue to excel. The Law School’s new course offerings, including a capstone skills course, 13 new subject concentrations, a new bar preparation program, and new experiential learning opportunities, are garnering well-deserved attention for Duquesne University School of Law, both regionally and nationally.
Students and faculty, along with members from the region’s bench and bar, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA) on Feb. 4. The program, held at the Power Center Ballroom, was co-sponsored by Duquesne School of Law, the PDAA, the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Duquesne University Criminal Law Society (CLS). Third-year students and CLS officers Jenna Smith and John DiMarzio presented Duquesne Law alumnus and Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala Jr., L’84, with the CLS Community Service Award.

Dean Ken Gormley and Professor John T. Rago introduced the distinguished guest panelists. The program was followed by a discussion on Prosecution and Public Policy in the 21st Century moderated by Hon. J. Michael Eakin of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.


A variety of policies and practices were discussed, including:

- the PDAA’s successful efforts to craft appropriate sentences for juveniles convicted of murder;
- updating the state’s wiretap act;
- restoring tough sentences against straw purchasers of illegal guns;
- providing a more rational teen sexting law; and
- reinvesting savings from the Department of Corrections and Board of Probation and Parole.

Among the PDAA’s more recent policy successes were its successful efforts to close loopholes in Megan’s Law, ban the use and sale of dangerous synthetic drugs, reform Pennsylvania’s prison system, and create new, more stringent practice standards for juvenile prosecutors.

The program marked a special occasion for three returning Law School graduates. Schultz, Vittone and Zappala all expressed their delight at returning to campus to see their professors and meet with our students.

“Our Law School means a great deal to me,” says Vittone. “The opportunity to come back to visit reminds me of how fortunate I was to be able to come to Duquesne in the first place.”

Zappala was especially grateful to the Law School and the students for their recognition. “Like Gene and Francis, I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Duquesne family and I am especially grateful to our students for their very kind and warm recognition. Duquesne does an outstanding job of instilling the values of public service in all of its students.”

PDAA panelists and alumni Eugene Vittone, Francis Schultz and Stephen Zappala with Professor John Rago and Dean Ken Gormley.
Law Clinic Updates

Law Clinic Receives Two Grants for New Facility

The School of Law is pleased to announce it has been awarded two grants that will be utilized for developing the future site of the school’s Clinical Legal Education program. Duquesne was awarded a $500,000 grant from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) this spring and a $250,000 grant from the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority in November to help purchase equipment and furnishings for the new clinic. Located at 914 Fifth Ave., the new site for the Clinical Legal Education program will include client meeting rooms; nearly double the space of the existing law clinic; a conference room for hosting meetings with judges and practicing attorneys; and a Moot Court room equipped with state-of-the-art technology where students can practice their skills and receive feedback from experienced instructors and leaders in the legal field. The Law School’s clinical programs benefit underserved families, individuals and communities, and address the areas of civil rights, community enterprise, federal practice, pro se motions, unemployment, urban development and veterans.

“The new clinic, located in the Uptown community, will enrich our law students’ experience by giving them hands-on training handling real clients and resolving real problems,” explains Dean Ken Gormley. “It will simultaneously enrich the community by allowing Duquesne’s School of Law to become a partner in revitalizing the Uptown corridor by providing services in a key, accessible area of the city. We are deeply grateful to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Gov. Tom Corbett, Allegheny County, Judge Jeffrey Manning and Sen. Jay Costa for supporting this program.

“These grants, when matched with Duquesne University’s financial commitment to the project, will allow us to move forward immediately, hopefully in time to relocate to the new clinic quarters by the beginning of next academic year,” says Gormley.

Unemployment Compensation Clinic

Supervising Attorney: Michael D. Simon, L’80

Our 11 students have helped nearly 80 clients in their unemployment claims. By the end of March, the students, working in teams of two, had handled roughly 60 evidentiary hearings, some of which involved multiple appearances, and approximately seven administrative appeals to the Board of Review. In many instances, the students faced experienced counsel and performed exceptionally well. In more than half of the appeals to the Board of Review, the students were successful in having the decision of the referee reversed and the client granted benefits. A number of students took hearings over their semester break, as well as during spring break, and worked on their personal free time to help clients obtain their benefits.

Of note, in the last two years, the students were successful in two Commonwealth Court appeals that resulted in the decisions of the board being overturned and benefits granted to the clients.

Clinical Legal Education Program by the Numbers

12,000+ Hours of legal service for clients by students through the law clinics
5,000+ Hours of legal service for clients by students through specialized externships
400+ Clients served through clinics and specialized externships
140+ Students enrolled each year in clinical programs benefiting the community
Duquesne Chancellor and Professor of Law Dr. John E. Murray Jr. was honored by his peers and was presented with the Distinguished Lifetime Service Award at the 8th Annual International Conference on Contracts in February in Dallas, Texas.

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While he also teaches a course on commercial transactions, Murray reiterated the importance of contract law as the basis for any law school curriculum. “Everybody makes contracts. Millions and millions of contracts are made every day,” he says. “If you’re a lawyer representing any client, the probabilities are overwhelming that a contractual question will arise. Contracts is a course that cuts across the practice of law for everyone. You don’t take contracts during the first year of law school because it’s easier; you take it because it’s a foundation course.”

To stay current and for his work in providing supplements twice a year as part of Corbin on Contracts, Murray reads every decided contracts case. Of the approximately 1,000 cases a year, he writes about 120 of them. “I have been able to see how contract law has changed and developed,” he says. “The great thing about it—I think it’s great, because it’s what I do—is the evolution of contract law brings you into different contexts and new problems.”

Federal Practice Clinic

Adrian Roe and Samuel Simon: Supervising Attorneys

In May, students in our Federal Practice Clinic once again argued two cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The first case was argued by Stephanie Noel and dealt with immigration. Petitioner Jose Pedro Verde-Rodriguez (“Verde”), a Mexican immigrant who became a lawful permanent resident of the United States in 1990, challenged his deportation in federal court. In the mid-1990s, Verde amassed several DUI convictions. In 1998, Verde was ordered to appear before an immigration judge in Eloy, Ariz. At the hearing, which lasted mere minutes, the judge told Verde that he had way too many convictions for driving under the influence, that such convictions constituted aggravated felonies, and that Verde’s status as an aggravated felon formed the basis for his deportation. Verde, who appeared without an attorney, was deported to Mexico immediately following the hearing. In 2004, the Supreme Court of the United States conclusively held in Leocal v. Ashcroft that DUI does not necessarily constitute an aggravated felony and, therefore, does not necessarily provide a basis for deportation. Some federal courts have since interpreted this ruling to apply retroactively.

The second case was argued by Charles P. Sapienza, III on issues involving the 6th Amendment. In this case, James Washington was found guilty of two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of robbery and one count of criminal conspiracy. The crime was the result of a purported conspiracy among four men, including Washington and Ramont Waddy. Washington filed a petition for habeas corpus in the United States District for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania contending that his Sixth Amendment Confrontation Clause rights were violated when the trial court admitted Waddy’s redacted statement. District Judge Robreno agreed, and granted Washington’s petition, holding that the admission of Waddy’s statement was a violation of the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment under Bruton v. U.S., 391 U.S. 123 (1968)."
Steven Baicker-McKee

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

• Panel on mercury water issues, Great Lakes Water Conference, University of Toledo School of Law, Toledo, Nov. 2, 2012.

Robert S. Barker

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


Nicholas P. Cafardi

ARTICLES


PRESENTATIONS


Ken Gormley

PUBLICATIONS


ARTICLES


Dean Gormley testifies before a PA House subcommittee in favor of House Bill 79, which would raise the required retirement age for judges to 75. Many of our faculty have played key roles in shaping the law and advancing public policy debate.

