Duquesne University Dedicates The Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education
This special issue of The Duquesne Lawyer chronicles many of the major accomplishments of the Law School, its students, faculty and alumni during the past half year—a time of remarkable, sustained growth and progress. While many law schools throughout the United States have struggled to keep their heads above water, as enrollments decline and the legal employment markets shift, Duquesne Law School has sought to shore itself up and to emerge stronger than ever.

Three years ago, I delivered an address to several hundred law alumni and leaders of the legal community at the Duquesne Club in town, setting forth my vision for moving forward. A top priority was organizing a first-rate Centennial celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Law School—that goal has now been realized. A second top priority was the establishment of a freestanding Law Clinic in the Uptown section of Pittsburgh so that we could better teach our students, expand our clinical offerings, and provide more help to the underserved in our community. Three years later, as you’ll see in this issue, we’ve accomplished that goal in grand style, with the dedication and opening of the beautiful Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education on Fifth Avenue, just blocks away from the courthouse and strategically located to expand the great works of our clinics in a dramatic way.

Still, we cannot rest on our laurels. This is particularly true as legal education becomes more competitive for a smaller pool of top students, and as we confront the reality of escalating student debt, a highly-challenging job market and the challenge of fulfilling our mission as Duquesne University Law School—to serve God by serving others. It is therefore essential that we build upon the recent accomplishments featured in the pages of this magazine, to create new priorities and strategies for moving forward in an even more bold fashion. Of this I’m certain: law schools that do not move forward during this time of challenges and changes will move backward. I’m determined to make sure that Duquesne Law School moves forward with bigger strides than ever.

I am announcing two new priorities for the Law School in 2014. One is to identify funding to create a new auditorium at the Law School for large classes and major events. Currently, there is no room in the building large enough to accommodate an entire Day Division class. (For example, this winter Chancellor John Murray will be teaching a new course on Remedies to the entire 3rd year day class, tying together concepts in torts, contracts and property in order to rigorously prepare our students for the bar exam and for the practice of law. Yet there is no room in the Law School big enough to house this class.) Nor is there a room large enough for major symposia, CLE and other programs hosted by the Law School—our largest classrooms seats only 90. Thus, it is time to launch an initiative to create an auditorium that will become the focal point of the Law School. This will require totally renovating and expanding Room 303—adjacent to the McArdle Moot Courtroom—by updating the space to become a beautiful auditorium connected to our equally beautiful moot courtroom. The new auditorium, once completed, can become the showcase of the entire Law School and allow us to enhance our classroom offerings for students and to host significant events in our own building.

Secondly, I would like to launch an initiative to create a major endowment to assist our graduating students as they study for the bar examination. As described in the pages of this magazine, the Law School had another solid performance on the Pennsylvania bar exam, thanks to the hard work of our faculty and students. Yet those numbers are still not good enough. We cannot cease our efforts to improve our statistics until every graduate of Duquesne Law School who works hard and commits themself to passing the bar exam succeeds. Of late, we have discovered that a big part of the challenge is figuring out how to ensure that our students can devote themselves full-time to studying for the bar exam in the summer months after graduation. Particularly in the Evening Division—but across the entire graduating class—some students need to continue working just to meet their basic needs. Among other things, a typical Bar Review course now costs as much as $4,000. This is a major investment for students already shouldering significant debt. My goal is to build a major endowment that will provide assistance to our graduating students, so that those students who most need to study for the bar exam in order to succeed and excel, will have the financial wherewithal to do so. It will require a least $1 million to create an endowment that puts a dent in this problem. However, I believe that if we forge a plan and focus our sights on it, we will accomplish even our most ambitious dreams for this special Law School.

Each alum of Duquesne Law School has accomplished his or her own measure of success, at least in part, thanks to the planning of those who came before us. The wonderful accomplishments chronicled in this issue of Duquesne Lawyer demonstrate the scope and breadth of our capacities. The Law School, thanks to the devotion of its many graduates, is on the rise. With your continued help and shared vision for attaining these ambitious plans, we will continue to march forward.

Sincerely,
Ken Gormley
Dean and Professor of Law
Duquesne Named No. 4 among Best Value Private Law Schools

Rosemary K. Ravasio, Media Relations Manager

Duquesne University has been ranked No. 4 among Best Value Private Law Schools according to National Jurist, which publishes the rankings “to identify and recognize law schools that help students pass the bar exam and land jobs without burdening them with huge debt.”

“We are honored that National Jurist magazine has selected Duquesne among the top four Best Value Private Law Schools in the United States,” said Law Dean Ken Gormley. “We have worked hard to keep our tuition affordable while increasing our scholarship funds available to students and providing them with a top-notch legal education that makes them competitive on the bar exam and successful in the legal marketplace.”

Tuition, debt and cost of living figures were compared with percent employed and bar pass rates as part of the ranking. Data for the rankings is based on the Class of 2012. The top five ranked law schools have indebtedness less than $105,000 and met all other criteria. National Jurist applied a weighting system to determine each eligible school’s ranking, with Brigham Young University topping the list.

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Class of 2013 Posts Solid Bar Results

Richard Gaffney, Director of Bar Services and Adjunct Professor of Law

Duquesne’s class of 2013 posted solid results on this year’s bar examination. On Oct. 18, the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners released the results of the July examination, listing 164 Duquesne University School of Law graduates among those who passed the challenging two-day examination on their first attempt. Duquesne’s first-time pass rate of 82.41 percent represents a solid performance that places Duquesne ahead of competing law schools at Drexel, the University of Pittsburgh and Widener-Delaware, and within a tight cluster of six other law schools whose first-time pass rates were in the 80-87 percent range, including law schools at Rutgers-Camden and Villanova. Among 10 Pennsylvania-area law schools, only the University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law and Temple University posted results above 87 percent.

This year’s results are directly in line with last year’s results and exceed Duquesne’s 15-year rolling average first time pass rate. Duquesne’s overall pass rate (first-time plus repeat takers) exceeds the average Pennsylvania overall pass rate, which was based on 2,111 applicants from 152 different law schools, including Harvard, Georgetown, New York Law School, Boston University, Boston College, University of Virginia, George Washington University, Cornell, West Virginia University and Yale.

Fully 90 percent of Duquesne’s graduating class sat for the July 2013 Pennsylvania exam with other graduates sitting for bar examinations in other or multiple jurisdictions. Dean Ken Gormley remarked, “These solid bar exam results were made possible due to the efforts of our dedicated faculty, staff and administrators as well as the hard work of our graduates. Preparing for the practice of law is a top priority for graduates of this law school. Our bar results played a significant role in National Jurist magazine recently naming Duquesne as the fourth Best Buy in the nation among private law schools. I am pleased that our graduates continue to attain excellence on the bar exam in Pennsylvania and other states.”

