100 Years of Excellence in Legal Education
School of Law Centennial
1911-2011
We are proud of the many positive events surrounding the Law School’s centennial: The kickoff speech by United States Attorney General Eric Holder; the appearance by world renowned author and attorney Scott Turow; the inspiring speech by Gov. Tom Corbett at our packed commencement exercises; and the participation of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito at our summer law program in the Vatican.

There is plenty more excitement to come. In October, we will celebrate the contributions of female Duquesne Law graduates with an address by Pennsylvania’s acting attorney general, Linda Kelly (L75), and other notable female graduates. We will also host, in the fall, a special tribute to Dean John Sciullo. And on Sept. 24, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will deliver the keynote centennial address in the A.J. Palumbo Center to mark the official date of our 100th anniversary, followed by a black-tie gala in the Union Ballroom.

There are plenty of reasons to be proud of the positive things going on at the Law School. Our new faculty hires have been extraordinary. We recently hired a dynamic young Columbia Law School graduate, Professor Michael Granne, to teach Civil Procedure and International Law. We also scored a major coup by hiring Professor Jane Moriarty, a tenured professor at Akron Law School with an extensive record of teaching awards and publications, to teach advanced Evidence and to serve as the first Carol Los Mansmann Chair in Faculty Scholarship.

Our Trial Moot Court Program gained the national spotlight by winning the American Association for Justice (AAJ) competition, the most prestigious competition in the United States. Our Legal Research and Writing program was recognized as one of the Top 10 programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report. We are now working with a blue-ribbon advisory panel to build a 14-carat Appellate Advocacy Program to complete the trifecta.

This summer, I launched seven Public Service Law Fellowships, paying students to work in all three branches of government in order to shore up the Law School’s legacy as an institution dedicated to public service. Our Law Review and student publications are thriving, with expanded offices and new computers. The state of the union is excellent. Yet our work is just beginning.

Part of our centennial energy must now focus on fund-raising, with a grander scope than ever before. We will never have an opportunity to celebrate a hundredth anniversary again. If we are going to take this law school to the next level of excellence and sustain it, it is our duty, as stewards of the institution, to step forward. We must infuse new resources into every aspect of the academic program in order to build upon our successes of the past.

It is heartening to see how many of our alumni are stepping forward to serve as Class Ambassadors in order to identify fund-raising projects that are meaningful to their respective classes. It is also inspiring to see how many alumni have pledged $10,000 or more as Centennial Fellows, in order to invest in the Law School’s second century of existence. My wife, Laura, and I have pledged $10,000 as Centennial Fellows, earmarking our gift for the Law Alumni Scholarship Fund for students.

There are hundreds of aspects of the Law School’s program in need of support. Large programs featuring nationally prominent speakers require money. Successful moot court programs require money. Acquiring a new clinic building—one of my goals in the immediate future—requires money. Top 10 legal writing programs, if they are to sustain themselves, require money.

We are seeking 100 Centennial Fellows, who will donate $10,000 each. We are also seeking larger donors who will help transform the Law School with Quinn ($25,000), Manderino ($50,000), and Sciullo ($100,000) level gifts. (See page 3 about Centennial Fellows.) We are completing a beautiful stained glass mosaic that will hang permanently on the wall at the entrance of the Murray Pavilion. Engraved plaques will surround the mosaic, listing each Centennial Fellow and the level of giving, as a permanent tribute. This is a very tangible way to be part of the Law School centennial effort.

You should be hearing from your Class Ambassadors soon. Please think big. All funds raised go directly to the Law School, and your support directly translates into our future success. If you are able to consider a gift at the $25,000, $50,000, or $100,000 level, please contact Jeanine DeBor, Director of Law Alumni Relations.

Duquesne Law School is a remarkable institution. It has produced some of the finest lawyers in the nation. I ask for your help, your support, your bold ideas and your encouragement as we make this centennial an historic moment. It is our singular opportunity to help future generations of graduates succeed, as each of us has succeeded, through Duquesne Law School’s great works and its commitment to a mission of excellence.

Thank you for joining me in supporting this special Law School on the Bluff that means so much to each of us.
THE CENTENNIAL FELLOWS

Alumni and friends making gift commitments to the Law School of $10,000 or more between Sept. 1, 2010, and Sept. 30, 2011, will be designated Centennial Fellows and recognized by having their names inscribed on a permanent commemorative wall display in Hanley Hall. Centennial Fellows will be invited to VIP receptions during centennial year events and have an opportunity to meet special guests, to the extent possible. Four levels of recognition have been established based on the total amount contributed by an individual during the period stated above, each honoring a prominent dean of the Law School who has passed away.

**Brophy Fellows—$10,000 to $24,999**

C. Gerald Brophy was a 1923 Duquesne Law School graduate and had been a professor of social science in Duquesne’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1929 until he returned to the Law School in 1940. He served as dean until his death in 1956. His tenure is remembered for modernizing the curriculum and instituting an instructional approach stressing practical demonstrations within the court systems, in addition to professional theory.

**Quinn Fellows—$25,000 to $49,000**

Thomas F. Quinn, the school’s fifth dean, oversaw the move to Rockwell Hall. Soon thereafter, the school’s full-time faculty grew to 15, its library acquisitions nearly tripled, and its full-time day program was initiated. Also during his term (1957-66): In 1959, the Student Bar Association was organized; and in 1963, the Phi Alpha Delta chapter was chartered and the first issue of the *Duquesne Law Review* was published.

**Manderino Fellows—$50,000 to $99,999**

Louis Manderino joined the Duquesne faculty in 1956 as a lecturer while he and his brother maintained a law practice in Monessen, Pa. During his brief term as dean (1968-70), enrollment increased from 472 students to more than 600. He left the deanship after being elected a justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (a post he held until his death in 1979), though he remained on the adjunct faculty during his years on the bench.

**Sciullo Fellows—$100,000 and above**

John J. Sciullo’s appointment as dean was announced in June of 1982 to a standing ovation at the school’s annual commencement. Sciullo led efforts to maintain quality admissions standards, while strengthening the school’s commitment to the values and ethics of a law school in the Catholic tradition. His leadership is still evident in the high level of excellence reflected by the Law School’s students and alumni today. Sciullo served as dean until 1993 and continued to teach as dean emeritus until his death in February of 2000.
As a Duquesne 1L, there are a few milestones one looks forward to: finishing midterms, completing the first appellate brief and delivering the very first oral argument. This year, Duquesne students also anticipated the arrival of the U.S. attorney general, Eric Holder, who delivered the Law School’s centennial address.

On Feb. 23, 2011, Attorney General Holder delivered a 15-minute speech to a ballroom filled with over 900 people. Duquesne alumni, faculty, students and legal professionals attended to listen to the attorney general and, possibly, to meet him. His speech consisted primarily of a recitation of the amazing achievements of the Law School’s alumni and praise for the school’s commitment to public interest and service, as well as its excellence in training “talented, well-prepared lawyers.”

While listening to the speech, I learned of the notable history of the Law School and its impressive alumni, who make Duquesne University School of Law stand out as a school committed to diversity, progress and academic excellence. The accomplishments of the Law School alumni speak for themselves. Theron Hamilton (L’25) was the first African-American to graduate from the Law School. Percy Langster (L’37) became the first African-American to become a United States district attorney in 1948. Carol Los Mansmann (L’67) was one of the first women to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Donetta Ambrose (L’70) was the first woman to serve as the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Kristine Fritz (L’06) is currently an Assistant U.S. Attorney in North Carolina.
The attorney general then talked about the impact that Duquesne law students could make in the future irrespective of their selected career path. As a student, I took special notice of Attorney General Holder charging Duquesne law students with continuing the “tradition of service and achievement” of the alumni and our current and past deans.

“Each of you has a remarkable opportunity—to study the law, and then use it to make a powerful difference for your fellow citizens,” he said. “Not only do you have the ability to create the change and progress you hope to see, you also have the responsibility.” Students were told that they face “a choice between future service or future apathy.” The attorney general urged every law student to choose public service to benefit the vulnerable citizens in this country, which is in line with the motto of the law school: “Salus populi suprema lex” (The welfare of the people is the highest law). While some students may view law school as a means to a lucrative career and lifestyle, it was comforting to hear Holder express the need for compassionate lawyers who are focused on working toward justice for all.

President Charles Dougherty spoke about this being a historic event for the school, and that it was a great honor to have the attorney general come to Duquesne University to speak because of his commitment to public service.

I was able to talk with several distinguished alumni regarding the impact that Duquesne University School of Law has made in their lives. The Hon. Kate Ford Elliott (L’78)—president judge emeritus of the Superior Court of Appeals and the first woman in Pennsylvania to head an appellate court—discussed how important the Law School was to her, in that it gave her the opportunity to attend law school in the evenings to attain her law degree while she was a teacher. Another prominent alumnus, Linda Kelly (L’75), the second woman to be appointed attorney general in Pennsylvania, remarked, “I wouldn’t be in the position that I’m in if I had not attended Duquesne University School of Law.”

The Hon. Dwayne Woodruff (L’88), judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, was extremely impressed by the “homework [Holder] did on the law school [and] how personable and tactful Holder was in dealing with several sensitive topics.” Lisette McCormick (L’81), who works in the public interest as executive director for Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness, was pleased to hear Holder encourage the law students to serve in the public interest field. McCormick was “proud that the school I graduated from invited the first African-American attorney general to speak at [one of its] centennial events.” She believes that it says a lot about the school and is “a sign that the school supports diversity in the legal profession.”

“To have the attorney general come to Duquesne University, a private institution, is so important, and it means he recognizes the role and quality of the Law School, and [he] also recognizes the role and quality of Dean Ken Gormley,” said the Hon. Cynthia Baldwin (L’80), general counsel for Pennsylvania State University and retired Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice.

I was struck by a remark made by Judge Woodruff: “I can’t help but be excited” after hearing Attorney General Holder speak. This statement can properly refer to being excited about the future of Duquesne University School of Law and the future of the legal profession.

At the closing of the event, I walked away from the Law School’s centennial “kickoff” event with a sense of hope, pride and excitement to be a Duquesne law student and to follow in the footsteps of its extraordinary alumni. And, yes, they are huge footsteps to fill, but the alumni have carved the way for current and future Duquesne law students to make “a positive and enduring impact on the world that we share and the future that we all seek” because, after all, it is our responsibility to do so.

Each of you has a remarkable opportunity—to study the law, and then use it to make a powerful difference for your fellow citizens.

— Attorney General Holder
Thank you, Dean [Ken] Gormley. I appreciate your kind words, and I want to thank you for inviting and welcoming me to this beautiful campus. It is a privilege to join you in commemorating 100 years of achievement and contribution—and to commend your leadership in strengthening Duquesne Law School’s tradition of success.

I am honored to help kick off this centennial anniversary—and to be among so many distinguished leaders and members of Pennsylvania’s bench and bar, including United States Attorney for Pennsylvania’s Western District, David Hickton.

As Ken mentioned, we have known each other for more than a decade now. Not only is he an accomplished lawyer and writer, I can assure you that he is also an enthusiastic ambassador for this school.

Ken never misses an opportunity to sing the praises—as he should—of Duquesne’s students, faculty and alumni, and this school’s unique and dynamic approach to legal education.

Indeed, this is an extraordinary place.

For the last century, since the Holy Ghost Fathers founded this law school in 1911, Duquesne has stood as a force for progress—and as an institution dedicated to training highly skilled, ethical lawyers and to strengthening the effectiveness and integrity of our justice system.

In fact, your school was established for a specific, and critically important, purpose: to train those who had settled in Pittsburgh to work in this city’s steel mills and factories—some of whom, like my own father and all four of my grandparents, arrived in America with little more than an appreciation of our nation’s past and faith in its future.

The law school’s very first dean, President Judge Joseph Swearingen of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, started a tradition of sending students up the street to the courthouse, so that they could observe the practice of law and see our justice system in action.

A hundred years later, Duquesne Law School is still known for its hands-on approach to legal training—and for producing talented, well-prepared lawyers. And it is widely recognized across this city, and beyond, for its commitment to public interest and public service work.

That commitment dates back to this law school’s earliest days. In the early and middle decades of the 20th century, Duquesne prepared several graduates who were among the early few who opened the doors of the legal profession to women and racial minorities. This law school admitted women as early as 1915—when some states did not even allow women to practice law.

Theron Hamilton, the first African-American graduate of the Law School, received his degree in 1925—long before many of America’s law schools began to admit racial minorities.