Kenneth Gray

PUBLICATIONS


Susan Hascall

APPOINTMENTS

• Elected chair-elect of the African law section and treasurer of the Islamic law section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

PRESENTATIONS

• “Islamic Law,” CLE Program, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 2012.
**Rona Kaufman Kitchen**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Bruce Ledewitz**

**AWARDS**
- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh Volunteer of the Year for his efforts in the genesis and growth of the Allegheny branch’s “Lecture and Conversations Series,” now in its third year.

**ARTICLES**
- “Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court, still broken,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 31, 2013.

**Presentations**
- “The Roberts Court and the Separation of Church and State,” CLE with Rabbi Scott Aaron, Agency for Jewish Learning, Beth Hamedrash Hagodol-Beth Jacob, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 2012.

**Tracey McCants Lewis**

**AWARDS**
- Recipient of 2012 NAACP Pittsburgh—Homer S. Brown Award for Legal Service.

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, March 2013.

**PUBLICATIONS**
- “A mother’s pain: The toxicity of the systemic disease of devaluation transferred from the black mother to the black male child” in G. Yancy & J. Jones (Eds.), Pursuing Trayvon Martin: Historical contexts and contemporary manifestations of racial dynamics (pp. 155-172), Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (2013).

**Presentations**

**Joseph Sabino Mistick**

**MEDIA**
- Sunday columnist for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review writing about current affairs, politics and public policy.
- Contributor to the political talk show Roddey Mistick on PCNC and frequent guest lecturer and public speaker.

**RECOGNITION**
- 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Land Use and Zoning, Martindale-Hubbell.

**Jane Campbell Moriarty**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Presentations**
- Neuroscience & evidence: The science, the scholarship, the courtroom and the classroom (Chair & Moderator), AALS Annual Meeting, Evidence Section. Panel conducted from New Orleans, La., Jan. 2013.
- Proceedings from a science, law and ethics conference. Use and Abuse of Neuroimaging in the Courtroom Consensus Conference, Emory University Center for Neuroethics, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 2012.
John E. Murray Jr.

AWARDS
• 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from International Conference of Contracts (professors of contract law in the United States and throughout the world), for “body of work” (see article on p. 24).

PUBLICATIONS
• Supplements to all volumes of Corbin on Contracts (Aug. 2012).
• Corbin on contracts [Supplemental material], LexisNexis, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS
• “The Unsettled Nature of Late-Term Contracting,” CLE Program, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 2013.

Wesley M. Oliver

MEDIA
• Creator and host of Crime & Punishment, a monthly show on the Pennsylvania Cable Network that features interviews with legal and political experts on criminal law issues.

Nancy Perkins

PUBLICATIONS

John T. Rago

PRESENTATIONS

Jacob H. Rooksby

PUBLICATIONS
• Contributing editor to HigherEducationLaw.org, a blog on legal issues involving higher education, with a focus on Intellectual Property.

PRESENTATIONS

Mark D. Yochum

PRESENTATIONS
• “Ethics-Sex (just a little) and Conflicted in Bankruptcy,” Wisconsin Bankruptcy Bar Association, Kohler, Wis., Feb. 2013.
• Bankruptcy Career Day (participant), The American College of Bankruptcy, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Feb. 2013.
• “Personal Contact,” CLE Program, ABA Tax Section, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 2012.
• “Personal Contact/Positional Conflicts,” CLE Program, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 2012.
• “The Honorable Lawyer: the 1911 Bar Exam Revisited,” CLE Program, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 2013.

Professor Yochum’s short play, La Vitra Loco, was performed by Stage Right, Fox Chapel, Pa., in February.
Duquesne Law Hosts Three Major Symposia

Distinguished Professor of Law Robert S. Barker chaired the fifth seminar at Duquesne University School of Law focused on constitutional law in the nations of the Western Hemisphere. Current Constitutional Issues in the Americas brought together 13 of the most accomplished jurists of the Americas to discuss constitutional law issues facing Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Chile, Cuba, Canada and the United States. The symposium, held Nov. 9-10, continued a series of biennial seminars begun in 2004.

Associate Professor and Criminal Justice Program Director Wesley M. Oliver organized Plea Bargaining After Lafler and Frye, a national symposium at Duquesne University School of Law in collaboration with the ABA’s Criminal Justice Section White Collar Crime Committee, Mid-Atlantic Region. The event, held Feb. 28-March 1, featured a keynote speech by the Hon. W. Louis Sands, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia, and a video presentation by the Hon. Frank H. Easterbrook, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Thirteen legal scholars from around the country, including Oliver, presented during the five panel discussions. Five judges and attorneys from the region served as moderators. The upcoming Duquesne Law Review will feature articles from the symposium. To view the complete list of participants, visit www.duq.edu/law/pleabargaining.

Associate Professor Jan M. Levine, director of the nationally ranked Legal Research and Writing program, organized the third Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference at Duquesne on March 16. Assistant Professors Julia Glencer, Erin Karsman, and Tara Willke presented the introductory session with Levine. Glencer and Willke also presented individual sessions. Their presentations and other materials from Technology and the Teaching of Legal Research and Writing are available online. Visit www.duq.edu/law/legalwriting.

Karsman to Leave Full-time Faculty; Remains Director of Appellate Program

Assistant Professor Erin Karsman, an integral part of the Law School’s nationally acclaimed Legal Research and Writing program, will be leaving the full-time faculty at the conclusion of the current academic year in order to spend more time at home with her family. Karsman will remain in her position as Director of Appellate Advocacy Programs as an adjunct professor. She will continue to teach her “Moot Court I” class next fall as well as coach the appellate moot court teams in the spring semester.

The faculty, staff and students have appreciated Karsman not only as an excellent teacher and scholar, but a colleague and friend to many since her arrival at Duquesne University. The Law School is pleased that she will continue to contribute her energy and talent as director of the new, already-successful Appellate Advocacy Programs, which she helped to create. We thank Karsman for all that she has contributed to this Law School and its students.
On The Record

“We made a decision to shrink the size of the entering class in the face of declining enrollment with the full support of the university. What was significant for me, we faced a choice: Do you start admitting students just to fill seats, even though you have to drop below the standards you feel are necessary for excellence in performance in law school? We made a conscious decision not to drop our standards.”

Dean Ken Gormley
*Ipso Facto* interview, April 1, 2013

“There’s a lot of dispute about this. One of the reasons (background checks) haven’t been too effective is they haven’t been universal. There is no reason, in theory, why gun checks won’t work.”

Professor Bruce Ledewitz
*Inquirer*, March 26, 2013

“The plaintiffs put on a case where they were saying that this is about more than this one woman.”

Professor Steven Baicker-McKee
on $109 million judgment against West Penn Power
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, December 8, 2012

“Courts generally try to stay out of overt political issues, as they prefer to leave election issues to the political branches of government. They tend to only get involved when the process is not working the way it should.”

Professor Wes Oliver
*PennsylvaniaIndepedent.com*, December 31, 2012

“It is only after these national calamities that we stop bickering about everything long enough to simply listen to each other. But for these tragedies, we are immersed in a crescendo of voices, with everyone talking and no one listening.”

Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick
*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* opinions, April 20, 2013
Alumni Profile:

Adam Palmer, L’00, MBA, CISSP, CIPP

Home: Vienna, Austria (born and raised in Pittsburgh)

Education: Valparaiso University (BA’97), Duquesne University (JD’00), University of Hawaii (MBA’03)

Current Job: Senior Expert, Cybercrime, United Nations (manages the United Nations Global Program on Cybercrime)

Past Experience:
Lead Cybersecurity Advisor, Symantec
Policy Counsel, .ORG Internet Domain
Director of the Office of Legal Counsel, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
U.S. Navy JAG Prosecutor (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii)

International Experience:
• Created and managed United Nations Global Project on Cybercrime
• Created and managed Norton Cybersecurity Institute global cybersecurity program at Symantec
• Created and managed .ORG Cybersecurity anti-abuse program
• Lead .ORG Representative to ICANN & CENTR European Internet policy conferences
• Project Manager for Internationalized Domain Name Projects for .ORG in China and Russia
• Global Outreach Manager for .ORG Domain Name Security (DNSSEC) initiative

Honors:
• 2009 Finalist: Washington, D.C. Association of Corporate Counsel Outstanding In-House Counsel Award
• 2009 Winner: U.S. Navy Top East Coast JAG Reservist Award for service as Cybercrime Prosecution Instructor
• 2006 Winner: Washington, D.C. Association of Corporate Counsel Community Service Award
• U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Achievement Medals: Outstanding Service as Prosecutor and Cybercrime Instructor

Passions: Traveling, enjoying life and new technology

“I love technology. It’s a great job to keep it safe for everyone and stop the people who abuse it. I supervise a team of international attorneys and staff as we work to train law enforcement and improve capacity in developing countries to fight cybercrime. The Internet is global and one great benefit of my work is being able to explore new places. I have worked on every major continent. One of my goals is to see the great ancient wonders and so far I have visited the Taj Mahal, Egyptian pyramids, Greek Acropolis and Great Wall of China. Now, at the UN, my focus is on developing countries and I will be visiting East Africa in the summer. I have made many friends along the way and had a great time!”