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Outside, Pittsburgh’s Uptown neighborhood is alive with the sounds of the city. Buses, bikes and cars jockey for space on the busy Fifth Avenue. Music and cell phone conversations fill the sidewalks. Construction projects add vibrations to the din.

But inside, quiet and calm prevail. The rooms aren’t big, but simple design, soothing colors and natural wood welcome visitors and put them at ease. In a building long a part of the neighborhood, the new Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education offers a respite for those who need, but can’t afford, legal representation and come to Duquesne University School of Law looking for help.

On Sept. 19, 2013, more than 80 judges, state and local officials, and area attorneys—most Duquesne Law alumni—celebrated the opening of The Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education at a dedication ceremony across Fifth Avenue. Gov. Tom Corbett and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald offered remarks, as did members of the Pennsylvania legislature and Pittsburgh City Council.

Special guests included Thomas Tribone, L’85, and Michele Mrozek-Tribone, who provided key funding to make the building project possible. Dean Ken Gormley welcomed colleagues and friends and led the governor, along with the first contingent of visitors, into the new center.

Just three years ago, as the new dean of the School of Law, Gormley outlined his vision for the future of the Law School, including plans for a free-standing clinic and the hiring of a nationally recognized clinician to direct the experiential learning program. The University backed the plans by providing the building location and assisting in fundraising efforts. Alumni stepped up to champion the project with public funding sources and community leaders.

The Tribone Center now stands as proof of what the School of Law can accomplish for students and citizens of the region. The Center is thriving as a home to five clinics (with two more planned for 2014), three specialized externships (with another in place in 2014), a new pro bono program, summer public interest law fellowships, and a general externship program with placements in local, state and federal courts, and legal aid organizations, as well as local, state and federal agencies.

At the dedication, Gormley credited Professor Laurie Serafino, who the School of Law hired in 2012 to direct the expanding clinical legal education program; Professor Tracey McCants Lewis, assistant director; and Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick, clinic founder, with bringing “vision, passion and a deep commitment to justice” to all of the work happening inside the Tribone Center.

“We are now delivering, in a big way, on twin obligations: to use the talent and resources of the Law School to serve those who are less fortunate, and to prepare our students for employment by providing unmatched experience with real-life legal issues,” Gormley said.

The dedication offered an opportunity to thank the many individuals who played essential roles in generating support for the project, including Pennsylvania Sen. Jay Costa, L’89, who helped to map a plan for success from the project’s start, and Judge Jeffrey Manning, L’72,
who continues to champion the new clinic as a way to allow the School of Law and its students to directly assist the courts. State and local support for the building project came in the form of a $250,000 grant from the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority in the fall of 2012 and a $500,000 grant from the state’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program in the spring of 2013.

The Tribone Center doubled the space the School of Law previously had available for clinical legal education. The new location at 914 Fifth Ave. is easily accessible for area residents via public transportation and is within walking distance to downtown courthouses, public agencies and law firms.

The three-story building features new client meeting rooms, classrooms, student work rooms, and conference space for meetings with judges and attorneys. A student work room on the first floor will be named after Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, PC. The signature space on the second floor, a moot courtroom and technology lab, is being named for alumnus August C. Damian, L’60, in recognition of a generous gift by the Damian family.

Through the clinics and many programs now based at the Tribone Center, the School of Law is serving a record number of veterans, low-income individuals and families, and nonprofit organizations from throughout the region.

Pennsylvania Sen. Jay Costa, L’89, was instrumental in obtaining funding for the clinic building. The growing clinical legal education program has lasting value, as each new class of graduates integrates into their legal careers the School of Law’s tradition of service—learned in part inside the Tribone Center.

Alumnus Thomas Tribone on the New Clinical Legal Education Building

Colleen Derda, Director of Communications, School of Law

“Duquesne has had a significant impact on three generations of our family,” Thomas Tribone, L’85, said of the opening of the building that now bears his family name. “My father, the first person in the family to attend college, developed a strong respect for education at Duquesne, and he imparted that to us,” Tribone said in detailing why he welcomed the opportunity to support one of the University’s most important building projects of 2013.

Tribone and his wife, Michele Mrozek-Tribone, provided key support for moving the clinical legal education program to a free-standing building in the heart of the Uptown neighborhood. In addition to his law degree from Duquesne, Tribone has an MBA from the University’s Donahue-Palumbo School of Business. His father entered Duquesne on the GI Bill, studied accounting and eventually became CFO at Dravo Corporation. His sister-in-law, Mary Michael Tribone, graduated from Duquesne, and a niece, Veronica Cwalina, is currently studying pharmacy at the University.

Tribone was impressed with the work of Duquesne’s community-based legal initiatives and the impact on area residents. “The Law School’s clinical program provides an important service to citizens who otherwise wouldn’t be able to get legal help,” he said in a recent interview.

Tribone attended Duquesne University School of Law while working first for Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), then joining AES Corporation, an energy management start-up. He later held management positions at AES, including executive vice president, then founded Guggenheim Global Infrastructure Company and served as its CEO until 2013. Tribone has owned and managed large energy concerns in the U.S. and 35 other countries. He currently serves as CEO of Franklin Park Investments and is chairman of the board of directors of a public investment fund, Infrastructure India PLC.

His career has been focused on new areas of the energy industry, including private production and sale of electricity.

“It’s startling how much of my career was presaged during my time at Duquesne,” said Tribone, looking back to his days at the University. “My economics professor told us—long before it was fashionable—that the energy market is not a natural monopoly; I got my first exposure to the Regulatory Policy Act in a law class.”
“Professor [Robert] Barker taught me Comparative Latin American Law. Well, guess what? In 1982, I was part of a small start-up company that eventually became the largest power company in the world based on the premise that electricity is not a natural monopoly, and using the Regulatory Policy Act as the basis, became the largest private investor in Latin America after democracy was restored in the major countries there in the ’80s and ’90s. It was a completely new industry, but I had essentially already been through both the theory and practice during my studies at Duquesne.”

His law degree, he says, prepared him well for exploring and managing emerging businesses.

“Law is life,” said Tribone. “No other degree gives you such a background in the practical aspects of life. Whatever field you enter, a law degree can provide the basis to understand regulation, taxation, contracts and more.”

He says he is pleased to give back to the University that gave his family so much.

The Tribone gift for Duquesne’s clinical legal education program allowed the School of Law not only to complete the building but to plan for state-of-the-art technology and equipment.

“The scope of the new clinic building and the technology that will be embedded into it would not have been possible without the generosity of Tom and Michele Tribone,” Dean Ken Gormley said at the building dedication.