Percy Langster, another alumnus, became the first African-American district attorney in the United States in 1948.

Ronald Davenport, the seventh dean of the Law School, was not only one of the youngest law deans in the nation when he was appointed in 1970, at age 35—he was also among the first African-Americans to serve as the dean of a major American law school.

Your alumni include Carol Los Mansmann, who also was a professor here, as well as one of the first women to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Donetta Ambrose, the first woman to serve as the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, is also an alumnus, as is Judge Kate Ford Elliott, the president judge emeritus of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Quite an impressive lineup.

Duquesne alumni also have a long history of working with—and working for—our nation’s Department of Justice.

In 1963, the assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division—Herbert “Jack” Miller—published an article titled “A New Statutory Approach to Organized Crime in the United States.” That piece appeared in the very first issue of the Duquesne Law Review.

Three decades later, your current dean, Ken Gormley, organized a nationally broadcast event on “Robert Kennedy as Attorney General,” commemorating the work—and legacy—of one of my heroes, and one of our nation’s most outstanding attorneys general.

And, of course, over the years, the Justice Department—and the American people—have benefitted from the contributions of numerous Duquesne Law School graduates who have served in our offices across the world.
One recent veteran of the Justice Department’s Honors Program—2006 alumna Kristine Fritz—is a third-generation Duquesne Law School graduate. Today, she is also an Assistant United States Attorney in North Carolina. I hope—and I suspect—that many of you will follow in her footsteps.

Throughout my career, I have had the honor to work with a number of Duquesne alumni, including former U.S. Attorney Alan “Jerry” Johnson; senior federal district judge Gustavo Diamond; and Peter Varian, a 15-year veteran of the Justice Department, among others.

This tradition of service and achievement is extraordinary. And, for today’s students, it is now yours to carry forward.

Each of you has a remarkable opportunity—to study the law, and then use it to make a powerful difference for your fellow citizens.

Whether you eventually lead movements, decide cases from the bench, return to the classroom to teach, run for office, advise clients or defend the accused, every student here today can—and will—define the future. You may choose to offer input into how our nation is going to combat crime, protect our national security, strengthen our education and health care systems, safeguard the environment or ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to access legal services. But each of you can find ways to call on our country to aim higher, become better, and do more for the most vulnerable among us.

Not only do you have the ability to create the change and progress you hope to see—you also have the responsibility.

Today—as in 1911—this city, this state and our entire nation face both unprecedented threats and unforeseen opportunities. We also face the choice of a century—a choice between a future of service and a future of apathy.

Will we continue our nation’s long and noble commitment to the pursuit of justice, no matter how difficult or consequential the sacrifices involved? Will we take the steps, and overcome the obstacles, necessary to generate change? Will we summon the determination and optimism that have fueled our nation’s history of advancement—and, 100 years ago, inspired the creation of this law school?

Today, I call on each of you to choose action, to choose compassion and to choose a future of service—the service of justice.

I realize that, for many of you, public service is already a top priority. It’s already a central part of your daily lives. Many of you are active in legal clinics, working to ensure that the citizens of this city understand their rights, as well as their responsibilities. Others serve as mentors to high school students; as advocates for the protection of this region’s rivers and wildlife; as lifelines for people struggling to access and navigate our justice system; and as leaders in ensuring the rights of all.

Your commitment to service isn’t surprising. Since the school’s founding, Duquesne law students have always answered the call to service.

In 1963, they called on our nation’s Justice Department—and Attorney General Robert Kennedy—to enforce the statutes and the spirit of our laws to ensure voting rights and to further the cause of integration fully and peacefully. And they cheered with so many others across this nation when, in June of that year, my late sister-in-law, Vivian Malone Jones, was one of two African-American students who stepped past Gov. George Wallace to integrate the University of Alabama.

She was able to do so because of the courage, compassion and service of others, including several lawyers with an unyielding commitment to justice—the type of attorneys our nation needs and that many of you hope to emulate. Today, we must never let their efforts—and the achievements that have marked our past—be in vain. The responsibility for protecting our nation’s hard-won progress now falls on the shoulders of today’s leaders, teachers and students. It falls on each of you.

Whether you’ll be leaving this campus in a few months or a few years, each of you can find a way to call our nation to aim higher, become better and do more for the most vulnerable among us.

I don’t expect that meeting our shared goals—and fulfilling our common responsibilities—will be easy. But I am hopeful. And, as I look around this auditorium, I can’t help but feel optimistic about where we will arrive.

One hundred years later, the foresight, generosity and optimism that your founders showed in establishing this law school is still cause for celebration. So is the spirit of service that—from 1911 to 2011—has animated this school’s work. I hope—and, if history is any guide, I can be certain—that you will continue this great tradition.

I wish you luck. And I will be counting on you all.

Thank you.

Linda L. Kelly (L’75), the second female attorney general for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Tina Oberdorf Miller (L’93), former attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office.
As Duquesne University School of Law celebrates its centennial, several individuals have stepped forward to ensure that the school will continue to flourish well into its next 100 years.

The immense generosity demonstrated by people such as Chancellor John E. Murray Jr., Marie Milie Jones and Robert N. Peirce Jr. benefits students, faculty, and the Law School as a whole. Just as importantly, such benevolence represents the very essence of the university mission, and will allow the Law School to carry forward as an institution committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

‘The mission is the most important characteristic’

In his various roles during the past 50 years—as president, as chancellor, and as an acclaimed legal scholar—Dr. John Murray has had an impact on Duquesne University like few others.

And, yet, his legacy becomes even more pronounced with his most recent actions on behalf of the university: the establishment of the Dr. John and Liz Murray Endowed Fund for Scholarly Development, a $1.2 million endowment to Duquesne University School of Law made possible by the Richard King Mellon Foundation.

“I think it will raise the culture of the Law School and the appearance of the Law School,” says Murray, who long has been regarded as one of the preeminent authorities on contract law.

In that spirit, the endowment will support an annual presentation that brings a distinguished scholar to campus. In addition to the presentation to members of the university community, bench and bar, the scholar will write an article for exclusive publication in *Duquesne Law Review*.

“The idea is to bring in nationally known scholars to deliver a paper,” says Murray, who continues to teach full time while serving as chancellor.

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— Dean Ken Gormley on Chancellor John Murray’s gift
Dean Ken Gormley says that this endowment will be an invaluable resource as the Law School aspires to increase its emphasis on scholarship.

“John exemplifies the teacher-scholar model we aspire to at Duquesne,” he says. “This is an incredible gift to the Law School during the midst of its centennial celebration. It will leave a powerful imprint on the institution for the next hundred years.”

The Murray Endowed Fund will promote scholarship among Duquesne faculty and students, as well, providing an annual $10,000 award to a faculty member for a book or an article deemed by peers to significantly enhance the legal literature, and $5,000 to a student for excellence in writing for the Duquesne Law Review.

Murray’s contributions to Duquesne began as a law professor in 1959. But it was his tenure as university president, from 1988-2001, that has had the most lasting effect. Under Murray’s guidance, the university’s financial and academic standing were strengthened, enrollment almost doubled, and beautification efforts transformed the landscape on The Bluff.

It was the totality of those efforts that, in 2001, prompted the Richard King Mellon Foundation to present a grant to the university as a tribute to Murray’s presidency—a grant that ultimately made the Murray Endowed Fund for Scholarly Development possible.

“The Richard King Mellon Foundation decided to make a million dollar grant to the university in honor of my presidency to be used at my discretion. They were so generous,” he says.

Nevertheless, he is quick to deflect credit for the improvements that so many attribute to his leadership.

“I’ve always said that we first thank the Holy Spirit, and then the rest of us can take some credit,” he says. “It was a joyful, exciting, hardworking time.”

Murray’s gift to the Law School is informed by his deep belief in Duquesne’s values.

“The mission of this university is the most important characteristic. The combination of academic excellence with a concern for moral and spiritual values is simply unbeatable. It simply doesn’t occur at many other universities,” he says.

And those same values were embraced by his late wife, Liz.

“I really would have preferred that my wife’s name be on this (endowment) alone. But it was suggested that my name be on it because of my affiliation with the school,” he says.

Murray says his wife’s spirit lives on at Duquesne—even beyond the new endowment that bears her name.

“If you go into our chapel, and you look up above the choir loft, you will see circular stained glass of the Holy Spirit. That was not there when I became president. It was one of many things that Liz decided we needed to change,” he says. “Her whole view was that this is a university—it’s alive, it’s vibrant, and it’s guided by the Holy Spirit.”

Associate Dean Nancy Perkins says that Murray’s generosity will allow the Law School to build upon the very standard of excellence that he helped create.

“The Murray endowment is remarkable,” Perkins says. “I can think of no better way to mark the Law School’s first hundred years of excellence while, at the same time, assuring the enrichment of its scholarly tradition going forward.”

‘From the start, it became a special place’

As one of the most accomplished attorneys in the Pittsburgh legal community, Marie Milie Jones has made a lot of significant decisions during her career.

But no decision has been more important than one she made 30 years ago, as a teenager on the verge of graduation from Greensburg Central Catholic High School.

“I looked at all types of schools. When I visited Duquesne, I made a connection there,” she says. “And I am eternally grateful, because I met my husband there, in addition to having a good experience.”

Jones’ affinity for her alma mater explains why she continues to offer the university and the Law School so much of her time, energy and financial support. In addition to becoming the first woman to chair the university’s board of directors, Jones and her husband, Cameron, have provided financial support for the Law School’s Second Century Distinguished Speakers Series.

An initiative of Dean Ken Gormley, the series already has attracted several high-profile participants. In February, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder spoke at Duquesne to mark the start of the Law School’s centennial celebration. In September, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will be the keynote speaker at the centennial celebration finale. And this summer, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito will serve as distinguished lecturer at the school’s Summer Study of Law in Rome.

“Ken Gormley has a lot of terrific connections, and his reputation presents a lot of good opportunities for the Law School, so he likes to present programs that keep the Law School on the front burner,” Jones says. “I want to support the efforts of the Law School and Dean Gormley and help him keep doing the good things he’s been doing.”

Jones is so enthusiastic about Gormley’s ability to attract nationally recognized guests that she hasn’t even bothered to form a wish list of her own.

“The dean has done a wonderful job. When you can have two Supreme Court justices in one year, that’s pretty impressive,” she says. “Dean Gormley’s been a person who feels that having noteworthy events can be a positive for the Law School, and I agree with that.”

Jones is a graduate of the 3/3 program at Duquesne—an accelerated program that allows students to perform three years
of undergraduate study before embarking on law school in their fourth year. As such, Jones—who studied Math and French as an undergraduate—received a bachelor’s degree in 1985 and a juris doctorate in 1987.

Jones, who was younger than her law school peers, says retired Pennsylvania Superior Court Maureen Lally-Green was an important mentor.

“Maureen Lally-Green was my Legal Research and Writing professor. She really made it a little clearer for me, and helped me feel comfortable, even though I was feeling challenged as a younger student.”

“It was challenging my first year, because all my friends were seniors,” Jones adds, noting the rigors of law school.

Upon graduation, Jones began her career with Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck—where, at just age 34, she earned the distinction of becoming the youngest female attorney in Pittsburgh to ascend to managing partner of a major firm.

Nevertheless, she says her age and gender were not detriments to serving the interests of her firm.

“I think there have been some obstacles, but I have not been overwhelmed by any of them. As a young lawyer, I’d walk into a conference room, and the men would think I was the court reporter. When I became managing partner, I often was the only woman in a room full of men. Or when I would meet with firm vendors, they often were surprised,” she says.

“But I don’t think being a female ever got in the way of any progress or accomplishments for the firm.”

Nor has it prevented her from achieving another significant goal: starting her own practice. Jones recently announced the formation of Jones Passodelis, which was to open its office at the Gulf Tower effective late June. “I am very energized about this new client-focused venture,” said Jones, who will continue her practice in the employment and civil rights field along with her partner, Dean Passodelis, who handles health care and medical device litigation.

Jones has assumed leadership roles outside of the legal profession, as well. From 1997-2001, she served as president of Duquesne’s Alumni Board of Governors—a position that also made her part of the university’s board of directors.

In 2009, she became the first woman to chair that very same board.

“I think it’s positive that a female is a chairman of the board,” Jones says, noting that she does not take umbrage with the term “chairman.” “I think it shows an embrace of current times by the university. I really enjoy my role with the board. It’s full of very energetic people.”