Family: “I share my life with my wife Angela. My parents and sister still live in Pittsburgh. The hardest thing for me is not seeing them very often. I also miss the great friendly people in Pittsburgh. I might live in Europe but my heart is still in the ‘Burgh.”

The Value of a Duquesne Law Education: “My legal education at Duquesne has made possible all of the experiences in my career. It was a great faith-based environment with caring and encouraging faculty. I am proudest of my Washington, D.C. Community Service Award because it symbolizes the values of community service and helping others that Duquesne fostered during my time in law school.”
1962
Peter F. Vaira has published a play, *Down The Shore*.

1965
Edward G. O’Connor received the 2012 Allegheny County Bar Foundation Presidential Merit Award for his longtime support of the foundation and contributions to its pro bono and public service efforts.

1968
Louis P. Vitti penned his first novel, *Ghosts of Bars and Christmas Past*.

1974
Vince J. Quatrini was awarded the 2012 Arthur St. Clair Historic Preservation Award in recognition of preservation and reuse by his law practice of the Seventh Ward School building in Greensburg, Pa., and the Citizens National Bank in Latrobe, Pa.

William C. Ries was named chair of the Pennsylvania Joint State Governments Commission’s Advisory Committee on Decedents’ Estates Laws.

1977
Phoebe Haddon, dean of the University of Maryland School of Law, was named one the top 25 Most Influential in Legal Education by the National Jurist magazine.

1978
John M. Conti was elected to a two-year term as president and chief executive officer of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

David S. DeRose was elected president of the Westmoreland Bar Association.

Larry A. Silverman has rejoined Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. after serving for 10 years as senior vice president and general counsel for the Pittsburgh Pirates. In addition to his of counsel position at the firm, Silverman will maintain his position as senior legal counsel to Aerotech Inc., a high technology manufacturing company.

1980
Richard J. Schubert has been named to the board of directors of Auberle.

1981
Patricia L. Dodge has been honored with the Civil Litigation Professionalism Award from the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Joseph M. Kulik was selected to work the AAA football championship in Hershey as the referee on the crew.

David M. Landay has been elected to the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. Landay is also on the Board of Directors of the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Sen. Gary Siplin is practicing law full time at Siplin Law. Siplin served 10 years in the Florida Senate and two years in the Florida House of Representatives.

1982
Kathleen A. Gallagher was appointed by Gov. Tom Corbett to chair the newly created Sunset Task Force, which is a partnership between the Office of Administration and Office of the Budget, charged with reviewing the efficacy of boards and commission.


1983
Regis W. Becker retired from PPG Industries and was named the first director of ethics and compliance at Penn State University to oversee all compliance issues throughout the university and develop Penn State’s first comprehensive program of institutional ethics.

Carol Behers Berg was awarded a 2012 Woman of Distinction Award from the Duquesne University Women’s Advisory Board at the Art Deco Power Ball.

Manning J. O’Connor was elected vice chair of the River City Brass.

1984
Bernard J. Bercik accepted a position with Vanguard in Philadelphia.

Timothy P. Ryan was named to *The Irish Voice America’s Irish Legal 100*, a list of the top 100 Irish attorneys in the United States.

Harve Linder, L’75, with grandchildren Leah and Malka, takes his DU magazines to the top of Mt. Arabel overlooking the Kineret in Israel.
1985

**Patricia W. Henk** started her own firm, The Law Firm of Patricia Wozniak Henk in Pittsburgh.

1986

**Robert Domenick** was elected to the position of historian for the Sons of the American Legion Post 344 in Jeannette, Pa., where he has a solo law practice.

**Hon. Denise Hinds Roach** was confirmed to serve as a judge for a six-year term in the Family Division of the Superior Court on St. Croix, VI.

1987

**Marie Milie Jones** was invested into the Equestrian order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, an order of knighthood under the protection of the pope.

1988

**John A. Bass** was appointed to the Neighborhood Legal Services Association board of directors.

1990

**Joni L. Landy** joined Saul Ewing LLP as a member of the firm’s employee benefits and tax practices.

1991

**Gene L. Jazwinski** has joined Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. as a principal in the area of mineral law (oil and gas).

**Kelley Gray Owen** joined Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl as the chief financial officer.

**Steven W. Zoffer** was re-elected to a two-year term as secretary and treasurer of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

1992

**Leslie K. Ross** was elected partner in the Pittsburgh office of Reed Smith in the financial industry group.

1995

**Anthony A. Ditka** has been appointed managing partner of the law firm of Dinsmore Shohl, LLP, Pittsburgh office.

1996

**Eric L. Bradley** joined Metz Lewis Brodman Must O’Keefe LLC as a member in the firm’s real estate practice.

**Simquita R. Bridges** was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Criminal Procedural Rules Committee.

**David C. Kaleda** joined the Groom Law Group in the firm’s Fiduciary Responsibility practice.

**John Q. Lewis** was appointed as the new chair of the Business Litigation Practice group at Tucker Ellis, LLP in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Hon. Mary P. Murray** was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to the Minor Court Rules Committee and will serve as chair.

1997

**Stacy A. Tees** joined Goldberg Segalla LLP as special counsel in its Philadelphia office as a member of the firm’s Workers’ Compensation and Labor and Employment practice groups.

1998

**Hon. Jerry G. Cartwright** was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Minor Court Rules Committee.

1999

**David J. Grecco** has been named Of Counsel at Steptoe & Johnson PLLC.
Brett P. Mankey joined Leech Tishman in the firm’s corporate practice group.

Regis Stafford Jr., a member of the Records and e-Discovery practice group at Reed Smith LLP, has been promoted to counsel.

1998
Marlene J. Bidelman established her own law firm, Law Office of Marlene J. Bidelman, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Matthew F. Smith was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

1999
Marc A. Pochinio joined Allen & Overy as a partner helping to build the financial services regulatory group.

Nathan J. Prepelka has been elected to the board of directors of The Webb Law Firm as secretary.

Gregory R. Webber has been elected shareholder in the Philadelphia office of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

2000
Patrick W. Carothers joined Leech Tishman as a partner in its bankruptcy and creditors’ rights and corporate practice groups.

Jeffrey D. Roberts was promoted to member at Burns White LLC, and is co-chair of the firm’s Energy group.

2001
Shawn N. Gallagher was promoted to shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.

Alka A. Patel will be honored as the Young Leader at the 2013 Annual Tribute to Women Leadership Awards luncheon.

2002
Brian D. Balonick was promoted to shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.

Sandral A. Kozlowski accepted a position as Pennsylvania deputy attorney general in the Pittsburgh office.

Courtney C. Murray was elected partner in the Pittsburgh office of Reed Smith in the Corporate & Securities group.

Anthony S. Posa has been named an associate at Meyer, Darragh, Buckle, Bebenek & Eck PLLC.

Brad M. Rostolsky was elected partner in the Philadelphia office of Reed Smith in the Life Sciences Health Industry group.