Tribone was characteristically modest in describing his family’s role in the project.

“The law clinic combines education and public service in a way that was attractive to us, and when we saw the enthusiasm for everyone at Duquesne for this project, we decided to be a part of it.”

School of Law programs based at The Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education:

**CLINICS**
- Civil Rights Clinic
- Federal Litigation Clinic
- Unemployment Compensation Clinic
- Urban Development Clinic
- Veterans Clinic

**Opening in 2014**
- Family Law Clinic
- Intellectual Property Clinic

**EXTERNSHIPS**
- Field placements at 100+ externship sites
- Criminal Defense Program
  - Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel
- Criminal Prosecution Program
  - Allegheny County Office of the District Attorney
- KidsVoice Specialized Program
  - 501(c)(3) organization

**Coming in 2014**
- Public Defender Program
- Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender

**PRO BONO PROGRAM**

**SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS**

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– Thomas Tribone
On Sept. 24, Mary Ann Glendon, Learned Hand Professor of Law of Harvard University and former United States Ambassador to the Holy See, graciously accepted the Dr. John and Liz Murray Excellence in Scholarship Award. The Murray Award came about after University Chancellor Dr. John Murray, Jr. established an endowment fund in 2011 to enhance and enrich scholarly activities at the School of Law.

Prior to giving the award to Glendon, Chancellor Murray remarked that the award is not only to honor people like Glendon, but also “to emphasize the importance of the influence of scholarship on the law.” Glendon, who holds a Master of Comparative Law and has written extensively on a variety of topics from a comparative perspective, is the second recipient of this prestigious award. She follows in the footsteps of esteemed judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Richard Posner.

The symposium, co-sponsored by Duquesne Law Review, came on the heels of the School of Law’s institutionalization of concentrations in various subspecialties of legal practice and scholarship, including International and Comparative Law. Recognizing the importance of understanding the legal traditions of other countries and preparing budding attorneys to effectively communicate with lawyers all over the world, the School of Law also has study abroad programs in Europe, China and the
Republic of Ireland. One particular relationship the School of Law has cultivated is with the Supreme Court of Costa Rica, which enabled a student to intern at the court. Glendon praised the steps that Duquesne is taking in order to expose its students to both traditional and non-traditional areas of legal study.

Glendon highlighted United States Supreme Court decisions in which the justices reference the law of other nations and debate the appropriateness of looking to other legal traditions. Two decisions in particular—Roper v. Simmons, in which the Court struck down Missouri’s imposition of the death penalty for juvenile offenders, and Washington v. Glucksberg, which upheld Washington’s ban on assisted suicide—provided the foundation for her lecture.

Glendon presented four reasons for concern when looking to foreign law—getting the law right, comparability of legal traditions, doubts about whether the benefits of looking to foreign law outweigh the burden of additional research on judges (and of course, their clerks) and attorneys, and the danger of only looking to foreign decisions that favor one’s own opinion. In order to address jurists’ concerns about looking to foreign law, Glendon suggested that foreign data can be useful for predicting the results of a holding or legislation and determining whether legislation is rationally related to a legitimate end. Examining foreign law also can provide a deeper understanding of a novel legal issue.

In fact, Karl Llewellyn looked to German law while drafting the Uniform Commercial Code. Chancellor Murray quipped that American legal scholars refrain from discussing this fact because they do not want to admit that American law was influenced by German law in the 1940s. Glendon pointed out that there are times when the United States must look to foreign law, such as how to interpret treaties that the United States has signed.

In her closing remarks, Glendon praised Duquesne, stating that graduating law students are lucky to be graduating from a law school that cares so deeply about providing so many opportunities to its students.

Duquesne Law Review’s next issue will feature Glendon’s article, “Comparative Law in the Age of Globalization,” along with submissions by numerous leading scholars from across the nation who have agreed to contribute to this special symposium issue.

Lauren E. Sullivan is the Executive Student Articles Editor for Duquesne Law Review, Volume 52.
On June 5, 2013, Duquesne University School of Law hosted a special program to mark the 10th anniversary of the *Final Report of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System*.

Associate Dean Nancy Perkins welcomed guests on behalf of the School of Law. The Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, served as keynote speaker. Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, offered remarks in tribute to the late Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy for his commitment to equal justice and for establishing the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness. The Hon. Debra M. Todd, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, also offered remarks, as did Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission Co-chairs Lynn Marks and Roberta Liebenberg and Executive Director (and adjunct law professor) Lisette “Mimi” McCormick, L’81.

The event also recognized the original members of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System.

Ten years ago, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System issued a report of its findings and recommendations. The Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness was born out of this initiative to act upon the report’s recommendations.

“The pursuit of fair and equal justice is a noble cause,” Chief Justice Castille said. “The work of the Interbranch Commission has not only enhanced the reputation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania throughout the country, but has helped ensure in its residents that critical sense of trust in their system of justice that is fundamental to any civilized society.”

“Although I am proud that we have succeeded in laying the groundwork for what must be done to establish equity in our justice system, I am acutely aware that there is much more to be accomplished over the next decade,” said McCormick. “This includes setting in place monitoring procedures and systems to ensure fairness in our courts, and achieving additional statewide reforms in areas such as indigent defense, jury diversity and capital justice.”

On Oct. 11, McCormick was one of four alumni inducted into the University’s Century Club.

The Century Club was established during Duquesne’s 100th anniversary in 1978 to recognize graduates with exemplary records of professional achievement and service to the University and community. Of the more than 88,000 alumni, only 317 have been admitted to its elite ranks.
The School of Law welcomed 20 faculty and administrators from China University of Political Science and Law on July 18, 2013. Led by Prof. Fei Anling, Dean of the School of Juris Master, the group participated in a meeting with Prof. Frank Liu and Assistant Dean of Enrollment Sarah Arimoto-Mercer then toured the School of Law facilities and library. The Beijing law school, one of the largest in China, is a partner in Duquesne’s LL.M. and study abroad programs.

In early May, the School of Law hosted seven members of the Chaoyang Lawyer Society of Beijing. The delegation visited Pittsburgh as part of a U.S. tour that included stops at law firms and legal institutions in Philadelphia, New York City and Washington, D.C. Duquesne was the only law school featured in the trip.

The School of Law’s Clinical Legal Education Program celebrated an important victory Aug. 9 when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit issued a precedential opinion affirming the grant of habeas relief to a client of the program, James Washington. Evening student Charles P. Sapienza III, L’14, argued the case in the Pittsburgh federal courthouse on May 15. Sapienza is part of the Law School’s Federal Litigation Clinic, supervised by Adrian Roe, Esq., which provides legal representation to inmates and the underserved with appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and civil cases pending in the U.S. District Court for Western Pennsylvania.