She says she feels as strongly as ever about the university and law school.

“I guess from the start, and my good experience as a student, it became a special place. Having become more involved, I see the fabulous things they’re doing. It’s nothing short of amazing, and it makes you feel full of pride about your alma mater.”

“A debt to the law school that I’ve never forgotten’

Robert N. Peirce Jr. says he always had an interest in becoming an attorney. So as he neared completion of his undergraduate work at Geneva College in the late 1950s, he decided to take the LSAT.

After scoring “right in the middle,” as he characterizes it, he approached two law schools about the prospect of attending.
“I went to Duquesne and to Pitt and told them I wanted to go to law school, but I needed some financial help because I didn’t have the money,” he says. “Duquesne gave me an interest-free loan for tuition and a $100-a-month stipend to work at the law library. That began a debt to the Law School that I’ve never forgotten.”

Most would agree that Peirce has repaid that debt many times over through his generous support of initiatives such as the Robert N. Peirce Jr. Scholarship Fund, The Peirce Family Foundation, and the Charles Hamilton Houston Scholars.

For those efforts and more, Peirce was honored with this year’s Law Alumni Association Meritorious Service Award. The award recognizes service and contributions to the Association and the Law School.

Peirce, a 1962 graduate of the Law School, received the award during the 59th alumni reunion dinner in April. The occasion gave him an opportunity to articulate why he feels so strongly about supporting his alma mater.

“It was a wonderful evening, and what I hope the award demonstrates to other people is that it’s a lot more fun to give money while you’re alive than when you’re not. And I mean that,” he says.

“Giving your children money is important, but not giving them a great deal of money. I’ve gotten a lot of satisfaction earning money and want my children and grandchildren to have that same satisfaction.”

Peirce believes that Duquesne provided the foundation for a legal career that’s on the verge of reaching its 50th year.

“I think that Duquesne’s approach was more practical. We didn’t have some of the esoteric courses I see in other curriculums. Duquesne basically prepared us to do anything and everything,” he says. “I left with the confidence to handle an antitrust case because of the basic education I had, even though I didn’t know anything in particular about antitrust law.”

Like many Duquesne alumni, Peirce cites Dr. John Murray as a particularly effective instructor.

“He taught everybody how to think logically. He had a practical street sense that was unusual. He taught you stuff that you knew you’d be able to use as an everyday lawyer.”

Peirce’s support for Duquesne has been wide-ranging. The Robert N. Peirce Jr. Scholarship Fund, which he endowed in 1989, provides tuition money to a law student who demonstrates financial need, scholastic achievement, and meritorious service to the Law School.

The Peirce Family Foundation, established in 1999, seeks to enhance educational opportunities for Pittsburgh-area students with financial need. The foundation’s scholarship/loan program benefits students enrolled at Duquesne University and Geneva College.

Most recently, Peirce agreed to underwrite a Charles Hamilton Houston Scholar. The program is named for the late civil rights advocate, law professor, and mentor to late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and it provides $10,000 a year for room, board, books and expenses to a minority Duquesne Law School student.

In addition, Peirce—who was born in the African country of Cameroon—has supported Duquesne education and health care initiatives in Liberia.

Peirce is the founder of Robert Peirce & Associates, a firm specializing in personal injury, product liability and workers’ compensation law. And he’s proud of the service he’s been able to provide during his career.

“Most of what we do is help individuals. And, looking back, there are a lot of individual people who had problems who benefitted from the work of our law firm.”
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A century ago, Father Martin Hehir, president of the fledgling Duquesne University, oversaw a lofty goal: to establish “a thoroughly efficient law school of the highest character.”

A local judge, the Hon. Joseph Swearingen, was appointed dean to make this vision a reality. Twelve students—all working men—enrolled in night classes to learn “the fundamental principles of legal ethics, and of justice, rights and duties, at every point of view.” Every member of the inaugural 1911 class completed his studies and passed the bar exam, laying the groundwork for 100 years of exceptional Duquesne School of Law graduates.

“By establishing a school of law at Duquesne University, the Spiritan fathers guaranteed access to moral and ethical legal education in Pittsburgh,” says Duquesne University President Charles Dougherty. “Training legal professionals with these sensibilities and a profound knowledge of the law has given Duquesne Law School graduates an advantage.”

Through a tumultuous century that saw two world wars, unparalleled technological achievement and the advancement of rights for many oppressed people, one thing on The Bluff remained constant: dedication among generations of faculty, staff and students to make the Law School a quality educational institution committed to its original mission.

According to Dean Ken Gormley, “The centennial anniversary presents us with a timely opportunity to enhance the value of our own degrees, while continuing to give the next generations of Duquesne Law School graduates the greatest gift possible—the opportunity to become highly trained, ethical, dedicated, successful attorneys.”

A Mission-Centered School

The early design of the Law School was firmly rooted in the university’s Spiritan mission. Established as a night program, the Law School gave middle-class workers an opportunity to receive legal education while maintaining full-time employment.

Throughout the Law School’s 100 years, the evening division program has been a popular option for working students. Alan Braverman (L’75), vice president and general counsel of The Walt Disney Company, completed his J.D. through the Law School’s evening division. Working during the day and attending to family obligations left Braverman little time for anything else, making the evening program a perfect fit.

“The program was attractive because the same professors taught day and evening classes, and they were dedicated to teaching the students to think, analyze and solve problems. I really feel that they prepared me to handle the challenges of being a lawyer,” Braverman says.

Last October, the Law School named Ella Kwisnek vice dean of the evening division, thus reinforcing its commitment to evening division students. Kwisnek keeps regular evening office hours and weekend appointments, and is the main point of contact for evening students who need assistance.

First-year law student Simoné Delerme can attest to the value of the evening division program. Her grandfather, Augusto Nicolas Delerme, earned his medical degree in Puerto Rico at age 21. He moved to the United States and settled in Altoona, Pa. Bearing in mind the wishes of his father, who wanted his son to become a lawyer so that he could help others, Augusto enrolled in Duquesne Law School’s evening division. He commuted two hours a night, each way, for four years, while practicing medicine full time in Altoona and raising nine children with his wife, Carmen. He earned his law degree in 1989, thus allowing him to serve others through law and medicine.

Simoné Delerme dreamed of following her grandfather’s example and attending Duquesne Law School. Today, she is pursuing a law degree on our Bluff with the financial support of the first Charles Hamilton Houston Award. “My grandfather was my biggest example of where dedication and education can truly take you. I feel honored to follow in his footsteps and to achieve part of what he did.”

A Legacy of Leadership

Throughout the years, a series of leaders took Dean Swearingen’s ideas to heart, championing the founding philosophy of teaching the tenets of the law from an ethical and a moral perspective. Changes were made to lengthen the program to four years, and day classes were offered, leading to accreditation from the American Bar Association.

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Some of Duquesne’s deans even made history. In 1963, Ronald R. Davenport joined Duquesne’s law faculty. After seven years, Davenport was appointed dean of the Law School, making him, at age 35, one of the youngest law deans in America, and also the first African-American dean of a major American law school. Davenport’s deanship spanned from 1970-81.

Serving from 1982-93, Dean John J. Sciullo made an impact on students as both a dean and professor. In “The Spirit That Gives Life,” author Joseph Rishel notes that “the announcement of Sciullo’s appointment as dean had received a standing ovation.” Alfred Peláez, distinguished professor of law, is in his 45th year of teaching at Duquesne. He knew Sciullo well and credits his rapport with faculty and students for his success.

“John was a very traditional guy and had a great presence in the classroom,” Peláez explains. Respected by faculty, students and administration, Sciullo worked with vigor to create opportunities for law students and partnerships for educational pursuits, such as the five-year program with the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, in which a student could obtain a master of divinity and a juris doctor degree.

“Dean Sciullo taught us humility and the power of the law,” says Judge Michael McCarthy (L’84), who serves the Fifth Judicial District of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. “He taught us that we have an obligation to promote the integrity of the law.”

“I have been blessed, so I try to give back to Duquesne and lead by example,” says McCarthy, president of the Duquesne Law Alumni Association.

Elements of a World-Class Legal Education

The Law School’s programs are designed to enhance a curriculum that is constantly evolving to meet students’ needs. Jane Carlonas (L’91), partner at Oliver Price Rhodes in Scranton, Pa., appreciates the educational foundation she received at Duquesne.

“The small classes, accessibility to faculty, core classes, exposure to the local legal community, and the morals, values and integrity that are woven through the entire Duquesne experience made this education different,” she says.

Today, Duquesne law students have access to a variety of opportunities to enhance their educational experience. Client in-house clinics, a trial moot court program, a clinical externship program, and student organizations and publications give students opportunities to explore their areas of interest while preparing them for their careers.

During 2009-10, students in the unemployment compensation clinic handled the largest number of clients in its history, and, as a result, the Pennsylvania Bar Association bestowed upon the clinic its prestigious Pro Bono Award.

In 2010, Duquesne hosted the National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s Tournament of Champions, the most elite trial moot court competition in the United States.

“I very much enjoyed the two externships that I was able to pursue through Duquesne,” says Kristine Fritz (L’06), Assistant U.S. Attorney in the appellate division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

“Interestingly, both of the individuals who interviewed me for those positions were Duquesne graduates,” she says.

In addition to opportunities stateside, the Law School offers international summer study programs in China, Italy, Germany and Ireland. Because of these opportunities and an overall

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Dean John Sciullo
Duquesne University School of Law alumni are heavily represented on the judicial bench—the Law School can claim more than 100 living alumni who have served or are serving as judges. Among all law schools in Pennsylvania, Duquesne has produced a significant number of judges seated on the Superior Court, Commonwealth Court and Courts of Common Pleas. Duquesne Law School alumni also serve as judges of the United States Court of Appeals and the federal district courts.

Work in nonprofit organizations—an often overlooked area of the law—appeals to many alumni. Robert Taylor (L’09) is a staff attorney at Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, which offers free legal services to those who cannot afford an attorney. Taylor feels that what he does each day reflects the spirit of the education he received at Duquesne.

“The best part is being able to help people who may be dealing with mortgage foreclosure; they are people who are fearful and in danger of losing their homes,” Taylor says. “I help them understand the process and work to find a solution so they can stay in their home.”

Focus on the Future: Bringing Vision to Fruition

Ken Gormley, the Law School’s 11th dean, has developed an ambitious plan for enhancing the school, as well as increasing the value of a Duquesne law degree.

While serving as interim dean before his full-term appointment, Gormley established a panel of distinguished alumni and members of the legal community to address the school’s strengths and needs. His plan includes increasing faculty scholarship; hiring more full-time faculty and improving the student-to-faculty ratio; strengthening diversity among faculty, students and staff; improving student and alumni services; and developing a five-year plan for continuous improvement, following the university’s successful Strategic Plan model by focusing on mission and identity, the student experience and academic excellence.

“I have complete confidence in Ken’s ability to bring his vision to fruition,” Dougherty says. “As we celebrate the Law School’s centennial, the school administration and the university are committed partners in achieving Dean Gormley’s vision and increasing the social value of every Duquesne law degree.”

Alumni Lead the Way

Duquesne University has the honor of educating generations of family members, and the Law School is no exception. The Fritz family, for example, represents 80 years of Law School involvement: Zeno Fritz graduated in 1926; his son, Thomas Fritz, graduated in 1964; and Thomas’ granddaughter, Kristine, graduated in 2006. “Both my great-grandfather and grandfather had a tremendous respect for the law, the justice system and the role of an attorney within that system,” Kristine Fritz says. “They viewed our profession as a noble one, one in which an attorney’s integrity was paramount, and one in which you can have a profound effect on the lives and situations of others.

“Observing the work of my classmates and of other Duquesne grads, I believe that Duquesne’s focus on the moral and ethical challenges inherent in the practice of law produces graduates who have a real appreciation for the rule of law, the integrity of the justice system and the role of an advocate within this system,” Fritz says.

After graduating from Duquesne, alumni keep in touch with their alma mater through the Duquesne Law Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Relations. There are more than 7,200 alumni with leadership positions in government, business and private practice.
When Duquesne University School of Law opened its doors in 1911, America and Pittsburgh were very different places. Minorities and women faced formidable barriers. For people of color, segregation and discrimination, by law and by practice, were the dominating realities in all parts of the country. Post-reconstruction backlash was prevalent in the South and in other states, as well. People of color were subjected to harsh treatment, including lynching, arson, beatings, intimidation, false arrests and convictions by all-white juries for crimes they did not commit. This wave of intolerance led to a “Great Migration” of people of color from the primarily agricultural South to the industrial North. Pittsburgh was among the Northern cities to which many came in search of freedom and new opportunities. During the same period, European immigrants left their homes abroad—often for reasons similar to those of the Southern migrants. Pittsburgh became the “melting pot” of the Midwest.