Teresa Sirianni has been elected as a shareholder of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

2003
Dean F. Falavolito was promoted to member at Burns White LLC, and is co-chair of the firm’s Employment group.

Douglas C. Hart was named senior counsel in the Commercial Litigation group of the Pittsburgh office of Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman.

David A. Monaghan was promoted to corporate counsel at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.

Meghan A. Moran accepted a position with Burleson LLP in Canonsburg, Pa.

2004
Jessica M. Jurasko accepted a position as an associate with Jackson Kelly, PLLC in the Pittsburgh office.

Michael Leachey was promoted to member in the Pittsburgh office of Jackson Kelly PLLC.

Ayanna M. Lee-Davis was promoted to senior associate at Burleson LLP.

2005
Lorrie Lee Cherillo and Erik Jansen celebrated the birth of a son, Vincent Joseph.

James R. Franks, James J. Bosco Jr., L’06, and Ryan J. Miller, L’08, have advanced to shareholder positions at The Webb Law Firm.

Jennings L. Hart III was elected shareholder of Davies, McFarland & Carroll, P.C.

David J. Miller was hired as the director of Commercial and Legal Departments at Kvaerner North American Construction Inc.

Matthew M. Mohn was elected partner in the Pittsburgh office of Reed Smith in the Corporate & Securities group.

Jillian Nolan Snider is now an attorney in the Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights group at Tucker Arensberg in Pittsburgh.

A couple who won’t have trouble remembering their wedding anniversary: Amy L. Johnston, L’05, and Brian Allen take their vows before Judge Donetta Ambrose, L’70, at 12:12 p.m. on 12.12.12. Johnston is an assistant U.S. attorney serving in the criminal division.

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Jacques L. Moye, Sr. has been named an associate in the general corporate mergers and acquisitions practice group at Thorp Reed & Armstrong.

Aaron M. Ponzo joined Pion, Johnston, Nerone, Girman, Clements & Smith, P.C. as an associate in the practice areas of Civil Litigation, Transportation Litigation, Occupational Disease, Family Law and general liability.

2007
Bradley J. Breslin accepted the position of managing director with the New York City firm Thacher Associates.

2008
Chioma Azi accepted a position at the African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc., in Philadelphia, Pa., as a staff attorney, providing legal services and advice in the areas of immigration and criminal law and specializing in family-based petitions, asylum and removal.

Ellen M. Burns is practicing law at the Phelps Legal group in Traverse City, Mich.

Abigail Lewis-Fishkin accepted a position with Silver & Garvett in Miami, Fla., handling commercial and business related disputes.

Anthony M. Marmo transferred within the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation’s Child Predator Unit to lead computer crime prosecutions.

Elaine M. Moyer and Michael J. Moyer, celebrated the birth of their second son, Garrett Joseph, in December 2012; and Michael was elected as the treasurer of the Probate and Tax Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association for the 2013 term.

Stephanie L. Solomon, a recipient of the ACBA National Trial Advocacy College scholarship, attended the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Samuel I. Yamron established his own law firm, Law Office of Samuel I. Yamron, in the greater Pittsburgh area.

2009
Gregory W. Hauswirth joined Leech Tishman as an associate in the bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practice group.

Benjamin Scott Johns joined Moraceyzk & Polochak as an oil and gas associate.

Jennifer L. Miller joined Robb Leonard Mulvihill LLP as an associate attorney practicing in the areas of civil litigation and insurance coverage.

Colin Adair Morgan was elected to the board of Southwinds Inc., which provides residency and skills development to adults with intellectual and developmental challenges.

Justin A. Rick was named staff attorney in the Pittsburgh office of Pepper Hamilton LLP, working in the Commercial Litigation practice group.

Justin T. Romano joined Del Sole Cavanaugh Stroyd, LLC, focusing on commercial, personal injury, and appellate litigation.

Brett J. Warren accepted a position as assistant counsel in the office of Chief Counsel at the Pennsylvania Department of Banking & Securities.

2010
Joseph Balestrino accepted a position as in-house labor & employment attorney at U.S. Steel.

Ramma R. Barakat married Robert T. Mineo and is a law clerk for the Lehigh County Courthouse.

Elizabeth A. DeLosa, a recipient of the ACBA National Trial Advocacy College scholarship, attended the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Dennis J. Hough accepted a position as an associate with Duane Morris in Washington, D.C.

Sacha A. Kathuria joined the law firm of Babst Calland as an associate focusing on Energy and Natural Resources.

Michael R. Sherman has been named associate in the business and finance practice of Tucker Arensberg.

Michael A. Sundo and his wife, Jamie, celebrated the birth of a baby girl, Madison Lynn.

Timothy S. Wachter accepted a position as an associate member in the Government and Finance Practice group at Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., based in his hometown of Erie, Pa.

2011
Lori L. Buntman joined Harmon & Davies, P.C. in Lancaster, Pa.

Jonathan D. Flickinger has accepted a position with CENTRIA, specializing in legal compliance and labor/employment matters. He also continues to work as a consultant in the combat sports industry (UFC, MMA, and professional kickboxing) in conjunction with StartPR Las Vegas LLC.

Michael J. Joyce married Alyson N. Rotz.
Amanda B. Kraft joined FGSM PC as an associate in the firm’s business litigation practice group.

Yvette Michaud joined Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, Canonsburg, Pa., as an associate practicing energy law.

Catrina A. Rogers completed service as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Ronald W. Folino, and accepted a position as an associate at Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., concentrating in the area of medical malpractice.

David J. Tomaselli accepted a position as the regional account manager at Velocity Solutions, Inc. in Wilmington, N.C., with responsibilities for developing and maintaining business relationships with financial institutions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

2012

Sarah A. Bronder received the Lynette Norton Memorial Award from the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Kelly C. Cheponis accepted a position at BNY Mellon Pittsburgh as a SAR investigator-writer/anti-money laundering analyst.

Matthew D. Clyde joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney as an associate focusing on various aspects of employee benefits law.

Jessel Costa III received the Honorable Joseph H. Ridge Memorial Scholarship from the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and is currently the election protection coordinator for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party.

Jonathan L. Curtis is the assistant counsel in the Governor’s Office of General Counsel Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

Trevor R. Fleming joined the Orie Law group, LLC as an associate attorney.

Elizabeth Gaetani has joined the Allegheny County Bar Foundation as assistant pro bono coordinator.

Shane M. Gannon joined the Greensburg, Pa. firm of Mears, Smith, House & Boyle, P.C. as associate attorney.

Alyssa E. Golferi joined the law firm of Babst Calland as an associate focusing on Energy and Natural Resources.

Jordan C. Hettrich accepted a position as an associate with Frankovitch, Anetakis, Colantonio & Simin in Weirton, W.Va., concentrating in personal injury and general litigation.

Tara M. Hopper received the Gerald K. Gibson Award from the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Nicole E. Hyziak accepted a position at the Law Office of Gary M. Schaff in Buffalo, N.Y., focusing on all aspects of real estate transactions.

Tracy L. Jones has been named an associate in the estates and trusts practice group at FGSM, PC.

Mark J. Malone joined Chiurazzi and Mengene as an associate focusing on personal injury, commercial litigation, small business formation, sports management and family law.

Timothy R. Miller, Jr. accepted a position as staff attorney with the Greensburg, Pa. firm of DeBernardo, Antoniono, McCabe, Davis & Dediana, P.C.

Matthew E. Orie joined the Orie Law group, LLC as an associate attorney.

Kiran K. Patel became a patent law clerk at Miskin & Tsui-Yip, LLP in New York City.

Robert D. Raver has been hired as an associate at Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Veltz, LLC.

Thomas J. Sengewalt joined Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, Canonsburg, Pa., as an associate practicing energy litigation and products liability litigation.

Rebekah E. Siegel was appointed as a workers’ compensation attorney with Edgar Snyder & Associates.

Ashley L. Sweeney joined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co., LPA as an associate attorney focusing on credit card/consumer collections in the Pittsburgh, Pa., office.

Nathan J. Ward joined Burns White as an associate in the Medicare Compliance group.