As a footnote to its opinion, the Third Circuit thanked the Federal Practice Clinic for “ably” representing Washington in the appeal.

In addition to “the W case,” students Jesse Drumm and Stephanie Noel presented arguments in Verde-Rodriguez v. Faber, Nos. 12-1599 & 1620, an immigration case. Adrian N. Roe, Esq., and Samuel H. Simon, Esq., were supervising attorneys.

Clinical Legal Education Garners Important Third Circuit Win

Laurie B. Serafino serves as Duquesne University School of Law’s director of Clinical Legal Education. Tracey McCants Lewis serves as assistant director.

From left, Dean Gormley, Charles Sapienza and Adrian Roe
This summer, Sheldon Miller, L’71, and Bill Diefenderfer, L’73, were added to the moot court honorary wall as co-winners of the Shalom Appellate Moot Court Award in 1971. Miller and Diefenderfer were the “undisputed” evening division champions; Diefenderfer’s tour of Vietnam prevented them from officially competing that year. They join 1971 winners William Costopoulos and Irwin Lichter.

From left are Allen Lane, L’71, Diefenderfer, Miller and Dean Gormley.

Dean Ken Gormley unveiled a portrait of Judge Carol Los Mansmann, L’67, at the Law School on Aug. 29 before family, friends and former law clerks. Judge Mansmann was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1982 by President Ronald Reagan. Before Mansmann died from breast cancer in 2002, Justice Sandra Day O’Connor came to the Law School to accept the first Carol Los Mansmann Award for Distinguished Public Service. Pictured from left are former law clerks Joy McNally and Carol Starr Hesz, L’90, and Judge Mansmann’s son, Michael Low. Hesz currently serves as clerk to Hon. Lisa Lenihan; McNally, former clerk to Hon. Deborah Todd, currently serves as special assistant to the dean.
As the 2013-2014 school year closes, Professor S. Michael Streib will move through the doors of Duquesne and on to other pursuits. He will leave a remarkable imprint on the School of Law, just as he has done on each student with whom he has come into contact.

Unique beginnings often beget unique individuals, a proposition that the life of Professor Mike Streib ably demonstrates.

Streib grew up in Ocean City, N.J., an island populated by 9,000 residents in the long winter months and more than 100,000 in the summertime. This meant that for most of the year the Streibs’ home was surrounded by blocks of empty houses, a virtual ghost town that transformed into a crowded city for the brief tourist season. Though there were pockets of excitement, as his high school days drew to a close, Mike Streib had a simple goal in mind: “I wanted to escape the island.”

An education at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., provided the opportunity. Getting out of Ocean City was the result of initiative and hard work, and the work ethic proved a firm foundation as Streib was primarily self-supporting while he earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and accounting. After graduation, as Streib remembers, “I was not ready to grow up yet. I was having way too much fun (being a student).”

Although his motivation undoubtedly stretched beyond the mere pursuit of fun, he prolonged his school years by enrolling in the graduate school of business at the University of Pittsburgh. He admits that he enjoyed the lighter side of college life when he says, “Let’s just say I had a wonderful time during those years,” but in reality he worked difficult jobs during the day while attending classes at night. To support his education, he drove a taxi and collected bills in “some difficult neighborhoods,” among
other jobs. Though good times were also on the agenda, he was clearly well acquainted with the virtues of a disciplined work ethic.

After graduating with an MBA in accounting, Streib went to work as a senior tax accountant for Arthur Andersen & Co., one of the Big Eight accounting firms in Washington, D.C. He made the most of the opportunity, earning a name for himself and being rewarded with rapid promotions. Yet a sense of personal fulfillment was missing. “They treated me like a king. I made a wonderful amount of money, but it really wasn’t what I wanted to do.” He was beginning to get a clearer focus on what he did want to do, though, and to that end he made a point of saving half of his earnings. This nest egg allowed him to concentrate on his return to academics—this time at the Duquesne University School of Law.

To supplement the savings he had set aside for law school, Streib took a job in the district attorney’s office writing briefs in the appellate division. His experience as an accountant resulted in an unconventional twist to his employment when a new district attorney started a special white collar crime unit. Streib attended the police academy, received a badge and a gun, and worked as a detective while continuing his studies. In the midst of this adventurous “day job,” his dexterity as a student led to another opportunity: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Louis Manderino traditionally hired the student who was first in the class at Duquesne to be his clerk, and Streib was in that lofty position entering his final year. Though Justice Manderino passed away before the offer was finalized, his successor honored the tradition, and Streib turned in his detective badge to serve as a law clerk. His experiences outside the classroom continued to complement and bolster his academic pursuits.

With a law degree from Duquesne in hand in 1979, Streib was considering three primary career directions: practicing law, teaching at the university level, or pursuing a judicial career. As he was pondering these options, his eclectic background led to yet another opportunity uniquely suited to his talents. Dean John Sciullo contacted him about teaching a course in Federal Income Taxation; Streib accepted, and other teaching opportunities followed. He was continuing to develop and refine his own special niche with an eclectic mix of concentrations, including torts, trial practice, products liability, remedies and damages.

“I believe education is a way of thinking,” Streib says, reflecting on how his particular combination of practical experience and formal education affected his approach to teaching. “The accounting taught me a lot of rigor, discipline and logic. The detective experience taught me about people—it was a wonderful lesson in humanity.” Known as a student-oriented professor with a knack for nourishing and directing the learning process, Streib believes that “Ninety percent of the learning that students get, they get on their own,” yet he is quick to point out professors and deans who made an indelible impression on his own style. “Sheldon Nahmod, Ray Sekula, John Sciullo and Nick Fisfis were particularly influential. Their style of instruction stuck out to me. They were all excellent, excellent teachers.”

Not surprisingly given his own history, Streib was particularly drawn to Duquesne’s evening program. He had worked his way through college, through graduate studies and through law school; he understood the difficult realities many students faced. “For people who need to survive, who are paying their own bills, like I had been doing for many years before I even got to law school, night school is invaluable.” His capacity for empathy combined with his dedication to furthering the integrity of the law school contributed to an affectionate respect he received from his students and his peers, a status that would follow him into his tenured professorship.

Among his many accomplishments, Streib will always be remembered as the director emeritus of the trial moot court program and for his work as coach and adviser to the trial moot court teams. “There was a particular piece of advice I would give the teams. I first saw it on a courtroom wall in Florida, and it goes like this: ‘Your talent is God-given, so be humble. Your success thus far is man-given, so be thankful. Your conceit is self-given, so be careful.’” His skills went beyond advice, of course, as the success of the Duquesne teams—and, more importantly, the subsequent success of the team members—attests.