Duquesne University’s new evening law school presented an additional opportunity for both kinds of immigrants to grow and to progress.

Macon Bolling Allen was the first African-American licensed to practice law in the United States. Born in 1816, a freeman in Indiana, he taught himself to read and became a school teacher. He eventually moved to Portland, Maine, where he studied law on his own. His initial petition to practice law was denied on the grounds that, as a man of color, he was not a citizen. He persisted, however, and in 1844, he was admitted to practice and declared a citizen. He eventually moved to Boston, where he took and passed the bar examination and opened his law office. Later, he passed the judiciary examination and became the first man of color to serve as a justice of the peace.

Men of color in Pittsburgh had to deal with similar denials and difficulties. In 1845, Pittsburgher George Boyer Vashon began to study law in the office of Walter Stratton Forward, a prominent figure in Pennsylvania politics. Two years later, upon completing his studies, Vashon sought admission to the Allegheny County Bar. His application was denied because, in the opinion of the members, only white men were eligible for admission. Vashon moved to New York, where he passed the bar examination and was permitted to practice. He was the first lawyer of color to practice in New York. Vashon returned to Allegheny County in 1867.
and attempted, once again, to gain admittance to practice. This time, he was rejected on a technicality.

Interestingly, Vashon was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1869. He was the third man of color in the nation’s history to achieve that honor. On Oct. 20, 2010, more than a century-and-a-half after he was denied admission to the bar, George Boyer Vashon was posthumously admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, by action of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Forty-five years after George Boyer Vashon’s first attempt to gain admission to the Bar of Western Pennsylvania, William Maurice Randolph and J. Welford Holmes Sr. broke the color barrier on Dec. 19, 1891. Walter Billows was admitted the following year. After practicing for several years he became an assistant district attorney from 1903-04. There followed a number of distinguished African-American attorneys in Allegheny County. They included: William Henry Stanton and Frank R. Stewart, both admitted 1895; Robert L. Vann, 1910; P.J. Clyde, 1918; George H. White, 1919; Arthur Stevenson, 1920; Wilbur C. Douglass, 1923; and Oliver L. Johnson and the Hon. Homer S. Brown, 1923.

The first man of color to graduate from Duquesne University School of Law was Theron B. Hamilton. He was born in Atlanta in 1897. He graduated in 1925 and was admitted to practice in 1926. During his legal career, he served as special assistant to the United States attorney general (succeeding Robert L. Vann). He also served as assessor for the city of Pittsburgh.

The second African-American to graduate from the Law School was Joseph W. Givens. He was born in Washington, D.C., in 1897. Givens was admitted to practice in 1930 and began his career with W. Wendell Stanton and Wilbur C. Douglass. He also served as an assistant attorney general, assistant solicitor for the city of Pittsburgh and as a magistrate. In 1937, Givens worked with attorneys Homer S. Brown and Richard F. Jones to cause the first African-American teachers to be hired by Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Percy J. Lancaster was the third person of color to graduate from the Law School in 1932. He was the first African-American in the United States to be elected to the office of County Prosecutor. Lancaster was also the first African-American to earn both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Duquesne University.

Paul F. Jones graduated from the School of Law in 1942 and was admitted to practice in 1943. In 1954, Jones became the first African-American to be elected to the Pittsburgh City Council. Prior to that, he represented the First Ward in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He served for four years as a Workmen’s Compensation referee, 11 years as a member of the Board of Water Assessor and two years as solicitor for the City Controller.

In 1947, Everett E. Utterback was the fifth African-American to graduate from the Law School. Born in Kentucky, he came to Pittsburgh to receive his education. He excelled at the University of Pittsburgh as captain of the men’s track and field team. Admitted to the bar in 1948, he served as general counsel of the Pittsburgh Housing Authority. He was also a member of the University of Pittsburgh’s board of trustees.

The first African-American woman to graduate from the School of Law was Dr. Lois Mae Golden in 1959.

Over the past century, many graduates of the School of Law have served their communities with distinction as elected or appointed officials, partners and founders of leading law firms, educators, and business and community leaders. Here is but a small representation of those outstanding individuals:

- **Hon. Henry R. Smith**, ’49, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County
- **Hon. J. Warren Watson**, ’53, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County
- **Lawrence Moncrief**, ’62, Vice President & General Counsel, H.K. Porter Co., Inc. (retired)
- **Frank M. McClennan**, ’70, Professor, Temple University School of Law
- **Glenn R. Mahone**, ’73, Partner, Reed Smith, LLP; Director, Pittsburgh Branch Federal Reserve Bank
- **Kellen McClendon**, ’74, Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law
- **Pheobe Haddon**, ’74, Dean, University of Maryland School of Law
- **Louis Cole**, ’78, former Magistrate, City Court
- **Hon. Cynthia Baldwin**, ’80, Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (retired)
- **Valetter M.B. Mazyck**, ’80, General Counsel, Atlanta (Ga.) Public School System
- **Hon. Timothy K. Lewis**, ’80, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (retired)
- **Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark**, ’83, Presiding Judge, Family Division, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- **Andrew C. Hughey**, ’85, General Counsel, Texas Southern University
- **Hon. Joseph K. Williams, III**, ’85, Judge, Criminal Division, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- **Hon. Dwayne Woodruff**, ’90, Judge, Family Division, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- **Starla Williams**, ’90, Professor of Law, Widener College of Law
- **Wrenna Watson**, ’91, Magistrate Judge, City of Pittsburgh
- **Vanessa Browne-Barbour**, ’93, Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law
- **Oscar J. Petitie**, ’93, Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law
- **Vanessa Browne-Barbour**, ’93, Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law
- **Amelia M. Joiner**, ’02, Assistant Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law

Over the past century, our students have come from an increasingly wide variety of backgrounds. That tradition continues.
It is a year shy of my 30th anniversary from Law School graduation, and I am thinking about my four-year evening experience. The days seem to blur into one unclear memory of being tired, happy, challenged and not making eye contact with Professor Cornelius Murphy when I was unprepared (always). As the days pass, what stands out specifically in my mind, in addition to Professor Murphy, are Dean John Sciullo and the two friends who helped me during those trying years.

The day after Labor Day found me entering a corner room in Rockwell Hall—not a new experience, as I was a Duquesne business school graduate. I remember thinking “What am I getting into? Did I just waste my first year’s tuition?” I took my usual seat in front of the block back wall waiting for the class to begin. The first day’s class hinged on a discussion of the Socratic method, that we were to learn to think like lawyers and that we had two tests for the whole year. What? I went to Frank & Wally’s to reflect on, hopefully, the next four years before going to my midnight operations manager job at Roadway Express.

My back-row mates were Jim Maher and Lloyd Conley, who were my age with children and full-time employment. It later seemed that this serendipitous trinity existed solely to get me through law school. We three became a study group and enjoyed many hours with our notes, Gilbert outlines and a blackboard. Wendy’s became our food of convenience, and a bond was formed. After graduation, Jim moved to the Northeast, but Lloyd and I remained in the area to become closer friends.

In February of the first year I quit my job to catch up with school, as working 50-60 hours supervising a group of teamsters while setting up the next day’s deliveries was not conducive to proper study habits. It was now my job to watch our three children—all under 4 years old—clean, cook and unload trucks on Saturday and Sunday at Eazor Express. My wife returned from her third day of work, sat me down, and told she was with child No. 4.

The next week was a blur; I heard nothing from the front of the room while I thought “What are we going to do?” A few days later, then-Professor John Sciullo called me aside and asked me how things were going. He knew. Occasionally we would have a cup of coffee, and the discussion always came back to how I was doing and if he could be of any help. My pride led me to respond that it was tough but that I was doing fine. Early in my third semester, he gave me a few practice test questions (not E&Ts, to my dismay), and he would review my answers. He told me what the professors expected in a test answer and how to structure my responses. He would send me home with more tests until he was satisfied with my progress.

John Sciullo passed when I was working on an assignment in Florida. I think of this man and his help and encouragement whenever I drive past Rockwell Hall, enter the new building (Hanley Hall) and many times in between. Lloyd died a year ago, leaving a void but causing me to call Jim more often. And Siri, our law school baby, is an engineer employed with a design firm in Vail, Colo.

In the 33 years since I started at Duquesne Law School, I have never had any regrets. Duquesne Law School has enabled me to do things that I never thought I would do, and I still get a rush when I stand up before the 12 jurors to begin my opening. Law school was a blessing. When it was over, I realized I had spent 25 percent of my life in Rockwell Hall. I share smiles with fellow grads when we pass on the street even though, after the years, I cannot remember their names. But I know what we share and how much Duquesne Law School means to us.

— Garry A. Nelson, L’82
My years in law school (1967-70) were a tumultuous time for our country. We were deeply embedded in Vietnam, and anti-war sentiment was growing by the minute.

Right before Easter break in our first year, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. We left school in shock, sadness and fear as our neighborhood became populated with armed National Guardsmen and as violence erupted around us.

Without enough time to recover, our first year was punctuated with the assassination of Robert Kennedy. I was crushed.

During the second year, my male classmates panicked as President Nixon signed a bill establishing the lottery and ending deferments for law students. The first lottery was held in our third year, and I remember well both anxiety and relief among my classmates.

Graduation occurred only one month after the Kent State shootings. But, it was not all gloom and doom. We were a small but Hardy bunch who refused to be daunted, even by Cornelius Murphy’s Legal Process.

One of my favorite memories involved an exchange in Contracts between the professor and a very popular student, Don Lewis, a former Green Beret.

When called upon, Don would always respond with a loud and crisp “Yes, sir!” You could almost picture him saluting. After he responded in that manner several times, the professor asked him if he had been a sergeant. Don responded, “Yes, sir!” and the professor noted that he had always hated sergeants, to which Don, without skipping a beat, replied, “Most privates did, sir!” Well, the eruption of laughter could be heard throughout floors 7, 8 and 9 of Rockwell Hall, which was, of course, our law school during that memorable time in history.

— Donetta W. Ambrose, L’70

In 1962, all students were required to appear in class with a coat and tie. There were no dress-down days. A day student once appeared in class wearing a necktie but was wearing a hip-length, five-button, very dressy coat sweater, in place of a suit coat or sport jacket. That day, he attended a class taught by Dean Thomas Quinn. Following the class, the dean informed the student that his dress was improper, and a coat and tie meant coat and tie.

The grading system in the Law School required a total overall score of 75 as passing. The grading system was kept so tight that the top student in the day school had an 81 overall average. This left little room to blow an exam. With one exception, there were no mid-year exams in the first year. All final exams occurred at the end of the year. Thus, everyone sat for approximately 20 hours of exams over approximately a week. Everyone’s career rode on those 20 hours of all-essay exams, which turned out to be great preparation for the bar exam: The passing average in the state was 62 percent, but we scored in the 90s.

At that time, there was an intra-class trial moot court competition among the day and evening students. Individual winning attorneys were selected on the basis of their performances, not on the basis of the team’s performance. The two teams in the final round consisted of three night students and one day student who tried the case before a jury and a Common Pleas Court judge. In their later careers, one of those students became the chief operating officer of Allegheny International Corporation, one became the district attorney of Allegheny County, one became a partner in a national law firm, and one became the United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

In the final year, the Law School imposed a full-day graduate exam on all subjects as a prerequisite for graduation. The students objected to such a requirement, which was in addition to their final exams. They appointed a negotiating committee to approach Dean Quinn to inform him of their opposition. The meeting was very short, due process was swift, and the dean rejected their appeal summarily. No one failed the exam.

— Member of the Class of 1962

Do you have Law School memories or photos you’d like to share? Send them to lawalumni@duq.edu.
To say that she left an indelible mark on the people she knew, the work she did and the causes she espoused would not do justice to the life of Carol Los Mansmann. As unique as she was ordinary, she never forgot her roots, nurtured in the city of Pittsburgh’s Polish Hill. Her love of Duquesne University was manifested throughout her entire life and began as an undergraduate, moving to the Law School, then as professor, and continued as professor after she became the first woman to sit on the federal bench in the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Wife, mother, judge—all meshed into a life that was extraordinary and made more so because it was cut short in 2002. She served as a mentor, not only to women but to men, giving of her time and talent. Any act of kindness she received was immediately acknowledged with a handwritten thank you note the next day. At Christmas time, she remembered so many people with her famous Polish bread. She found time to distribute Communion on Sunday mornings to those who could not get to a church. On her travels, she collected toiletries that she then took to women’s shelters, remembering those women who had so little and needed so much.