Ashley N. Wiegand joined Marks, O’Neill, O’Brien, Doherty & Kelly, P.C. as an associate.

Megan E. Will established her own law firm, Law Office of Megan E. Will in Somerset, Pa.

Lauren N. Woleslage has been named an associate at Jackson Kelly practicing in the firm’s Pittsburgh office.

Alumni Named to Local Board

The following alumni were named as members of the board of directors of the Association of Corporate Counsel Western Pennsylvania:

Mark D. Yablonski, L’97
Daniel G. Fayock, L’99
Richard M. Heiser, L’01
Vinita Sinha, L’01
Marcy Smorey-Giger, L’01

Corrections

Class years incorrectly published in the Fall 2012 Duquesne Lawyer: Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark is a 1983 law graduate and Lisa A. Cesare is a 1984 law graduate.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following Law School alumni who passed away between Nov. 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013:

John L. Doherty, Esq., L’66
John Q. Durkin, Esq., L’73
James E. Durkin, Esq., L’77
Reuben Fingold, Esq., L’30
Stana Lea “Tammy” Garvey, L’99
Barbara Ann (Bup) Hanley, L’92

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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In Memoriam—John L. Doherty, L’66

Jack Doherty’s Final Close

Joseph Sabino Mistick, Associate Professor of Law

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When Jack Doherty walked through the courthouse or down any Pittsburgh street, he was a man in his element, with a foot in both camps, legal royalty at peace among the folks he loved and never left behind. And when he died last week at age 78, this titan of Pittsburgh criminal defense lawyers left a legacy of great stories and a finer sense of justice.

Growing up in the Lower Hill, the son of an Irish fire fighter father and an Italian mother, Jack managed to combine street smarts with book smarts, and quickly became the guy to call if you found yourself in a jam. And call they did, from the alleged bosses of what was then considered organized crime to the habitual goof to the guy who stumbled across that sometimes cloudy line between right and wrong.

Bill Manifesto, one half of Doherty & Manifesto from 1975 to 1992, says that his partner never lost track of his roots, always hanging with the guys he grew up with, playing cards and telling lies to each other, just like when they were kids. Outside the office, Jack commanded the street, calling out greetings in Italian or Yiddish or Arabic, the languages of his old neighborhood.

He had his cerebral side, the intellectual curiosity that kept lawyers up all night, surrounded by books back when they still used books. But he rarely showed that side to outsiders, so as not to detract from that scrappy street fighter reputation that knocked so many prosecutors back on their heels.

After Jack retired from criminal defense work to become Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, he reflected on his partnership with Manifesto. Explaining their successful run, he said, “Our styles were different. Let me put it this way: If I were guilty I’d probably hire me. If I were innocent, I’d want Bill.”

As a prosecutor, Judge Jeffrey Manning and Jack were often adversaries, and became lifelong friends. “He was the quintessential lawyer, the perfect embodiment of analysis, adroitness and fairness, all with an incredible wit. And he was as good a friend as you could ever find,” Manning said.

Bobby Del Greco, now a prominent defense lawyer in his own right, was a young former prosecutor just out on his own, when Jack became his mentor. Del Greco said, “Jack was always teaching, whether he was in a courtroom, a classroom at Duquesne Law School or giving advice to someone in trouble. He had an unerring sense of justice.”

“He was the quintessential lawyer, the perfect embodiment of analysis, adroitness and fairness, all with an incredible wit. And he was as good a friend as you could ever find.”

– Judge Jeffrey Manning

So they gathered last week at Epiphany Church to say goodbye. Lawyers and clients, judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys, good guys and tough guys, all Jack’s friends, joined his family to share some hearty laughs and shed some tears.

Just a few days earlier, Jack’s son John, an attorney, had sent them this message: “My Dad completed his closing argument this afternoon and rested his case peacefully, at 2:16.”
CSO Update

By María D. Comas, L’00, Director of Career Services

On Feb. 18, the Career Services Office coordinated the Law School’s first Informational Career Fair. The purpose of the event, which brought together students, attorneys and faculty, was two-fold: to allow students to learn more about the Law School’s new subject concentrations and to give them a forum to meet attorneys working in various practice areas. By all accounts from the students, the goals of the program were met, and they gained insight about areas of interest, made professional connections with members of the local bar and began to narrow their focus in regard to a subject concentration.


During March and April, the CSO held its annual Mock Interview Program, affording students an opportunity to practice their interview skills and receive valuable feedback about their performance and their resumes. The program is open to all students—from first-year students practicing for their first legal interview to graduating students hoping to refine skills as they seek post-graduation jobs.

The following programs, all of which are intended to provide students with helpful job search skills and resources, insight into practice settings, or opportunities to engage with attorneys, took place during the 2013 spring semester.

Participants at the Feb. 18 Informational Career Fair
• 1L Series presented by the CSO, including these sessions: 1L Summer Job Search, Crafting a Legal Resume, Preparing a Cover Letter, Interview Prep through Research and A Preview: 2013 Fall On-Campus Recruitment.

• Schweitzer Fellowship Program Information Session with Joan Haley and Hannah Naumoff-Dulski, L’05 (Jan. 18).

• How to Use Social Media Effectively in Your Job Search, presented by Amanda Ellis, Esq. (Jan. 24).


• Interviewing Skills, sponsored by the Duquesne Law Alumni Association, with Meghan E. Jones-Rolla, L’02, Jessica M. Jurasko, L’04, Vincent Quatrini, L’74, Scott T. Redman, L’82, and Eric J. Zagrocki, L’92, serving as panelists (Feb. 20).

• Meet & Greet with the ACBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD), attended by the following members of the YLD: Christopher J. Azzara, L’06, Lori Wisniewski Azzara, L’06, Danielle M. Bacco, L’05, Vincent Quatrini, L’74, Laura C. Bunten, Eric L. Laughlin, R. Brandon McCullough, L’08, Melissa L. Ruefle Spencer, L’03, Kimberly S. Tague, L’04, Maribeth Thomas, Joseph R. Williams, L’09, and Regina Wilson (March 19).

• PSO Law Night, hosted by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (March 22).

• Solo & Small Firm Practice Series: Lunch/Dinner & Learn Programs featuring Megan E. Will, L’12, Jeffrey D. Banner, L’09, and Lauren P. Berret, L’10 (March 22, April 8 and April 11).

• Government & Non-Profit Career Expo, coordinated by the Pittsburgh Career Services Consortium (March 25).

• Preparing for Your First Legal Position—On Location at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC, attended by Christian C. Antkowiak, L’08, Catherine R. Girrincione, L’10, Matthew D. Clyde, L’12, Laurie S. Lenigan, Diane Lowe, Lisa M. Meyer, L’10, and Beth Wysocki (March 26).

• Etiquette Dinner, presented by the University Career Services Office (April 3).

• Lunch & Learn: A Career as a Prosecutor, featuring Francis J. Schultz, L’95 (April 5).

• Lunch & Learn: The Role of In-House Counsel, featuring Brian D. Walters, L’95 (April 8).

• A Panel Discussion—The Evening Student’s Job Search, with Lynette A. Costa, L’04, Jessica M. Jurasko, L’04, Susan Regrut Mitchell, L’03, and Melissa L. Ruefle Spencer, L’03, serving as panelists (April 10).

• Lunch & Learn: Negotiating Compensation, featuring Alysia M. Keating, Esq. (April 16).

• Women’s Bar Association Speed Networking Event & Reception, which included keynote addresses by Patricia L. Dodge, L’81, and Marie Millie Jones, L’87, who also participated in speed networking rounds with the following attorneys: Sarah L. Andrews, L’06, Christian Bagin, L’00, Anna Ciardi, Kevin L. Colosimo, L’97, Julie Heitzenrater, Carol Hesz, ’90, Stephanie A. Jones, L’12, Meghan E. Jones-Rolla, L’02, Ayanna M. Lee-Davis, L’04, Lisa Michel, Jana Palko, and Heather Trostle Smith (April 16).
Duquesne Moot Court Programs Excel this Spring with Major Wins

Duquesne’s Appellate Moot Court Team Wins National Honors at the Prestigious Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition

Congratulations to Duquesne University School of Law third-year students Ginevra Ventre and Ryan Wilk for their exceptional performance in the Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition held April 4-6 in Brooklyn, N.Y. Duquesne’s team took 2nd place (out of 36 law schools). The judges in the final round included the Hon. Patricia M. Wald, former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia; the Hon. Chester Straub, Senior Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and the Hon. Solomon Oliver, Jr., Chief Judge, District Court of the Northern District of Ohio.