Summarizing his outlook, Streib says, “I don’t have any complicated philosophies. Success as a lawyer or law student does not have some magic formula that is unique to the law. The formula is the same. It is hard work.”
Jan Levine, associate professor and director of the School of Law’s Legal Research and Writing program, received the prestigious Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in the field of legal writing.

Presented annually by the Association of Legal Writing Directors and the Legal Writing Institute, this important award is given to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to improve the field of legal writing by demonstrating:

- An ability to nurture and motivate students to excellence.
- A willingness to help other legal writing educators improve their teaching skills or their legal writing programs.
- An ability to create and integrate new ideas for teaching and motivating legal writing educators and students.

“We are thrilled that Professor Jan Levine has received the prestigious Blackwell Award,” said Dean Ken Gormley. “Under his leadership, the Legal Research and Writing program at Duquesne Law School has steadily risen to become one of the top programs in the United States. Professor Levine’s creative vision and his unmatched dedication to the educational advancement of our students have made him a dynamic force in legal education.”

An expert in the field of legal writing and research, Levine joined the faculty at Duquesne in 2007 with more than two decades of experience leading legal writing and research programs. Duquesne’s program has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation’s best every year since then and the magazine’s most recent rankings issue places the program No. 11 on its Best Law Schools Specialty Rankings: Legal Writing List.

The Blackwell Award Reception will be held at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools at the New York Marriott Marquis on Jan. 3, 2014.
Dean Ken Gormley, Professor Ray Sekula and keynote speaker Phoebe Haddon, L’77, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Law

Ryan J. Wilk, recipient of the Murray Excellence in Scholarship Student Award
Duquesne University School of Law is pleased to welcome Assistant Professor Ann Schiavone and Visiting Assistant Professor Valarie Blake.

Schiavone joins the faculty as a tenure-track professor teaching Legal Research and Writing, while Blake will continue to develop the health law concentration begun last year by Visiting Professor John Cogan.

“I think Pittsburgh is an incredible place to be working in the area of health law given the incredible environment of care here,” says Blake. “I really enjoy working with my colleagues here who are so knowledgeable but also care about their students. The law school environment is intimate, and I’m impressed that students have the opportunity to get to know their professors.”

Blake received her BS in neuroscience and JD from Pitt. She went on to Case Western Reserve for her MA in medical ethics, while working as an advanced bioethics fellow at the Cleveland Clinic. Blake most recently was a senior research associate in ethics for the American Medical Association. In addition to Health Care Law, she will teach Professional Responsibility.

Blake was thrilled to return to Pittsburgh, the city where she did her training. “I love Pittsburgh, and missed it greatly while I was away. I’m excited to be able to tie health law and Duquesne to the city’s health care environment, helping to create those roots and community.”

Schiavone is no stranger to the School of Law. She received her JD from Duquesne, and taught Legal Research and Writing as an adjunct for two years before becoming a member of the faculty at Akron University School of Law. While at Akron, she taught legal writing, legislative process and drafting, and various seminars.

Schiavone is happy to come home to Duquesne. “I ultimately wanted to be in Pittsburgh, where I received my first adjunct teaching opportunity,” she says. “Duquesne’s focus on service, as well as teaching and scholarship, drew me here as well. As a teacher, I strive to foster an appreciation in my students for how they can contribute to and positively affect their communities and beyond. Duquesne is the perfect place to do that.”

Importantly, Schiavone is proud to return to Duquesne’s top legal writing program. “It is a tremendous opportunity to be beside my colleague and mentor, Jan Levine. He has built an exceptional program that produces practice-ready lawyers. I am pleased to be a part of it.”

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— Ann Schiavone, assistant professor
The Saturday Night Massacre 40 Years Later:
How Our Constitution Trumped a Reckless President

Ken Gormley, Dean and Professor of Law
(This article first appeared on the National Constitution Center’s “Constitution Daily” blog and is reprinted with permission.)

Dean Gormley recently organized and co-moderated a 40-year historical retrospective on the Saturday Night Massacre held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The photos on these pages were taken at that event. The program can be viewed on C-SPAN at www.c-spanvideo.org/program/NightMa.

Forty years ago, when President Richard M. Nixon fired Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox in the infamous “Saturday Night Massacre,” seeking to shut down Cox’s criminal investigation before it proved President Nixon’s complicity in the Watergate cover-up, the nation’s system of laws hung in the balance.

At issue was whether the President of the United States, by dint of sheer force, could overpower the rule of law and halt an investigation of his own conduct as chief executive, thus defying the Special Prosecutor’s office, the courts, Congress and 19 ordinary citizens of the federal grand jury who had directed Nixon to turn over nine White House tapes that would prove or disprove his involvement in a criminal cover-up.

Archibald Cox, a mild-mannered professor of constitutional law at Harvard Law School, had no prosecutorial experience before being tapped to serve in the no-win position of Watergate Special Prosecutor. Yet Cox had established a reputation as a highly principled lawyer of impeccable integrity. He was a direct descendant of Roger Sherman—signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He was an early law clerk to the famous Judge Learned Hand of the federal court in New York. He was a labor adviser to the young Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts; head of JFK’s “Brain Trust” during the 1960 campaign; and Solicitor General in the Kennedy Administration, arguing many of the landmark civil rights cases of modern time in the Supreme Court.

Cox was viewed with deep suspicion by the Nixon White House, even though he was picked by the President’s own Attorney General, Elliot Richardson, in the swirl of the Watergate scandal. The Nixon defenders saw Cox as a Kennedy Democrat who—like other political enemies—would do anything within his power to bring down the embattled President.

Ironically, Cox was deeply respectful of the institutions of government and the President. He was loathe to think or act in political/partisan terms. Indeed, his first act as Watergate Special Prosecutor was to seek to shut down the televised hearings conducted by the Senate Watergate Committee chaired by the powerful Democrat from North Carolina, Sen. Sam Ervin. Cox feared that the televised Watergate hearings might make it impossible to give President Nixon, White House aide John Dean and other potential defendants a fair trial. When he made his case directly to Ervin, the Southern Democrat kicked Cox out of his office, calling him “arrogant.”
White House abruptly announced that the “Stennis compromise” was an appeal to the Supreme Court in the Watergate tapes case, the dramatic halt. Just days before the President’s deadline to file the transcripts and in bringing the Watergate investigation to a close, J. Fred Buzhardt, would “assist” Stennis in verifying summaries of those tapes prepared by the White House.

The White House had recently suffered gunshot wounds in a burglary attempt, an honorable man, was 71 years old, had trouble hearing and walking, and was on heavy doses of medication. The White House had planned to take Sen. Stennis to Camp David where Nixon liked to be intruding on the President’s most private and sensitive records?