One could say so many things about her “firsts,” since she certainly was a “trailblazer,” a term so often used to describe her. As one of two women in her law school class, she encountered obstacle after obstacle in trying to find a job, even being told that she didn’t have much of a future in law. As an assistant district attorney, she was the first female prosecutor to try and then win a homicide case. In reporting that story, the local newspaper described her as “girl prosecutor.” She was the youngest woman to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court; at the age of 39, she was the first woman appointed to the federal bench in Pittsburgh. As the Queen of Firsts, the glass ceiling neither daunted nor discouraged her.

She was so revered at Duquesne that it created an award named in her honor, the Carol Los Mansmann Distinguished Service Award. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who administered the oath of office to Judge Mansmann in Washington, D.C., in April of 1982, was the first recipient of that award, followed by Justice Samuel Alito, who served with her on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

One of the most endearing things about her was her sense of humor. On her first day on the job at the federal court, she pulled into the parking lot in the Federal Building and proceeded to park her car. One of the security guards said, “Honey, you can’t park there. That space is reserved for judges.” After identifying herself, she said to him, “From now on, it’s Judge Honey.”

At home with people from all walks of life, Carol Los Mansmann never lost her common touch, which is what made her such a great judge. The rule of law was precious to her, as were the parties who came before her. Even toward the last months of her life, she devoted hours to fulfill her duties, in spite of her personal problems.

And this is how I think she would like to be remembered.
CSO Update

Maria D. Comas, L’00, Director of Career Services

In furtherance of a goal of the Career Services Office to foster meaningful connections between law students and lawyers, the CSO held the inaugural Alumni/Student Mentor Program Reception in April. More than 150 alumni and students attended the event in the Law School’s student lounge, and by all accounts, it was a great success. Many students were able to meet their mentors. But, just as importantly, students began to develop professional relationships with members of the bar, of which they will soon be members. Mentors provided information about their practice areas, various employment settings and the general practice of law. The CSO intends to continue the Alumni/Student Mentor Program in the upcoming academic year and encourages alumni and incoming first-year students to participate, as well as upper division students who have not yet signed up.

This spring, the CSO started a Solo/Small Firm Practice Series that was well received by students. As part of the series, author and lawyer Donna Gerson spoke to the students about “The Secrets of Small and Mid-Size Firm Hiring.” The series included small lunches and dinners of 10-15 students who heard about the various experiences of Gregory W. Bevington (L’01), Joel Dresbold (L’74), Lyle L. Dresbold (L’08), Nicola Y. Henry-Taylor (L’96), Sandra A. Kozlowski (L’02) and Amie M. Mihalko (L’08). The students who attended these sessions heard firsthand experiences of these practitioners, which enabled the students to have a more informed understanding of the responsibilities, challenges and concerns facing solo and small practitioners. Students interested in learning more about the business aspects of starting or joining a practice were encouraged to attend the university’s Small Business Development Center’s (SBDC) Business Start-Up Essentials Workshop; attendance at a workshop allows the student to work with a consultant at the SBDC at a later time.

The CSO continued to receive requests from an increasing number of alumni seeking the services of the office. As of February 2011, the placement rate of the Class of 2010 was approximately 88%. The demand for assistance from alumni will continue as members of the Class of 2011 resume their job search efforts this summer after they sit for the bar exam.

Additional programming this spring was geared toward the myriad interests and skill development of students:

- Panel discussions featuring Jill L. Beck (L’06) and Evan J. Gascoine (L’08) on judicial clerkships and Lauren Creighton (L’11), Eleanor Grainy, Edward Van Stevenson and Kirsha Weyandt (L’06) on public interest legal careers drew students’ attention.
- The Hon. Ida Chen, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, spoke to students in February about “great expectations” and met with students afterward.
- Students participated in mock interviews with William J. Donovan (L’94), David J. Laurent (L’80), Albert S. Lee, Michelle A. Mantine (L’06), Robert J. Marino (L’79), Lisa Poerio Means (L’98), Matthew Mck. Mohn (L’05), Brian H. Simmons (L’99), Luke A. Sizemore (L’09), Christopher P. Smith (L’01) and John G. Wall (L’90). These attorneys volunteered to conduct mock interviews at their downtown offices or the Law School.
- The Women’s Bar Association (WBA) held a speed-networking reception at the Law School for female members of the Class of 2011 in April. Approximately 30 students met with the following members of the WBA: Liz Chiappetta (L’07), Shweta Gupta, Carol S. Hesz (L’90), Marie Milie Jones (L’87), Meghan E. Jones-Rolla (L’02), Katy McKee, Katherine Norton, Mariah Passarelli L’05, Alka A. Patel L’01, Barbara Payne (L’81), Christina Gill Roseman (L’93), Kelie C. Schneider, David M. Seitz (L’96), Beth Williams (L’87) and Gina Zumpella.
- Susan Gainen gave a presentation titled “Alternative Careers: Getting to ‘There’ in Troubled Times,” where she discussed how to make legal skills and experiences more attractive to employers who might not otherwise have considered a law-trained candidate.
- Information sessions were held to detail the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Summer Diversity Clerkship Program and Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellowship Program. (For the first time in the Schweitzer Program’s history, a Duquesne law student was selected as a fellow in this program.)
Legal Research and Writing Program Ranked in the Top 10 Nationally

For the fourth consecutive year, the School of Law’s Legal Research and Writing Program was ranked as one of the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. The magazine’s most recent rankings issue places Duquesne’s program in the top 10 of all law schools on its “Best Law Schools Specialty Rankings: Legal Writing List” and ahead of more than 170 schools nationwide.

“It is a great honor for the Law School to receive this sort of national recognition in an area that is truly at the core of legal education,” said Dean Ken Gormley. “It is also a great testament to the talent of Professor Jan Levine, the director of the program, who built it from the ground up, as well as assistant professors Julia Glencer, Erin Karsman and Tara Willke, who have worked tirelessly to create this world-class Legal Research and Writing Program at Duquesne.”

Rankings are based on information available at the start of the 2010–2011 academic year. Legal writing directors throughout the country determine the rankings by vote, a selection method that helps to ensure that rankings are based on the opinions of people with knowledge of the field.

Duquesne University School of Law, which has established itself as the leading center for the study and application of the Pennsylvania Constitution through such activity as the Pennsylvania Constitution Website (www.paconstitution.duq.edu), initiated a project to gather information on a possible State Constitutional convention. One source of information is the living memories of participants in the last Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, which was convened in December 1967 and adjourned in February 1968. The first significant work resulting from the project is a mini-documentary featuring former Governor Richard Thornburgh, which was shown at the Law School on November 30.

Duquesne’s February Bar Pass Rate Remains Strong

A group of 16 Duquesne Law School graduates passed the February 2011 Pennsylvania Bar examination. The group comprised graduates from the 2010 graduating class and from earlier years, some of whom were able to accomplish this milestone while working full time. These “sweet 16” provided Duquesne with a bar pass rate of 67%, which compares extremely well with the results from prior administrations of the February bar exam, when results are typically below the July pass rates. Duquesne’s pass rate was also better than the pass rates for Penn State Dickinson and Villanova, tied with Widener (Harrisburg) and was comparable to the other Pennsylvania law schools.

Recognizing that more than passive participation in a commercial bar preparation course is often needed to pass the bar, Duquesne Law School provides substantial resources to help students and graduates maximize their scores. For example, Duquesne offers a bar preparation course under the leadership of Richard Gaffney, Director of Bar Services. This incorporates the nationally acclaimed Bar Examination Accelerated Training (“BEAT”) program and includes live lectures on substantive law by Duquesne law professors, a multistate testing workshop, an essay-writing workshop, a performance test workshop and practice bar exam essay assignments. In this course, students have the opportunity to work one-on-one with instructors to improve their essay-writing skills. A second bar review course is taught year-round by a tenured faculty member, Professor Samuel Astorino. Also, under the direction of Professor Jan Levine, Duquesne’s nationally ranked Legal Research and Writing Program is having an obvious effect on the bar pass rates, as Duquesne graduates are better equipped with exceptional writing skills to pass the essay portions of the exam.

The outstanding pass rate for Duquesne graduates was ultimately the product of persistence, diligence and hard work—all of which have become synonymous with the “Duquesne lawyer” brand.
Bill of Rights Clinic

The 10 students working as certified legal interns in the Bill of Rights Clinic finished off the 2010-2011 academic year with a wealth of experience. The students handled 48 cases before the PHRC and the EEOC, specifically advocating employment and housing discrimination claims. Some of the students had the opportunity to engage in settlement or mediation sessions on behalf of their clients with positive outcomes.

The students also represented three clients in federal court proceedings. They worked pursuant to the student practice rules of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Two of the cases were prisoner civil rights cases. The students took and defended depositions for their client. Two of their cases were before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. One case is an employment discrimination case, and the other is a prisoner civil right matter. It was anticipated that a student would present oral argument in the employment discrimination matter before the Third Circuit in May 2011.

Criminal Advocacy Clinic

Over the last few months, all of the interns had the opportunity to participate in trial preparations, plea negotiations and client interviewing. The students also drafted motions and client letters on a routine basis. As the students’ skills improved, they were encouraged to take a more active role in the cases. Here is what the students have been working on recently:

Ashley Cagle assisted with two homicide trials. Prior to the trials, she interviewed the witnesses and organized discovery. In one case, she also drafted and later argued, a suppression motion challenging the warrantless collection of gunshot residue from the defendant’s person. Throughout the year, she worked tirelessly assisting supervising attorney Richard Narvin, thus earning the Duquesne University School of Law Certificate of Distinction in Clinical Work.

Rebecca Large spent a majority of her time between drafting an appeal to the Superior Court and helping several former clients obtain expungements. The appeal, which challenges the (continued)
disorderly conduct statute, is still pending. In addition, she drafted a suppression motion, which was successfully litigated, earning a full dismissal of the client’s charges. Finally, she participated in a juvenile bypass proceeding.

Ashley Owens conducted extensive research on the crime of bank robbery, which supervising attorney Kirsha Weyandt used to successfully argue a reduction of the client’s charges. Owens then represented the same client in a sentencing hearing before the Hon. Donna Jo McDaniel. In addition, she assisted trial counsel in a juvenile bypass hearing, jury selection and a preliminary hearing.

Amanda Sorrell took the lead on a Post-Conviction Relief Act petition. She tracked down all of the old court documents, identified the potential issues for relief and frequently corresponded with the client. In addition to the PCRA, she drafted a suppression motion and a bail modification request. Finally, she spent a significant amount of time learning how to calculate sentencing guidelines and then explaining the complicated process to her incarcerated client.

Rachel Wheeler kept busy by drafting several pre-trial motions, including a motion to suppress, a petition for habeas corpus and a request for bond reduction. In addition to motions drafting, Wheeler took an active role assisting the staff with general case management. Finally, Wheeler was awarded the Duquesne University School of Law Certificate of Distinction in Clinical Work for her work.

### Civil and Family Justice Law Clinic

The Civil and Family Law Justice Law Clinic had 16 certified legal interns who provided over 5,326 hours of work at the following placement organizations: KidsVoice, Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Allegheny County Juvenile Court Project/Parent Advocates, Allegheny County Law Department and Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas – Pro Se Motions Project.

The students were required to complete 280 hours of work at each organization for the academic year for their academic credit. The students completed 846 hours above the credit requirement, averaging 52 hours above the credit requirement per student.

In April 2011, the students placed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas – Pro Se Motions Project were honored by the Family Court judges at the sixth annual Pro Se Law Students Appreciation Reception hosted by Judge Kathryn Hens-Greco.

### Law School Makes the Grade for Public Service

Duquesne was recognized as one of the Best Public Interest Law Schools in the nation by Pre-Law magazine in its winter 2011 issue. Only 96 law schools made the list; Duquesne received a “B” and was noted for “making an above average commitment to public service.”