Duquesne’s team also won the much coveted Best Brief award. Along the way, Ventre and Wilk defeated teams from South Texas College of Law, George Washington University, the University of Florida, the University of Arkansas, and Wayne State University. The competition, one of the most prestigious in the nation, also featured advocates from other top law schools across the country.

The team was coached by Frank Stoy, L’12 and Kate Lewis, L’12. Duquesne’s Director of Appellate Advocacy Programs, Professor Erin Karsman, along with Professors Jan Levine, Tara Willke, and Wes Oliver, assisted in the team’s preparation.

Duquesne Law Students Advance and Win Regional NAAC Competition

Second-year law students Sarah Molinero and Aleksandra Kocelko advanced to the finals of the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) after being named champions at the regional competition in Washington, D.C., March 7-9. Molinero and Kocelko argued both on and off brief a total of five times over three days before being declared regional champions. In addition, the Duquesne Law School team of Andrew Griffin and Bethany Willard finished as semi-finalists in the regional competition. Student coaches were Francesca Kosec and David Leake. Faculty adviser is Professor Erin Karsman.

This marks the first time that a team from Duquesne Law School has earned a spot in the prestigious NAAC Championship. The NAAC, which is the largest moot court competition in the country, focuses on the development of oral advocacy skills through a realistic appellate advocacy experience. Competitors participate in a hypothetical appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, including writing a brief as either a respondent or petitioner and arguing the case before a mock court.
National Trial Team Has Strong Showing

The National Trial Team competed in the American Association of Justice (AAJ) Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Regional Competition, in Philadelphia March 7-10. Duquesne Law School was represented by two teams: (1) Colin Esgro, Elsbeth Koefer, Erica Lombardo and Autumn Pividori, and (2) Sara Linkosky, Monica Moussa, Rian Thompson and Ernest Pribanic.

The second team, all second-year law students, made it to the semi-finals. During the competition, the second-years defeated Penn State, Drexel and Oklahoma to advance to the semi-final round. After a hard fought trial between two talented teams, Duquesne’s advocates lost to the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Both teams performed exceptionally well. The teams were coached by Professor Amelia Michele Joiner, director of the Trial Advocacy Program, Amy Joseph Coles, Sara Bronder, L’12, and Lisa Barnett, L’09.

Black Law Students Association Trial Team Wins Regional Competition; Student Named Best Advocate

Congratulations to the Duquesne Black Law Students Association National Trial Team of Finn Skovdal, Christy Gamble, John Woodruff and Danielle Wete for a big regional championship win at the Mid-Atlantic Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Regional Competition in February. The team competed against 15 other law schools and beat Howard University School of Law in the final round. In addition, team member Christy Gamble was recognized as Best Oral Advocate.

Adjunct Professors Lisa Barnett, L’09, and Brock McCandless, L’09, coached the team in the regional competition and on to nationals in Atlanta in March, where the team gave an impressive performance. Thanks go out also to Adjunct Professor Sarah Brown, L’12, and Professor Tracey McCants Lewis, who supported the team throughout. Congratulations to all participants and Professor Amelia Michele Joiner, who leads our nationally recognized trial advocacy program.

Duquesne Gives Best Closing Argument in Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition

Congratulations to our National Trial Team for an excellent showing in the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition. Jaime Hickton, Brandon Herring, Nichole Onda and Nicholas Borsuk-Woodman, coached by Professor Michael Streib and Adjunct Professor Sara Brown, L’12, advanced to the quarterfinal round.

Hickton, pictured at left, a fourth-year student in the evening division, won the Best Closing Argument award out of 96 closers. Thanks to our law alumni, Geoffrey Melada, L’06, Adjunct Professor Lisa Barnett, L’09, Alicia Nocera, L’09, James McGraw, L’09, and Kelly Iverson, L’09, who provided valuable feedback that contributed to the team’s success.
More Team News…

Our thanks go out to Lisa Mantella, L’06, and Pete Giglione, L’02, who coached the Duquesne University School of Law’s team at the William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition. Students Kevin McGinley, Michelle Ross, Maggie Lewis and Nicholas Marsilio made an excellent showing in the criminal competition in Atlanta. Additionally, Adjunct Professors Lisa Barnett, L’09, and A. Michael Gianantonio, L’02, coached our Tournament of Champions team that competed this year in Chicago. The team of Timothy Scelsi, Amber Reiner, Joseph Pometto and Kristine Robinson represented Duquesne at the national competition in October. Finally, students Christina Burik, Mary Kate Serratelli, Andrea Bova and Adam Quatrini competed in the Academy of Trial Lawyers’ Gourley Cup in February.

ABA Arbitration Competition Semi-finalists

The Appellate Moot Court Board team of Peter Reith, Francesca Kosec, Christina Zanic and Matthew Capan advanced to regional semi-finalists in the ABA Arbitration Competition in Detroit in November. A second team of students, Kelly McCauley, Kaci Young, David James and Andrew Stiffler, also competed at the prestigious event. Our congratulations and thanks go out to the School of Law alumni who coached the Appellate Moot Court Board this fall: Sarah Andrews, L’06, Frank Stoy, L’12, Keaton Carr, L’11, and Abbi Marusic, L’11.

National Energy and Sustainability Appellate Moot Court Competition Semi-Finalists

The Duquesne University School of Law team of James Mazzocco, Benjamin Trodden, and Robert Dare competed in the National Energy and Sustainability Appellate Moot Court Competition and emerged as semi-finalists. In addition, Mazzocco won Third Best Overall Advocate. The team of Eric Donato, Krista Bradley and Justin Ring was an octo-finalist in the National Energy and Sustainability Appellate Moot Court Competition. Donato was named Second Best Overall Advocate.

National Civil Trial Team Finalists

The Duquesne University School of Law team of Colin Esgro, Elsbeth Koefer, Erica Lombardo and Ryan Wilk advanced to the championship round of the National Civil Trial Competition in Santa Monica, Calif., in November. The team competed against 15 other law schools before losing in a split decision to Syracuse University College of Law. Congratulations to the finalists. The NCTC accepts only the top trial advocacy teams in the country.

Thanks to coaches Adjunct Professor Sarah Bronder, L’12, and Adjunct Professor Amy Joseph Coles, a partner at Duane Morris, as well as Adjunct Professor Lisa Barnett, L’09, and Adjunct Professor Manning O’Connor II, L’83, who also assisted the team.

Duquesne Law Semi-finalists in Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Appellate Moot Court Competition

In March 2013 the Duquesne University Law School team of Peter Reith, Lauren Gailey and Zachary Bombatch finished the Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Appellate Moot Court Competition as semi-finalists and received Best Respondent’s Brief—Second Place. David James coached the Appellate Moot Court Board team.

Summer 2013
Christian Legal Society’s Angel Tree Ministry

In December, the Christian Legal Society (CLS) continued its tradition of partnering with Prison Fellowship, a Christian prison ministry founded by Chuck Colson, to volunteer for its Angel Tree Ministry. Angel Tree’s mission is to connect incarcerated parents with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. This mission is advanced by volunteers who purchase and deliver gifts on behalf of parents who are incarcerated.

At the outset, Prison Fellowship provided CLS with information on the incarcerated parent, their children’s names, and the children’s caretakers’ names. Angel Tree is special because it allows law student volunteers to call the caretakers—many times the inmate’s spouse or significant other—to verify if they are interested in receiving gifts and what type of gifts the children would like. Through this experience, volunteers are able to learn about the children and their caretakers on a personal level.