President Nixon and his team of advisers came very close to shutting down Cox’s operation and trumping the rule of law, even after two federal courts had ordered President Nixon to turn over the Watergate tapes. The Nixon team concocted an elaborate and nefarious plan: Only one individual—Sen. John Stennis of Mississippi—would be allowed to listen to the tapes and verify summaries of those tapes prepared by the White House for accuracy. Cox and his prosecutors would not be permitted to subpoena any further tapes or evidence. Sen. Stennis, while an honorable man, was 71 years old, had trouble hearing and walking, and had recently suffered gunshot wounds in a burglary attempt, causing him to be on heavy doses of medication. The White House planned to take Sen. Stennis to Camp David where Nixon’s loyalist, J. Fred Buzhardt, would “assist” Stennis in verifying the transcripts and in bringing the Watergate investigation to a dramatic halt.

Just days before the President’s deadline to file an appeal to the Supreme Court in the Watergate tapes case, the White House abruptly announced that the “Stennis compromise” had been accepted by all parties. At this moment, the entire system of government in the United States teetered on a dangerous precipice.

When Archibald Cox took the long, lonely walk from his office on K Street to the National Press Club in Washington to hold a press conference explaining to the American public why he could not in good conscience accept the Stennis Compromise—because it would violate his oath to the Senate to follow the Watergate evidence wherever it took him, even if it led to the White House— he worried that he was “getting too big for my britches.”

Cox didn’t set out to defy the President of the United States. Yet Constitutional principles he cared deeply about, he told the hushed audience of reporters at the National Press Club, were at stake. If he allowed the President to shut down the Watergate investigation to suit his own self-interests, thumping his nose at the rule of law, how could our nation hope to fight off tyranny when a future power-hungry leader declared that he, too, was above the law?

Fortunately, Cox’s absolute integrity on display that Saturday afternoon—Oct. 20, 1973—made a deep impression on the American people. When President Nixon that night ordered Attorney General Elliot Richardson to fire Cox, Richardson refused, resigning rather than carry out the president’s order. The next in command, Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus, likewise resigned rather than do President Nixon’s bidding. It was the third in command, Solicitor General Robert Bork, who finally carried out President Nixon’s order to discharge Cox. Within hours of executing this Saturday Night Massacre, a firestorm of protest erupted that led to the appointment of a new Special Prosecutor—Leon Jaworski—the subpoenoing of dozens of additional damning tapes, the drafting of impeachment resolutions against the president by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, and the ultimate unravelling of the Nixon presidency.

The events culminating in the Saturday Night Massacre, one of the most dramatic moments in American political history, impart a lesson that remains crucial for those who value our Constitutional system: It is only when public servants of great integrity—such as Archibald Cox, Elliot Richardson and William Ruckelshaus—stand up in times of crises and do the right thing, even though this may jeopardize their own personal career ambitions and interests, that our system is strong enough to withstand frontal assaults on the Constitution’s delicate balance of power.

These events ultimately proved that in the American system, no person, not even the President, is above the law—a point underscored when the United States Supreme Court handed down its historic decision in July of 1974 in U.S. v. Nixon—ordering President Nixon to turn over the full set of Watergate tapes, ultimately forcing him to resign in disgrace. (This will be the subject of a future blog entry.)

President Richard M. Nixon allowed his deep suspicion of others, and his belief that he could eradicate all threats to his presidency by exercising unbridled power, to cause him to misjudge many things. Perhaps his greatest misjudgment, however, was in thinking that he could overpower the will of the people themselves, when they—not Congress, not the Supreme Court, and certainly not one reckless president—have the final say in our Constitutional system.
Former Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus

Dean Gormley questions the panelists.

Bob Woodward listens to Jill Wine-Banks.

From left, journalist and Fox News political analyst Juan Williams, Mark Paoletta, A’84, Tricia Paoletta and Edward Ayoob, L’96

Mary Grealy, L’78, with her husband, Robert Putnam, center, and University Vice President for Advancement John Plante

Prof. Bill Gormley (Georgetown University), left, with Gwen Robosson, L’81 and her husband Austin Fragomen

Dean Gormley, David, A’60, and Janet, A’59, Pappert and James Miller, associate vice president of University Development

Henry Richardson and Nancy Carlson, children of the late Attorney General Elliot Richardson, speak with Bill Ruckelshaus.
Steven Baicker-McKee

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES


Robert S. Barker

APPOINTMENTS

- The American Law Institute to the Members Consultative Group on Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States.

AWARDS


MEDIA

- (2013, April 14) KD/PG Sunday Edition—“The United States Supreme Court.” (Television Broadcast—panelist). Pittsburgh, Pa.: KDKA, CBS.
- (2013, April 12) KDKA Pittsburgh Radio Interview.

PRESENTATIONS


PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES


Nicholas P. Cafardi

PRESENTATIONS


PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES


Julia M. Glencer

PRESENTATIONS


Ken Gormley

PRESENTATIONS

• (2013, March) Erie Inns of Court, Erie Yacht Club, Erie, Pa.
• (2013, March) Untitled Speech, Findlay University, Findlay, Ohio.

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

Kenneth E. Gray
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, March) Property for the Bar. Lecture conducted from Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Susan C. Hascall
PRESENTATIONS

Rona Kaufman Kitchen
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, April 12) Reconstructing Motherhood: Legal Implications from Scientific Findings, Three School Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bruce Ledewitz
MEDIA

PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, March 20) Commentary at meeting of Federalist Society. Greg Lukianoff, Director of FIR, March 20 Presentation, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES
• (2013, March 31) “Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court, Still Broken.” Pittsburgh, Post-Gazette.

Jan M. Levine
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, March 16) Switching to the Mac, The Third Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES
• (Spring 2013) “It’s OK to Leave Law School,” The Law Teacher, (10), 19.

Tracey McCants Lewis

PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, May 29) The House I Live In Film Screening, August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Frank Y. Liu

PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, June) Information Service to the Public: The Experience of a County Law Library in the United States, Third Chinese and American forum on legal information and law libraries, Shanghai, China.

Jane Campbell Moriarty

AWARDS
• (2013, May) Excellence in Teaching Award, Student Bar Association of Duquesne Law School.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES


John E. Murray, Jr.

PRESENTATIONS

Wesley M. Oliver

MEDIA

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

John T. Rago

PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, April 9) Wrongful Convictions and Pennsylvania’s Tarn at Innocence Reform, Susquehanna University. Susquehanna, Pa.
• (2013, March) An Interdisciplinary Approach to Pennsylvania Innocence Reform, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa.
• (2013, March) Wrongful Convictions and Pennsylvania’s Tarn at Innocence Reform, Gannon University, Erie, Pa.