In addition to this recognition, the Law School is pleased to announce that at least seven paid Public Service Law Fellowships will be offered this summer. These fellowships will allow students currently enrolled at the Law School to work part-time for eight weeks, 25 hours per week, for a total of $2,000. The projects will involve legal and legislative issues relating to all three branches of government. At least two of the fellowships will be based in Harrisburg and include work with legislative leaders; at least two will be based in Pittsburgh. One or more could be based in Philadelphia or another city of the student’s choice, subject to arranging this placement with the appropriate government official.

This new Public Service Law Fellowship program, made possible with the assistance of Pennsylvania Senate Minority Leader Jay Costa Jr. (L’89), Pennsylvania House Minority Leader Frank Dermody and other public officials, is designed to reaffirm the Law School’s longstanding commitment to public service advancing our system of laws and government.
Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz introduced upper-classmen to a new course this past spring when he taught Secularism and Religion in the Public Square. It marked the first time that a law school has taught a course on this topic, according to Ledewitz, who based the 2-credit elective course on the manuscript of his new book, *Church, State, and the Crisis in American Secularism*.

“I think it’s going to be a trend in American law as secularism grows,” Ledewitz said. “American law had understood law and religion, but it has not understood the three parts of law, religion and secularism, so that is the effect in the classroom.”

In his book, Ledewitz—who said the reaction from his students in the course was very enthusiastic—seeks common ground for believers and nonbelievers regarding the law of church and state, arguing that allowing government to promote higher law values through the use of religious imagery would resolve the current impasse in the interpretation of the Establishment Clause.

While a number of his students were more religious and a number were more secular, Ledewitz explained that none agreed with his position, as outlined in his book. “What I thought was so great is that the students were willing to say that they disagreed with me,” Ledewitz said.

Ledewitz is scheduled to teach Secularism and Religion in the Public Square again in the 2011-12 academic year. *Church, State, and the Crisis in American Secularism* was published by Indiana University Press in June.

Dean Emeritus Nicholas Cafardi published for Commonweal (online) “Loose Canons: Ratzinger, Church Law & the Sexual-Abuse Crisis” (January 25, 2011) and “Another Long Lent: The Abuse Crisis Resurfaces in Philadelphia” (April 8, 2011). He also participated in the symposium “American and Irish Roman Catholic Clerical Sexual Abuse Crises” at LeMoyne University, Syracuse, N.Y., and gave the presentation “Lessons to be Learned: The American and Irish Child Sexual Abuse Crises – Where Will They Take Us?” on March 24, 2011. Dean Cafardi was also quoted in the following AP stories, which ran in numerous newspapers across the country: “U.S. Bishops Renew Vow to Oust Predator Priests” (March 24, 2011); “Ruling Upholds N.Y. Church Merge” and “Philadelphia’s Fall Raises Questions Elsewhere” (March 29, 2011).


Ken Gormley, dean and professor of law, has received one of the prestigious 2011 American Bar Association (ABA) Gavel Awards for his book, The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr, earning the honorable mention designation (second place) in the book category. The ABA Gavel Awards, established in 1958, recognize products in the media and the arts that are exemplary in fostering the American public’s understanding of the law and the legal system. The awards are highly selective, with only six silver gavel and two honorable mentions being awarded this year from among nearly 200 entries in the categories of books, newspapers, documentaries, radio, magazines and television. Additionally, the book was included in the Paperback Row section of The New York Times on Feb. 18. Dean Gormley also organized and participated in the event Clinton v. Starr: Collision in the Capitol at Georgetown University on April 15. He was also the keynote speaker at the Washington County Bar Association’s Winter Bench/Bar Conference in January; a

Dean Ken Gormley with Connie and Christine Sciullo, widow and daughter of the late Dean John Sciullo. Christine was one of the recipients of this year’s Mind, Heart & Spirit Awards presented by Duquesne University.
Adjunct Professor A. Michael Gianantonio (L’02) received the inaugural Adjunct Professor Award. Established by the Student Bar Association, the award recognizes the efforts of adjunct faculty in the law school. Gianantonio teaches trial advocacy and coaches the school’s trial advocacy teams.

Law School Registrar Valerie J. Harper received an award at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference in Seattle for her dedicated service as a board member of the National Network of Law School Officers. In addition to her duties as a board member, Harper has been asked to act as an ambassador (regional representative) to reach out to other law schools who are not members of NNLSO for 2011-13.

In November, Assistant Professor Susan Hascall participated in the Law School’s symposium Constitutional Litigation: Procedural Protections of Constitutionalism in the Americas . . . And Beyond as a commentator on the concluding discussion panel. She published Shari’ah and Choice: What the United States Should Learn from Islamic Law about the Role of the Victims’ Families in Death Penalty Cases, John Marshall Law Review; and Restorative Justice in Islam: Qisas in Classical Criminal Law and in the Penal Codes of Northern Nigeria, Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law (BJMEIL). Professor Hascall presented a paper, “The Importance of Considering the Proper Treatment of Workers by Companies that Claim Shari’ah Compliance” at The Theology of Work and the Dignity of Workers conference, March 18-19, 2011, at St. John’s University, Queens, New York. Along with Dr. Khlood Salman and Dr. Marinus Iwuchukwu, she secured a $1,500 Duquesne University Faculty Development Grant for a project titled “The Public and Individual Health Implications of Negative Elements of Interreligious Dialogue as Experienced by Muslim, Jewish and Christian Communities in the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Areas.”

Assistant Professor Rona Kaufman Kitchen’s article, The Value of Mothering, was accepted for publication by the Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society (fall 2011). She also made a presentation to the Coro Fellows in Pittsburgh on April 1, 2011, titled “Public Sector Labor Law.”

In addition to publishing his latest book (see article on page 25), Professor Bruce Ledewitz published several articles, including Seeking Common Ground: A Secular Statement, 38 Hastings Const. L.Q. 49 (2010); “The Incredible Shrinking Free Exercise Clause,” Religion Dispatches (January 19, 2011); “Bridging the Secular-Religious Divide,” Tikkun (Winter 2011) (online); “Islam, Judaism and the Murders at Itamar,” e-IR (March 29, 2011) (online), reprinted in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on April 10, 2011, as “Islam, Judaism and the murder of children.” Professor Ledewitz was also elected to membership in The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science.

Assistant Professor Jan Levine’s article “The Fruits of Hope: Student Evaluations” was listed on SSRN’s Top Ten download list for Legal Writing ejournal. The SSRN is a powerful tool in terms of disseminating legal scholarship and gaining recognition for legal scholars and the law schools where they work.

On March 5, 2011, the Legal Writing faculty at the Duquesne University School of Law hosted the second Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference. The theme of the conference
was “The Arc of Advanced Legal Writing: From Theory through Teaching to Practice.” Michael Smith (Wyoming), Elizabeth Fajans (Brooklyn) and Mary Ray (Wisconsin) presented at the conference, and articles based on the presentations by Mary Ray and Elizabeth Fajans were to be published by the *Duquesne Law Review* in the spring of 2011. In addition, Sheila Miller (Dayton), Susan Wawrose (Dayton) and Victoria VanZandt (Dayton) spoke about their extensive surveys of the bench and bar, and reported on the advanced writing skills that lawyers and judges believe new attorneys should have. Julia Glencer (Duquesne), Erin Karsman (Duquesne) and Tara Willke (Duquesne) described the team-taught advanced legal writing “law firm simulation” course they created, which was supported by an ALWD Research Grant. The closing session included a panel of attorneys from the law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, who addressed how law firms can be agents of curricular change, encouraging law schools to implement advanced legal writing courses. There were 62 attendees, including 52 law professors from 28 law schools. Additionally, as of July 1, 2011, Glencer, Karsman and Willke will have their positions converted from ABA 405(c) to tenure-track. The change came about with full support of the faculty, the dean and the president of the university.

After successfully organizing the first China–United States Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries in Beijing, China, in 2009, Professor Frank Y. Liu established a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL), in the United States with a mission to promote access to legal information in the United States and China, and to foster the education of legal information professionals in both countries. CAFLL is sponsoring the second China-United States Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries to be held July 22-23, 2011, in Philadelphia in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Over 50 distinguished Chinese law school deans, law library directors and law professors will attend the conference.

Dr. John E. Murray Jr., Duquesne University chancellor and professor of law, has completed the 2011 Desk Edition of *Corbin on Contracts*, a single volume covering all 89 chapters of the *Corbin on Contracts* treatise. Dr. Murray is also the author of the biannual supplements to the multi-volume Corbin treatise and the author of the revised volume 9. The fifth edition of Dr. Murray’s own treatise, *Murray on Contracts* (2011), will appear later this year.

For the second year in a row, Chancellor Murray was listed on the “Irish Education 100,” compiled by *IrishVoice America* magazine.

Associate Professor John T. Rago was interviewed by the Philadelphia Inquirer for an article on eyewitness testimony and DNA testing, “On the Defense: Criminal Science,” March 21, 2011. Professor Rago chairs the Pennsylvania Wrongful Convictions committee.

**DEPARTURES**

Congratulations and best wishes to Associate Professor Bruce Antkowiak, who was named professor of law and legal counsel at Saint Vincent College by the president, Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B. Antkowiak will direct the implementation of a new program of studies in Criminology, Law, and Society, a degree program that will begin this fall at Saint Vincent College.

Congratulations also to Visiting Professor Gina Warren, who accepted a tenure-track position with Texas Wesleyan Law School, beginning in fall 2011. She will be teaching Civil Procedure, Energy Law and Oil & Gas Law.
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The 59th annual Law Alumni Reunion Dinner, sponsored by K&L Gates, LLP, was held in Duquesne University’s Power Center Ballroom and featured renowned lawyer and author Scott Turow. Turow regaled the more than 300 attendees with highlights from his own legal career and the inspirations for his books, including *Presumed Innocent* and the newly released *Innocent*.

Additionally, three of our prominent alumni were honored: John “Jack” Doherty (L’66) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of his long and successful career as one of Pittsburgh’s preeminent criminal defense attorneys; Eric R.I. Cottle (L’96), partner in K&L Gates’ New York offices, was awarded for his outstanding achievement in the legal profession; and Robert “Bob” N. Peirce Jr. (L’62) was given the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his tremendous generosity toward Duquesne University and the Law School (see p. 10).
The Class of 1981 celebrates its 30th reunion and the most DLAA memberships this year. The DLAA donated $500 to the Law Alumni Scholarship in honor of this achievement.

Colleen Kenezевич, Bill Pentecost and Timothy and Elizabeth Chiappetta

Outstanding Achievement awardee Eric Cottle with his wife, Chris (right), and Professor Amelia Michele Joiner

Special guest Scott Turow

John Doherty and Kathleen Doherty Hardy accept the Distinguished Alumnus award on behalf of their father, Jack Doherty.

Judge Mike McCarthy receives the presidential gavel from Chris Spina.
1930
Reuben Fingold, practicing law for 70 years, celebrated his 105th birthday. December 1, 2010, was declared “Reuben Fingold Day” in the city of Pittsburgh by Pittsburgh City Council.

1967
Charles E. Evans was elected vice president of Amen Corner.

1968
Edward E. McGinley was named to the board of the National Aviary.

1970
Hon. Donetta Ambrose was appointed to a special project in the federal judicial system on the topic of alternative dispute resolution.

1971
Stanley M. Stein was elected to the Allegheny County Bar Association Judiciary Council for a three-year term.

1972
Hon. Jeffrey A. Manning was elected to the Allegheny County Bar Association board of governors for a three-year term.

1973
Hon. Joy Flowers Conti received the 2009 Judicial Services Award presented by the ACBA and was named chair of a special project committee in the federal judicial system that determines policy and staffing for the U.S. bankruptcy courts.

Ira Weiss was sworn in as the new director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, which is responsible for coordinating preparation and recovery for man-made and natural disasters in Pennsylvania.

1974

Hon. Maureen Lally-Green was the recipient of the 2011 Carol Los Mansmann Award, in recognition of her dedication to advancing and improving the professional development of female lawyers, presented by the Allegheny County Bar Association Women in the Law Division.

1975
Linda L. Kelly was confirmed as Pennsylvania attorney general, becoming only the second woman to serve in that capacity.

Edward S. McKenna joined Diefenderfer Hoover McKenna & Wood, LLP, as a partner focusing on estate and trust planning and Orphans’ Court litigation.

Hon. W. Terrence O’Brien was appointed administrative judge of the Civil Division by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

1977
David V. Breen was named to the 2011 board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Arnold L. Schulberg was appointed Of Counsel for Babst Calland Clements & Zomm, utilizing his 33 years of experience to assist with their natural resources group.