Law student volunteers from CLS and the Criminal Law Society hand-wrote Christmas cards with messages from the children’s parents and the children’s desired gifts. These cards were then displayed on a Christmas tree in the Law School’s lobby. All law students and faculty were invited to take a card off the tree and purchase the desired gift. This year we had a fabulous display of interest. All 48 Angel Tree cards were spoken for within a week.

In mid-December, during semester finals and midterms, volunteers drove to the children’s homes to personally deliver the gifts. While delivering the gifts, the volunteers shared the Gospel with the children and their caretakers. Although stressful, this is the most rewarding aspect of the ministry. The Angel Tree gift-giving experience is rewarding, humbling and in the spirit of Christmas.

BLSA Soul Food Sampler

On Feb. 27, the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) held its annual Soul Food Sampler as part of its activities commemorating Black History Month. As in years past, the food was provided by Quik-it, which served the traditional soul-food meal of chicken, sweet potatoes, greens, cornbread, and macaroni and cheese. This is the first year that the association had profits from the event; they were donated to the Pittsburgh Dress for Success organization. Chief Executive Officer Michael Aaron Glass was in attendance and was interviewed by local TV station WPXI. The event was a great success with more than 100 attendees and all satisfied customers.
Sunday afternoon. It is a great opportunity to bond with fellow classmates, temporarily relieve our guests of a usually very stressful environment, and give back to those who deserve it. Since 1983, Family House has provided an affordable home away from home for patients and their families seeking medical treatment for serious or life-threatening illnesses in Pittsburgh. Our thanks to all who attended and to our evening law student, Cathy Cartieri-Mehl, and her husband, Ben, for graciously funding one of the dinners.

Duquesne University School of Law visited two of Pittsburgh’s Family Houses on March 24. A total of 14 people cooked dinner and dined with patrons of the Shadyside House in Shadyside and the Neville House in Oakland. Students entertained approximately 80 guests with a fiesta-themed meal, preparing hard and soft shelled tacos, cheese quesadillas, taco salads and a variety of sides.

Jason McConnell, Duquesne Student Bar Association’s philanthropic chair, stated, “There is no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon. It is a great opportunity to bond with fellow classmates, temporarily relieve our guests of a usually very stressful environment, and give back to those who deserve it.” Since 1983, Family House has provided an affordable home away from home for patients and their families seeking medical treatment for serious or life-threatening illnesses in Pittsburgh. Our thanks to all who attended and to our evening law student, Cathy Cartieri-Mehl, and her husband, Ben, for graciously funding one of the dinners.

Military Law Society: Serving Pittsburgh’s Veterans

On Feb. 28, the Military Law Society hosted Serving Pittsburgh's Veterans, a dinner to benefit the Veterans Leadership Program (VLP), in the Power Center ballroom. The event featured three speakers from the community—Judge Livingstone Johnson, Al Mercer and law alumnus Col. David Trautman—with Dean Ken Gormley giving the opening remarks.

The Military Law Society selected the VLP because of its work in western Pennsylvania to provide comprehensive human service solutions for veterans and their families. The services provided include provision of temporary and permanent housing, employment, supportive services, qualified referrals and intensive case management services.

As a result of the generosity of those who attended or donated, the Military Law Society was able to raise $1,800 for the VLP. A special note of thanks goes to students John Woodruff and Caroline Durbin for all of their work in making this a successful event.

For more information about the Military Law Society, visit www.duq.edu/servingpittsburghsveterans.

For more information about VLP, please go to www.NeverForgetVets.org.

SBA Family House Event Helps Families in Need

Where Music and the Law Meet: La Legge con Brio

Genevieve Pecharka, 3D

The idea of hosting an event featuring the musical talents of the Law School was conceived two years ago when Duquesne Italian-American Society (DIALS) founder and president, Anthony Casola, discovered that our Chancellor, Dr. John E. Murray, also happens to be a brilliant jazz pianist. Casola pitched what seemed like a wild idea to DIALS: We should serve a bit of wine, convince Murray to play some jazz piano and have an event unofficially dubbed “Murray on Piano,” a reference to Murray’s most famous publication.

When Casola transferred law schools, the remaining DIALS members were still determined to carry on with his idea but were at a loss to fill in the rest of the details. The effort to make this event a reality started with the need for a theme, a cause, and a less tongue-in-cheek name, one that expressed not only the unique Spiritan heritage of Duquesne Law School, but also the outgoing personalities of its students. What also helped the event to coalesce was ultimately a DIALS member’s loss.

After battling breast cancer for a number of years, Brian Panucci’s mother Peggy passed away in the fall of 2011. With the help of his family and law school friends, Brian started a charity in his mother’s memory called “Panucci’s Promise.” All proceeds of the charity would be used to purchase new, comfortable chemotherapy chairs for breast cancer patients at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, the same chairs that his feisty, charity-loving mother had used during her fight with cancer.

Everyone in DIALS immediately agreed that Panucci’s Promise should be the beneficiary of the event. So a theme emerged: Duquesne Law is full of personalities, full of spirit and energy, and full of the desire to serve society through the law. The musical term con brio is an Italian phrase that indicates a passage should be played “with spirit.” This term clicked with Duquesne’s heritage as a Spiritan university, and its commitment to service. So the name of the event became La Legge con Brio—the law with spirit.

This year’s event on March 15 was as successful as last year’s. We asked Dr. Murray if he would play, and his answer both years was an enthusiastic yes. Dr. Antonio Lordi, an adjunct professor at the Law School, agreed to play guitar and sing. Third-year student Ginevra Ventre said she would happily show off her master’s degree in cello performance. DIALS was even put in touch with a trio of Neapolitan mandolinists, Mandolinisti Italiani. Attendees were also treated to the talents of Professor Julia Glencer on the flute, second-year Mary Kate Seratelli and Mike DeLuca singing and playing guitar, third-year Dana Giallonardo performing an opera piece, and third-year Eric Harvey regaling the crowd with tunes on the fiddle. Dean Ken Gormley returned to host the event with Professor Mark Yochum sharing his well-known humor as the emcee.

The result was magnificent. The performers exceeded our expectations in every way. The resultant casual, friendly, jocular atmosphere gave the night, as Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick later put it, the feeling of a Paris salon, with intellectuals mingling to enjoy the music and the food.

What truly made this year’s event special, however, was the presence of the Panucci family. Brian spoke about his mother’s feisty spirit and her love of volunteering, bringing half the room to tears. It really struck home for all of us that La Legge con Brio is not just a charity event that DIALS holds to make itself feel good: we are really giving our time to something worthwhile, honoring the memory of a wonderful woman and supporting those who are still battling cancer.

And that is the legacy we wish to leave behind. Duquesne Law students aren’t just attending school to further our careers. We are here to learn how best to serve the American legal system, and how to help those in need of justice. Our school motto is Salus populi suprema lex, “The welfare of the people is the highest law,” and when events like La Legge con Brio succeed with such aplomb, it’s easy for me to see that my fellow Duquesne classmates and alumni truly believe in that motto.

As the year draws to a close, and we know with satisfaction that Panucci’s Promise will once again reach its yearly goal thanks to the spirited participation of all the La Legge con Brio guests, we can do no more than humbly thank all who were involved. We especially extend our love to Brian and his family, our performers, event donors, and Robin Connors, without whom the event simply would not have been possible. A special thanks to George J. Pecharka, the evening’s photographer.
Health Law Days

This spring, the School of Law’s Health Law Society hosted Animal Friends for the annual Health and Wellness Week event. Sarah Mateja, a second-year law student, reached out to Kaitlin Hilinski, an adoption counselor at Animal Friends, who was more than happy to bring her knowledge and experience about adoption and animals to Health and Wellness Week. Hilinski was joined by Humane Society Police Officer Robert Fredley, an expert on animal law in Pennsylvania. Duquesne law students were able to interact with two adorable puppies and a Californian rabbit named Freddie. Many students had a positive experience meeting with the animals, and some even completed adoption applications. Students also purchased dog toys, cat toys, shirts, and other items from Animal Friends to help its cause. Most importantly, the dogs and the rabbit were able to receive lots of attention and love from students and faculty. Hilinski and her four-legged friends at Animal Friends have already been invited back for next year!