Ronald Ricci

PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, May 1, April 24 and 25) Your Financial Health, (presentations to graduating medical students as part of the school’s efforts to prepare the new physicians for the business aspects of the practice of medicine), University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (UPSOM), Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jacob H. Rooksby

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

PRESENTATIONS

Ann Schiavone
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, June 26) (With Julia Glencer, Jan Levine and Tara Willke) Designing Spaces: Planning the Physical Space for a LRW Program, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

Laurie Serafino
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, June 20) Moderator, panel discussion after the keynote speech by criminal defense and civil attorney F. Lee Bailey, the 51st Annual Bench-Bar Conference of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Seven Springs, Champion, Pa.

Tara L. Willke
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, June 26) (With Julia Glencer, Jan Levine, and Ann Schiavone) Designing Spaces: Planning the Physical Space for a LRW Program, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.
• (2013, March 16) Are You There, and Do I Even Care: Distance Learning and Legal Writing, The Third Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference. Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mark D. Yochum
PRESENTATIONS
• (2013, June 26) Conflicted, the 51st Annual Bench-Bar Conference of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Seven Springs, Champion, Pa.

Dr. Joel Fishman, Law Library Faculty
PRESENTATIONS

Pictured from left, Patti Dodge, L’81, Laurie Serafino, F. Lee Bailey, Gary Gentile, Esq., Hon. Jeffrey Manning, L’72

Mark Yochum, second from right, portrayed the Doctor in The Summer Company’s production of Cat On a Hot Tin Roof.

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On The Record

“Duquesne’s energy and environmental law concentration enables graduates to approach employers with evidence that they’ve developed expertise.”
Professor Steven Baicker-McKee, on expanding energy practices in the region due to Marcellus shale.
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, July 11, 2013

“Money is certainly sufficient motive for prosecutors to present to a jury. There are ways to prove first-degree murder, but motive is a way to do it. It certainly helps the prosecution’s case.”
Professor Wesley Oliver, director of the criminal justice program, on the Ferrante murder case.
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Aug. 11, 2013

“Whether such decisions prove smart for universities, and good for innovation, remains to be seen.”
Professor Jacob Rooksby in an op-ed on universities and patent infringement litigation.
Pittsburgh Business Times, June 14-20, 2013

“Unquestionably, the quality of the opinions of the Supreme Court has improved under his watch.”
Professor Bruce Ledewitz on Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ronald Castille. 
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Oct. 28, 2013

“Times have changed, our society has changed, more women have entered the legal profession, and both men and women are physically and mentally capable of performing judicial functions at a much higher level for much longer…. The amendment process is designed for precisely these sorts of changes in our fundamental charter.”
Dean Ken Gormley on a proposed state constitutional amendment to raise Pennsylvania judges’ retirement age to 75.
As reported in Philadelphia Inquirer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Tribune-Review, WESA-FM, PAMatters.com and other media

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Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Radiolab, WNYC
Scranton Times-Tribune
USA TODAY
The Wall Street Journal
The Washington Post
WESA-FM
Heather Adamic, assistant registrar, joins us from Point Park University, where she was an academic communications specialist in the Registrar’s Office.

Gina Cecchetti, associate director of admissions, joins us from Case Western Reserve Law School, where she served as assistant director of admissions and diversity initiatives.

Jessica Paschke is the new administrative assistant for the law clinic. She previously worked in the Wecht Institute for Forensic Science, assisting with conferences, grants, web content management and other duties.

Kirsha Weyandt Trychta, L'06, academic excellence program director, formerly worked at the Allegheny County Office of Conflicts Counsel. She is also an adjunct professor in the Legal Writing Program.

Christine Woodburn, the new assistant in the admissions office, has a master’s degree in teaching and Pennsylvania state certification in English education.

Evening and Part-Time Division Alumni

The Law Alumni Office is updating its database and needs an accurate accounting of our evening and part-time division alumni. If you graduated in the evening division between 1961 and 1991, or the part-time division before 2005, please let us know at lawalumni@duq.edu. Thank you!
Richard T. Hamilton, L’87:
A Career Path Less Travelled

Andrea Laurion, Contributing Writer

When alumnus Richard Hamilton Jr. was a law student trying to picture himself in 20 years, he saw himself working as a trial lawyer for a large firm. And he is —after a 23-year career for the Department of Justice.

As he looked upon his career options following his graduation in 1987, Hamilton wavered between returning to academia, accepting a clerkship position or setting up private practice. After encouragement from Professor Al Paláez, he decided to get his LLM from the University of Pennsylvania. To Hamilton, Paláez exuded the qualities a lawyer should possess: He was thoughtful, analytical, confident and organized. “He would talk about not just the nuts and bolts of the law profession, but some of the higher aspirations and goals as well.”

Hamilton spent two years working on the Duquesne Law Review, including one year as executive editor of “Recent Decisions,” and was fortunate to get a case note published during his second year. Working on the Law Review was a true commitment, and he is thankful for the opportunity. “Everybody worked so hard to put out a great product.”

One of the biggest takeaways for Hamilton related to Duquesne University’s Catholic foundation. “There is a higher moral purpose to law and the legal profession.” A fundamental mission of the Law School, he notes, is teaching that there is something bigger than making money and paying bills. “There is a moral undertone to it all. I’m thankful to have had that presented in the classroom.”

With the Department of Justice, he focused primarily on violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, leading complex international and national investigations and prosecutions involving criminal antitrust conspiracies and related federal offenses.

Hamilton led a high profile case involving commercial price-fixing in the air cargo industry. Spanning multiple countries, it ended with a record-setting $1.5 billion in fines. Two ex-Air France executives were indicted and they are currently international fugitives. Giving credit to his colleagues within the department for their assistance, Hamilton assesses the investigation as being nothing short of “phenomenal.”

Hamilton’s government resume extends beyond the antitrust division. He spent six months as a trial attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, handling bank fraud, firearms and illegal immigration. This fast-paced street crime was quite a change from the antitrust division, where he typically handled a half dozen cases over a period of several years. And the experience added yet another fascinating item to his impressive and eclectic portfolio.

Hamilton was also at the forefront of a multi-nation inquiry concerning magazine distribution. This helped re-shape and change an industry beset with geographic fiefdoms dominated by collusion and monopolistic conduct. The investigation began when Hamilton noticed that a small Cleveland gift shop ironically carried more of what the public didn’t want than what was in consumer demand. Following up on this observation led to the exposure of a local monopoly, which in turn mushroomed into a national case spanning multiple states—and it all started with the simple examination of a magazine rack in Ohio.