1978
Hon. Kate Ford Elliott was elected to serve a one-year term as president of the Council of Chief Judges of the state Courts of Appeal at the council’s annual conference.

Richard M. Rosenthal, managing partner, Edgar Snyder & Associates, was inducted into the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Ned Trbovich joined the workers’ compensation practice of Cohen & Grace, LLC.

Thomas R. Kline was chosen for the eighth straight year as Pennsylvania’s No. 1 attorney for 2011 by independent rating service Super Lawyers. Kline’s unbroken string as the Pennsylvania Top Point Getter is a first for any attorney in any state.

1979
R. Jerome Anderson worked in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the Land Development Advisor in the Office of Economic Growth, United States Agency for International Development.

Mary McDonald was inducted into the 2011 class of the Seton-La Salle Catholic High School Hall of Fame.

Mark F. McKenna was elected to the board of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Pennsylvania and Southern West Virginia.

Butler Buchanan joined the board of trustees of Mercy Vocational High School in Philadelphia.

Hon. Stephanie Dominovich was selected to serve on the task force to study recommendations contained in the report of the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice and recommend specific courses of action to the PBA House of Delegates.

1980
Kenneth J. Horoho was named to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board.

1981
Joseph H. Bucci joined Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC as a member of the firm’s construction practice group, and was a co-author for the book “State-by-State Guide to Architect, Engineer and Contractor Licensing” in the chapter dealing with Pennsylvania law.

Barbara L. Payne was named president for the Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania and chair of the Public Service Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association/Bar Foundation for 2010-2011.

Joan Ellenbogen was named by Accounting Today as one of the 10 women “worth watching” who inspire the accounting profession.

Lisette McCormick was selected to serve on the task force to study recommendations contained in the report of the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice and recommend specific courses of action to the PBA House of Delegates.

1982

Garry A. Nelson was inducted into the Alle-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Hon. Judith Ference Olson has been selected by the North Hills School District to receive the North Hills Distinguished Alumni Award.

1983
Richard N. Lettieri was selected to the advisory board of the American College of e-Neutrals, which is an organization dedicated to the training, credentials, networking and use of third-party referees who are committed to resolving disputes arising from electronically stored information.

Cheryl R. McAbee, of River Development Corporation, was honored by the Western Pennsylvania Minority Supplier Development Council.

Henry M. Sneath was named president-elect by the Voice of the Defense Bar at the 2010 annual meeting in San Diego.

Carol A. Behers received a 2011 Presidential Special Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for her work with the PBA Family Law Section to enact new custody legislation that modernizes Pennsylvania’s custody statute.

1984
Bernard J. Bercik accepted a staff position at the United Nations in New York City and, with his wife, Barbara, celebrated the birth of their second son.

Hon. Michael E. McCarthy was honored as the 2010 Brentwood VFW Man of the Year for leadership and service in the community.

Melanie Shannon Rothey was elected to the Allegheny County Bar Association board of governors for a three-year term.

Katherine R. Byrne was elected to the council of the Allegheny County Bar Association Women in the Law Division for a three-year term.

1985
Patricia Wozniak Henk became the secretary for the Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Paul J. Gitnik is a co-founder of MarcellusUSA.com, providing online access to recorded gas leases, royalty percentages, lease terms, calculators, documents, records, regulations and other information and tools about Marcellus Shale in a user-friendly, collaborative environment.

1986
Sally Griffith Cimini joined Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC as a partner in the firm’s employment practice group.

Bernadette L. Puzzuole was elected to the 2011 executive committee of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce.


1987
Marie Milie Jones opened her own practice, JonesPassodelis, in the Gulf Tower, Pittsburgh.

Maureen P. Kelly, specializing in employment litigation and more than 20 years experience practicing in federal court, was selected to become a federal magistrate judge.

Hon. Phillippe Melograne was appointed interim judge on the Washington County Court of Common Pleas.

M. Elizabeth Williams became an at-large member of the Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania.
1988
Korry Alden Greene joined the board of trustees of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation.

Mary-Jo Rebelo was re-elected as treasurer to the Houston Harbaugh 2011 executive committee.

1989
Scott R. Leah was named a shareholder of Tucker Arensberg P.C.

Sen. Jay Costa was elected by Pennsylvania Senate Democrats as the Democratic floor leader, and was elected treasurer of the Community College of Allegheny County board of trustees.

1990
Linda S. Judson joined the workers’ compensation practice of Cohen & Grace, LLC.

James R. Olson joined Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in the Pittsburgh office as counsel, as a member of the Tax and Wealth Management and Tax and Business Planning Practice Group.

1992
Kathleen M. Dohmlo was elected vice president of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel for 2011.

1993
Glenn M. Cannon was inaugurated Jan. 18, 2011, as director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

1994
Heidi Rai Stewart received the 2009 Jane F. Hepting Individual Pro Bono Award presented by the ACBA.

1995
Martin L. Ryan was elected secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel for 2011.

Alison Smith was named a full voting shareholder at Feldstein Grinberg Stein and McKee.

1996
Kristen M. Del Sole was elected partner of K&L Gates LLP in the Pittsburgh office.

Maria E. Soohey was appointed to the board of directors of the Westmoreland Bar Association for a three-year term.

Hon. Mary P. Murray was elected vice president of Amen Corner.

Nicola Henry-Taylor was elected to the Allegheny County Bar Association board of governors for a three-year term.

1997
Diane Zack Buchanan joined Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky as Of Counsel concentrating on commercial litigation, personal injury and municipal and family law in the Beaver County office.

Paul H. Minton joined Pittsburgh-based law firm Keevican Weiss Bauerle & Hirsch LLC as a member of the firm’s Banking and Real Estate practice groups.

1999
Matthew S. Harris is working as an attorney at International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Washington D.C. and is a member of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission.

2000
Scott A. Keefer was named VP for Public Policy and Legislative Affairs at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Jeffrey D. Roberts was named co-chair of the Oil and Gas Practice Group of Burns White LLC.

Timothy L. Jacobs has been promoted to counsel of Hunton & Williams LLP, Richmond, Va.

Emily Painter-Trisolline accepted a position working part time for Robert S. Bell, Esq., in Indiana, Pa., focusing on family law.

2001
Amy L. Barrette joined Fulbright & Jaworski LLP as a partner concentrating in complex commercial litigation with a focus on oil and gas and environmental practices.

Courtney Labik Barthelemy and her husband, Ray Barthelemy, celebrated the birth of Honour Alexander.

Thomas J. Boris joined Elder Law Offices of Shields & Boris focusing on estate planning and Elder Law.

Brian E. Calla was elected to partnership in the Pittsburgh office of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC.

Philip J. Foret was elected to the partnership of Dilworth Paxson, LLP, at the firm’s annual end-of-year meeting.

Shawn N. Gallagher joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney as an associate in the real estate section and Marcellus Shale/oil and gas practice group.

Richard W. Saxe Jr. was named a shareholder of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C.

2002
Brian D. Balonick was named counsel at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC.

Nicholas J. Deluliss has been named president of CONSOL Energy.

Meghan Jones-Rolla was named a non-equity partner of Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck PLLC.

Mark A. Lindsay was named a shareholder of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C.

Jennifer A. Staley was selected to serve on the task force to study recommendations contained in the report of the Interbranch
Irving Freeman was named secretary of the Greensburg Community Development Corporation.

Megan E. Smith Miller joined Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, as an associate concentrating in oil and gas and environmental matters.

Tara S. Rodrigues was elected treasurer of the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Jill E. Beck was elected to the council of the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

C. Justin Conrad joined Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin as an associate in the Health Care Liability Department.

Rebecca L. Magyar joined Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC as an associate focusing on labor and employment matters.

Michael Quatrini was named the 2011 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Westmoreland Bar Association for exemplifying outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the legal profession and community.

George V. Philippopoulos accepted a position with Ernst & Young in the financial services consulting office in New York City.

Lt. Tracy L. Harp and her husband celebrated the birth of Isabelle Lynn on Oct. 11, 2010, and is working at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn., focusing on personnel law, administrative law and staff judge advocate work, advising the commander of Navy personnel command.

Aimee V. Scott joined Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir as an associate focusing on general corporate and real estate transactions, and natural resources and energy issues.

Heather J. Brandau joined Burleson Cooke in the Pittsburgh office concentrating in commercial litigation, oil and gas, and title law.
Sara A. Miller married Matthew Bates (L’08) on April 16, 2011, in Key West, Fla.

2009
Emily M. Fullerton joined Papernick & Gefsky LLC as an associate concentrating in litigation and real estate transactions.

John P. Lewandowski has become an associate with the firm Heban Sommer & Murphree in Ohio.

Colin A. Morgan joined Julian Gray Associates as an associate practicing in elder law and disability planning.

Elena Pollock joined Bonya Gazza & Degory, LLC, Indiana, Pa., as an associate concentrating on oil and gas claims.

Caroline A. Stirt works as a volunteer attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services Association representing clients pro bono in PFA hearings, Family Law Clinic and the Family Court Pro Se Assistance Program.

Megan E. Lehman joined Donovan Hatem LLP as an associate in the Professional Practices Group.

Joseph R. Williams was elected to the council of the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

2010
William J. Beckley joined Wilme Hale as a discovery attorney.

Matthew G. Brouse was hired as an associate by Burns White LLC in the transportation group.

Ryan J. Duty joined the Pittsburgh office of Wilkes & Mugh P.A. as an associate.

Joshua B. Fuchs joined Hogland, Chwialkowski & Mrozik as an associate focusing on Social Security Disability law.

Rossitza Griffin was hired as an associate by Burns White LLC in the transportation group.

Christina Horton was hired as an associate by Burns White LLC in the Medicare compliance group.

Melissa B. Krasnow is joining Tucker Arensberg as an associate in the Energy Practice Group counseling energy-oil, gas and mineral-related clients on transaction matters as they relate to gas title issues and opinions.

Angela C. Liberto accepted a position with the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc., as general counsel.

Patrick C. Manning joined Goehring, Rutter & Boehm as an associate in the firm’s School and Municipal Law Group.

Emily J. Marsh accepted a position as an associate with Goehring, Rutter & Boehm in the School and Municipal Law Group.

Bradley A. Matta accepted a position as an associate in the Product Liability Practice Group of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, in the firm’s Pittsburgh office.

Alana E. Rutkowski joined Babst, Calland, Clements & Zommor as an associate in the litigation services group.

Adam T. Krynicki is an Intellectual Property and Commercialization Specialist at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Juliann L. Haynes joined Gross & Patterson, LLC, as an associate.

Daniel C. O’Malley opened the O’Malley Law Office in Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

Michael A. Sundo married Jamie L. Mohler.

50-Year Practitioners
1960 August C. Damian
1958 Raymond G. Hasley
1959 Hon. Patrick R. Tamilia

CORRECTIONS
Fall 2010 issue, p.15—Donald J. Guter was not the first law alumnus to serve as dean; Deans John P. Egan and C. Gerald Brophy also graduated from the Law School.

p. 39—Maia Joiner’s name was spelled incorrectly.

p. 42—Paul J. Gitnik (L’85) was inadvertently listed as a member of the class of 1982.

Fall 2009 issue, p. 39—William J. McKim (L’71) was inadvertently listed as a member of the class of 1970.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following Law School alumni who passed away between October 10, 2010, and April 30, 2010:

Laurence E. Davis, Esq. L’69
William H. Deitch, Esq. L’54
Aaron J. DeLuca, Esq. L’95
J. Michael Doherty, Esq. L’61
John G. Eidemueler, Jr., Esq. L’64
Rev. James W. Hornell, Esq. L’84
The Hon. Donald J. Lee L’54
Rosina B. Lewis, Esq. L’39
Anne Mullaney, L’87
Deborah C. Phillips, Esq. L’84
Donald Bartlett Smith, L’96
Robert M. Stefanon, Esq. L’59
Robert E. Storch, Esq. L’73
Charles A. Taylor, Esq. L’90

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 has 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.
Duquesne University School of Law won the national championship in the prestigious National Student Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored by the American Association for Justice (AAJ). This award once again places Duquesne in the ranks of the best trial advocacy programs in the country. This “best of the best” competition was held in Las Vegas from March 31 through April 3. In a field of more than 225 teams, the Duquesne trial team was the only one to remain undefeated.