Michelle Chapkis also joined us, representing Women for a Healthy Environment, a group that focuses on educating the general public on issues associated with food and consumer product safety, including sources of possible exposure to environmental toxins. She spoke about the amount of toxins that are in our food, cosmetics and household items. She distributed handouts and educated students about the antiquated laws that govern our consumer products today and the need for change.

Students also enjoyed free smoothies from Java City and complimentary nutritional books donated by Med-Fast Pharmacy.

Student Honors

James Doring, a third-year evening student in the School of Law and a web and communications specialist in the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, placed second in the 2012 James E. Beckley Student Writing Competition for his article Not Much to “Like” About the Facebook IPO: How Regulation FD Can Help Fix the Waning Confidence of the Reasonable Investor. Doring received a plaque and stipend for the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association.

Congratulations also to Lauren Gailey, 2D, who is the 2012 recipient of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation’s Hon. Carol Los Mansmann Memorial Scholarship.

Third-year student Kaitlyn Kacsuta won Best Brief and a $5,000 prize from the Sports Lawyers Association in its inaugural law student writing competition. Kacsuta won first place with a paper on the Second Circuit’s decision in Clarett v. NFL, discussing why the non-statutory labor exemption should not be applied to the age eligibility rules of the NFL and NBA.

She received the award at the 39th annual conference of the Sports Lawyers Association in Atlanta in May.
Going Once, Going Twice! Duquesne Public Interest Law Association Holds Annual Auction

The evening of April 11 was an exciting one at Duquesne University School of Law. The hard-working students of the Public Interest Law Association (PILA) held their annual silent and live auction to benefit their summer fellowship fund. Each spring, PILA awards fellowships to students who will spend their summers working in the public interest sector. The fellowships allow these students to gain legal experience that they would not otherwise be able to receive because non-profit and public interest organizations generally cannot afford to pay legal interns.

In addition to a delicious dinner, drinks and time to mingle with friends, PILA offered bidders a long list of items that included something for everyone. Silent auction items ranged from gift cards to Pittsburgh’s finest restaurants, salons, museums and theaters to Duquesne gear and bar preparation packages. The generous faculty of the School of Law allowed groups of students to bid on lunch, dinner or happy hour with individual professors. Who could turn down the opportunities for lunch with Chancellor John Murray, dinner at the Duquesne Club with Professor Mark Yochum, a lobster dinner with Professor Jane Moriarty, dinner with Dean Emeritus Nicholas Cafardi at his favorite Italian restaurant, or lunch with Dean Ken Gormley? Professor Jan Levine showed his true colors by auctioning off lunch and a showing of Star Trek into Darkness to three lucky students.

PILA also pulled out all the stops for its live auction by offering a football signed by Stevenson Sylvester, No. 55 for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and a Steelers helmet and hat signed by former Pittsburgh Steeler and Duquesne Law alumnus, the Hon. Dwayne Woodruff. Those who could not attend the live and silent auctions could bid online for Pittsburgh Steelers tickets donated by Arthur J. Rooney, II, a Pittsburgh Penguins hockey puck signed by No. 27 Craig Adams, or two dugout box seats at a Pittsburgh Pirates game.

PILA raised more than $6,500 to fund several public interest fellowships. Through the commendable efforts of the student members and board of PILA and the endless support of School of Law faculty, especially Dean Ella Kwisnek, Professor Tracey McCants Lewis and Student Organizations Coordinator Robin Connors, the auction was a great success. PILA would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to make the 2013 fellowships possible!
The JFK Assassination at 50

Wecht Institute “Passing the Torch” to a New Generation of Scholars

Ben Wecht, Program Administrator

Case closed or cold case? Single bullet or simultaneous shooters? Conspiracy or just plain convoluted?

A half-century, some half-dozen official commissions, and countless books and documentaries after the crime that nearly blew American society apart, investigators and armchair researchers alike are still debating what happened that day in Dallas, and why. This fall, many of them will be converging on the Bluff to compare notes as they listen to and learn from some of the John F. Kennedy assassination’s top experts from the fields of forensic science, criminal law, homicide investigation, journalism and American history.

Scheduled for Oct. 17-19, in the University’s Power Center, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law’s 13th Annual Conference will pick up where its world-renowned 40th anniversary program left off. Taking its name from an oft-quoted line in President Kennedy’s inaugural address, Passing the Torch is intended, in large part, to educate young people from the Pittsburgh region and beyond about the critical role of the forensic science in criminal legal investigations, and how flawed execution and governmental obfuscation can undermine it and subvert justice.

“As the assassination and many of its witnesses, investigators and researchers begin to recede into history, we felt it important to seize the opportunity to inform students, professionals and the general public alike about one of the seminal events of 20th century American history, and why it still matters today,” says 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. “The brazen murder of a beloved president in broad daylight is not something to be taken lightly.”

In addition to Wecht, who will be offering a critique of JFK’s autopsy, speakers will include:

- **Mark Lane**, an early Warren Report critic and author of the widely acclaimed *Rush to Judgment*
- **Jim Lesar**, an FOIA lawyer and founder of the Assassination Archives and Research Center
- **Dr. Robert McClelland**, a member of President Kennedy’s Parkland Hospital surgical team
- **Joan Mellen**, an authority on former New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison’s failed investigation
- **Jefferson Morley**, a former *Washington Post* reporter and author of numerous stories on the case
- **David Talbot**, salon.com founder and author of *Brothers: The Hidden History of the Kennedy Years*
- **Robert Tanenbaum**, former deputy chief of the House Select Committee on Assassinations
- **Josiah Thompson**, a private investigator and author of the forthcoming *One Second in Dallas*.

The Institute, an approved provider of continuing legal education, will be conferring 18 hours of credit to Pennsylvania attorneys and those from reciprocating states. In addition, through its partnerships with the University’s School of Nursing and the state’s Coroners Education Board, the Institute intends to offer continuing education credit to nurses and medical-legal death investigators.

For more information or to register, please visit www.duq.edu/jfk or contact the Institute’s staff at 412.396.1330 or wechtinstitute@duq.edu.

Established at Duquesne University in 2000, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law collaborates with the University’s schools of Law, Nursing, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, Business, Education, and Leadership and Professional Advancement, as well as other academic institutions, 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 and seminars, the Institute seeks to engender in its participants a multidisciplinary approach to the application of science to the law in our collective search for social justice and public safety. To learn more about the Institute or to join our email list, visit www.duq.edu/forensics or contact us at 412.396.1330 or wechtinstitute@duq.edu.
The Rev. Henry McAnulty, C.S.Sp., Duquesne's ninth president, inherited a university with few buildings of its own. By the time he left office, the campus he envisioned was taking shape.

The McAnulty years (1959-1980) were also a time of remarkable growth for Duquesne's School of Law. During Father Mac’s tenure, the school earned ABA accreditation. Enrollment increased dramatically, especially among women and minorities. The curriculum expanded. New student organizations and publications, such as the *Law Review* and *Juris*, were established.

The same year McAnulty took office, a young law professor arrived. Years later, that scholar—Dr. John E. Murray Jr.—would follow in his footsteps as the University’s president. With McAnulty’s encouragement, Murray fully realized his predecessor’s dreams for the campus.

Father McAnulty passed away in 1995, but his spirit still lives at Duquesne and the Law School.

In the same way, your planned gift today will make a difference for generations to come. The Father McAnulty Society recognizes all those who have provided for Duquesne in their estate plans through wills, trusts, beneficiary designations and/or charitable gift annuities.

If you have done so but have not notified Duquesne, or would like to plan a gift, please contact Jeanine DeBor, Esq. (deborj@duq.edu) in the Law Alumni office.