“We are extremely proud of the incredible performance of our trial moot court teams,” said Dean Ken Gormley. “The AAJ is considered one of the most competitive and prestigious competitions in the United States. For a small law school like Duquesne to prevail over 225 teams nationwide is a testament to the dedication of our student advocates and coaches, who worked tirelessly to compete at the highest level. Duquesne has now solidified its position as one of the most talented, respected trial moot court programs in the country.”

Duquesne’s road to the championship came through its assigned region in Pittsburgh, where it competed with 14 teams from law schools in Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania, winning for the third consecutive year. The trial team defeated, in head-to-head competition, Case Western Reserve, Capital University, the University of Pittsburgh and both teams from the University of Akron. By winning the regional competition, the Duquesne trial team made it to the “Sweet 14” and competed with the nation’s finest advocates from the University of Tennessee, Suffolk University, South Texas College of Law, Loyola University Chicago University of Iowa, Stetson University, Samford University, Rutgers University, Pepperdine University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Colorado, University of Maryland and Campbell University. After three rounds of competition, Duquesne was the only undefeated team and went on to win both the semifinal and final rounds of the competition.

The championship team consisted of Duquesne law students Clancy Boylan (Kingston, Pa.), Sarah Bronder (Plum, Pa.), Katie Chengery (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and Brendan McKenna (Clarks Green, Pa.). This trial team defeated, in head-to-head competition, University of Maryland, Pepperdine University, Campbell University, University of California at Berkeley and University of Iowa. The team was coached by professors Michael Streib, Amelia Michele Joiner and Michael Gianantonio, with special assistance from alumni Jack Wall, Michael Calder, Lisa Goodman, Jon Perry and Eddie Ciarimboli.

AAJ is the world’s largest association of trial advocates with more than 60,000 members worldwide. Its goals are to promote justice and fairness, to safeguard victims’ rights, and to strengthen the civil justice system through education and advocacy. AAJ national mock trial competition is open to law schools nationwide, and each year, the competition draws entries from more than 900 law students, representing approximately

The AAJ team: Clancy Boylan, Katie Chengery, Sarah Bronder and Brendan McKenna

Duquesne Mock Trial Team Once Again Claims National Championship!

Trial Advocacy Program also boasts 2 regional wins
230 teams from over 130 law schools. The competition cases are always civil in nature, and the law students are judged on their advocacy skills and case presentation abilities.

Duquesne’s Trial Advocacy Program has been functioning in its current form for more than a decade. Led by professors Streib and Joiner, the teams comprise second- and third-year law students. Competition among students to make the teams is intense, and those selected take on an enormous commitment, often lasting the remainder of their law school career.

“This was one of the most brutally competitive trial advocacy tournaments I have ever seen,” Streib says. “I am completely overwhelmed by the exceptional talent shown by these students.”

“Our teams continue to impress me and the legal community, at large, with their skills,” Joiner says. “We strive to set apart our students from others, and the student trial advocates make this endeavor easy.”

For the first time in nine years, Duquesne won the 2011 Allegheny County Academy of Trial Lawyers annual moot court competition, commonly referred to as the “Gourley Cup” competition.

The second-year team of advocates Emily Dimond and Lauren Woleslagle, and teammates Lauren Oelrich, Jennifer Milko and David J. Miller, trying the defense side of the civil mock lawsuit, defeated the University of Akron in the final round to clinch the victory Feb. 18, 2011. Woleslagle took second place for Best Advocate among all competitors.

The Gourley competition is one of the most difficult to win, not only because of the quality of the competing law school teams, but also because there is only one preliminary round to determine which two teams advance to the finals. This year, Duquesne defeated, in head-to-head competition, the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, and outscored other defense teams from Brooklyn School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, William & Mary School of Law, Fordham University School of Law, St. John’s University School of Law, Catholic University School of Law and Widener School of Law (Harrisburg) to advance to the final round. Other teams who competed, and were assigned the plaintiff side of the case, included West Virginia University School of Law, Georgetown University School of Law, Howard University School of Law, Widener School of Law (Delaware), Case Western Reserve School of Law and Dickinson University School of Law.

The team was coached by Adjunct Professor Pete Giglione (L’02).

Earlier in the semester, our team also made an outstanding showing at the National Trial Competition Regional Championship held Feb. 12-13 in Philadelphia.

The third-year team of Cassidy Neal, Jonathan Bechtel and Keaton Carr was a finalist, losing in the last round to tournament host Temple. The team faced Drexel, Pitt, Temple and Seton Hall in earlier rounds. The second-year team of Sara Brown, Ashley Jendrasik and Frank Stoy was a semifinalist in the other division, losing to eventual division winner Drexel. In earlier rounds, the team faced Temple, Widener and Rutgers. The tournament also drew teams from Villanova and Dickinson.

Three other second-year students were team members who worked with the competitors throughout the weeks leading up to and during the competition. They were Kate Lewis, Brandon Keller and Christopher Johnson. The team was coached by Duquesne graduates Kelli Giles (L’10); Mariah Passarelli (L’05); Michael E. Waltman (L’07); and Professor Bruce Antkowiak.
Finally, third-year day student Keaton Carr was one of only 16 law students in the entire nation invited to compete in the National Top Gun Mock Trial Competition in Waco, Texas, from June 1–5. Duquesne was chosen for the invitation-only event based on its overall outstanding performance in trial advocacy for the past several years. Sixteen competitive schools were invited to the event, which is hosted by Baylor University. Additional schools competing included: Georgetown University Law Center, Northwestern University School of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School, Washington University School of Law and Yale Law School.
Congratulations to the team of Tracy Jones and Shane Sarver, who were recognized for having one of the top 5 briefs in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition St. Louis regional in March, where 32 teams participated. In addition to Jones and Sarver, Duquesne was represented by the team of Dan Gleixner and Robert Raver; Gleixner placed fifth overall for Best Advocate. The team is coached by Assistant Dean of Students Ella Kwisnek.

In November, the Women’s Law Association presented Rachel C. Jankowitz, M.D., of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Magee Women’s Hospital of UPMC, who addressed issues and information about cancers affecting women, especially breast cancer. Jankowitz has published key research findings and has participated in important clinical trials of potential therapies and of relapse predictors after a diagnosis of early-stage breast cancer. In March, the WLA hosted a networking event that took place at the law firm Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck, cosponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association. The WLA also held its annual Woman of the Year reception in April. This year’s recipients were Professor Amelia Michele Joiner (L’02) for the Woman of the Year and Michelle Mantine (L’06) for the Recent Graduate Woman of the Year.

The Arbitration Moot Court team fared very well at the regional competition held at Villanova Law School in November. Duquesne finished third out of 12 teams and lost a split decision by a single point to the Houston team that advanced to the final round. Duquesne defeated Seton Hall and Fordham in the first two rounds. The team included students Keaton Carr, Abigail Marusic, Shawn Martin and Steve Andrews and was coached by Sarah Andrews (L’06) and Christopher Borsani (L’07). Professor Al Peláez oversees this program. 

StUDENT BRIEFS

Cassidy Miller and Kristen Peck at Animal Friends donating 158 items from the Animal Law Society’s first pet and food supplies drive.

WLA Woman of the Year recipients Michelle Mantine (L’06) and Amelia Michele Joiner (L’02)
On April 16 at Northwestern University School of Law, through this year’s annual clinic conference sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Norma Caquatto, acting assistant director of the Hugo L. Black Law Clinics, presented a case study of services that our law clinics provided from our Community Enterprise Clinic and our Bill of Rights/Civil Rights Clinic to exemplify the topic “Social Justice in Action.” During the academic year, Acting Director Tracey McCants Lewis, Caquatto, supervising attorney Adrian Roe and approximately six interns assisted the Mound Society of Western Pennsylvania in its continuing efforts to preserve and protect a Native American burial mound in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Robin Connors joins the School of Law as the new Student Organizations coordinator. Most recently, Connors was employed in the Student Accounts Department at Duquesne University. She received her B.A. at Duquesne in the School of Leadership, where she is a graduate student.

Jeanine L. DeBor, director of Law Alumni Relations and Development, was elected vice-chair of the Women in the Law Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association. She has been an active member of the WLD since 2003, having served as council member, secretary and, currently, treasurer. DeBor is a fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and also serves on the ACBA Finance Committee and the ACBA Gender-Bias Subcommittee.

Director of Bar Services Richard Gaffney was a guest speaker at the 97th annual conference of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Seattle on March 16, 2011. His presentation was titled “Bar Exam Requirements – Is there an efficient way to deal with getting your students certified?” The session was well attended by registrars and academic deans from 37 law schools.

As a member of the AALS executive committee for Students Services, Assistant Dean of Students Ella Kwisnek coordinated and moderated a panel at the AALS annual meeting addressing character and fitness issues in San Francisco in January.

Anne Peterson, director of E-Discovery Education, presented a CLE titled “E-discovery in the EU: Navigating the Complexity of Cross Border Processing and Production” on March 26.

Dayna Power was promoted to a full-time position as an information technology specialist. In addition to her regular job duties, she will be able to devote more time assisting the Admissions Office, Registrar’s Office and law clinics. Power received her B.S. in Computer Science from Duquesne and her MBA in Marketing from Penn State.

In January 2011, the Hon. John Zottola appointed Kirsha Weyandt, supervising attorney of the Criminal Advocacy Clinic, as the new defense coordinator for the Allegheny County Veterans Court program. In May 2011, Weyandt was also promoted to assistant chief counsel at the office. She expects to continue working with the clinic interns again in the upcoming academic year.
Wrapping up a busy 10th anniversary year, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law concluded its programming this spring with a series of seminars addressing timely topics such as drug-facilitated sexual assault, end-of-life decision-making, and the pros and cons of familial DNA searches.

With speakers ranging from the head of the FBI Laboratory’s Chemistry Section, to a world-renowned expert on health care ethics, to a national cold case consultant, these events continued to solidify the Institute’s reputation for high-quality continuing legal and professional education.

“We’re very pleased with the growth of Forensic Fridays,” said Institute Director Frederick W. Fochtman, referring to the monthly seminar series the Institute launched in January 2010. “Not only has average attendance continued to increase, but the breadth of our registrants’ professional backgrounds suggests that our topics are of relevance to multiple professional constituencies.”

Among the season’s highlights, Institute registrants were treated to a full-day seminar in May that explored the nationally expanding use of familial DNA searches, whereby investigators lacking biological matches to crime scene evidence seek out closely related profiles in DNA databases in the hope of developing leads. Featuring Rockne Harmon, a longtime California prosecutor credited with the procedural breakthrough that led to the arrest of that state’s “Grim Sleeper” serial killer last summer, the seminar explored scientific, legal, ethical and public policy dimensions of the subject.

Attendees of the March seminar heard from Dr. Henk ten Have, an internationally known scholar on the ethics of end-of-life decision-making and the director of Duquesne University’s Center for Healthcare Ethics. And kicking off the season in January, Dr. Mark LeBeau, chief of the FBI Laboratory’s Chemistry Section, led a seminar on sexual offenders’ use of toxic substances to render their victims defenseless.
11th Annual Conference Slated for Oct. 21-22

In addition to plotting out the fall Forensic Fridays season, the Institute is now busy laying the groundwork for its 11th annual conference, Predators and Their Prey. Scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22, in Duquesne’s Power Center Ballroom, the conference will convene experts in behavioral science, criminalistics, criminal law, victimology and related fields to address various topics relating to the investigation and prosecution of violent offenders.

Confirmed speakers include cyber-crime consultant Glenn Bard; forensic nursing pioneer Dr. Ann Burgess; Dr. Allan Pass, an expert on sexual offenders; author and forensic psychology professor Katherine Ramsland; forensic toxicologist Dr. Michael Rieders; former FBI behavioral analyst Mark Safarik; and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Michael Welner.

“In an era of ‘Grim Sleepers’ and ‘BTK Killers,’ we consider it important to do our part in educating criminal legal professionals and the general public alike about the minds and actions of such depraved individuals and those on whom they prey,” said Dr. Cyril Wecht, who also will be speaking at the conference.

“We look forward to assembling another top-notch group of experts this fall to help us achieve that goal.”

Established in fall of 2000, the Wecht Institute collaborates with the university’s schools of Law, Nursing, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Liberal Arts, Education, Health Sciences, and Leadership and Professional Advancement, as well as other academic institutions throughout the region, to create and support multidisciplinary courses of degree and non-degree study designed to educate students about the vast reach of the forensic sciences in today’s society. Through its conferences, seminars, workshops and publications, the Institute seeks to engender in its participants a multidisciplinary approach to the application of science to the law in our collective search for truth and social justice.

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