Hamilton recently joined the Cleveland firm Ulmer & Berne LLP as the chair of its White Collar practice group. Even though it was a different path to his career goal than he had imagined during his three years at Duquesne, Hamilton saw it come to fruition—thanks to Duquesne. “I’m very thankful to Duquesne University School of Law for providing the basis for me to be successful at every stage,” Hamilton says. “It was the perfect fit and the perfect place for me.”

A fundamental mission of the Law School, he notes, is teaching that there’s something bigger than making money and paying bills. “There is a moral undertone to it all. I’m thankful to have had that presented in the classroom.”
Young Alumni Profile:

Jeffrey Fromknecht, L’12

Home: Splits time between Pittsburgh, Pa., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Education: Allegheny College, BS’04, University of Pittsburgh, MSW’07, Duquesne University, JD’12

Employment: Side Project Inc., a nonprofit corporation with offices in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa. Its goal is to support community-oriented organizations, large and small, through legal and professional support services. Side Project is able to increase the social impact of its clients by allowing them to focus more time and energy on serving their communities and less energy on time-consuming administrative “side projects.” Side Project has provided more than 2,000 hours of legal and administrative services to 15 socially minded organizations in Western Pennsylvania and South Florida.

Who works at Side Project? Side Project is staffed by a dedicated team of more than a dozen volunteers with a diverse set of professional skills ranging from law to accounting to information technology. These volunteers make up the Side Project Action & Advisory Committee, which logged a total of more than 500 volunteer hours in the past year. Several Duquesne Law alumni serve on the committee, including Justin Tuskan, L’11, Ted Casey, L’12, Christine Serra Cornell, L’12, and Brandon Keller, L’12. Utilizing their diverse professional backgrounds, the volunteers have been able to assist an array of different community-oriented organizations, as well as engage in philanthropic projects of their own design under the management and supervision of Side Project Inc.

Who benefits from Side Project? Side Project’s clients are as diverse as its staff, ranging from health and human services nonprofits to women’s advocacy groups to veterans’ support groups. The common thread is that all of these organizations are dedicated to serving their individual constituencies in an effort to improve the overall quality of our community. Some of these clients include the Rukmini Foundation and the Arts for Autism Foundation of Pittsburgh, two educational foundations that Side Project helped to obtain tax-exempt status from the IRS. Additionally, Side Project has provided evaluation support for Community Living and Support Services (CLASS) of Pittsburgh, as well as worked with the CEO of the George Snow Scholarship Fund to develop a continuous quality improvement program, which will help to easily capture the impact that the Scholarship Fund is having on the greater South Florida community in which it is operating. Other clients include Tigerlili Resources and Perks & Moore, both of Palm Beach County, Fla., which provide services and support to single women and caretakers, respectively; the Washington County (Pa.) Sports and Recreation Foundation, and One9Five.org, a Pittsburgh-based veterans support services nonprofit.

Why the passion for Side Project? “Combining my professional experiences as a social worker and legal training, coupled with my passion for building community, led to launching Side Project one year ago. Small nonprofits and grassroots efforts are the lifeblood of true community change. We created Side Project to work with and support these folks. As a catalyst and incubator for these projects, we help spur community-level change.”

Family and fun: “Being a new lawyer and starting a business consumes most of my time. However, I have the support of my whole family in this journey. When I do have free time, I enjoy cooking dinner for my wife, Anne, walking our dog, Ernie, playing golf and spending time with our friends.”

How did your Duquesne Law education contribute to this passion? “The School of Law was an important piece in my professional development and growth as an agent of change in the community. The evening program allowed me to attend law while continuing my work as a social worker. While in school, Dean Gormley, Professor Yochum and (Career Service Director) Maria Comas helped find me experiential learning experiences that matched my interest and passion for community-related work.”

For more information, please visit www.sideprojectinc.org or email Jeff Fromknecht at jeff@sideprojectinc.org.
Message from the DLAA President

Dear Friends of the Law School,

Recently, a special panel of the American Bar Association completed a lengthy review of legal education and concluded that it faces “considerable pressure” and “dramatic changes.” Despite these challenges, the mission of our law school, Salus Populi Suprema Lex—“the welfare of the people is the highest law”—still rings loud and clear. It is comforting to know that our law school cannot and will not back down from these challenges.

Many of us have attended recent law alumni receptions held in various cities. The attendance has been robust and the enthusiasm high. Duquesne provides a first-class education at a moderate price. This was proven last March when U.S. News & World Report named the Duquesne University School of Law among first-tier schools in its 2014 Best Graduate School Rankings. Our Legal Research and Writing program was ranked No. 11 among law schools in the nation in the legal writing category and just a few weeks ago, National Jurist ranked our law school No. 4 among Best Value Private Law Schools. Our moot court teams are among the best in the region, if not the country.

Because of these achievements, there is a wave of electric, positive momentum occurring now at the Law School. The DLAA is also enjoying enthusiastic momentum in the wake of the accomplishments of the Law School. We recently implemented a number of initiatives to smooth the transition from students to alumni. Among them are programs such as “A Day in the Life of a Practitioner,” “Networking 101” and a mock interview program. The newly endowed DLAA Career Services Fund assists our Career Services Office with its excellent programming to help students and alumni in their job searches. It is through the generous support and commitment of each of you that the DLAA is able to sponsor these programs and provide these opportunities.

The DLAA is busy and continuing to uncover innovative ways to support the Law School and its students. A resounding theme this year, and we hope in the years to come, will be “We Take Care of Our Own.” This slogan embodies my belief that Duquesne Law Alumni must look after the Law School, its students and each other. I am proud to be a Duquesne lawyer and to be a part of such a vibrant and active Law Alumni Association.

Our mission, to inspire future generations and assist our own graduates to serve the welfare of the people, must never waiver. We must never forget the opportunity the Law School afforded us, and rededicate ourselves to continuing its tradition of honor, service and accomplishment. I urge you to join the DLAA and participate in its events. Please visit our website at duq.edu/law/alumni-and-friends.

I am humbled and honored to be the 2013-2014 president of the Law Alumni Association, and I thank all of you for allowing me to serve. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year and pledge, as I hope you will, to do a little more than last year to make our law school, and those it serves, better than ever.

Warmest regards,
PJ Murray, L’88
President, Duquesne Law Alumni Association

Save the Date for the 62nd Law Alumni Reunion Dinner!

Friday, April 11, 2014
Duquesne University
Power Center Ballroom
Duquesne Law Alumni Association Establishes New Career Services Fund

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

The Duquesne Law Alumni Association (DLAA) has established a new fund in the School of Law that will assist the Career Services Office (CSO) with programming and events for both students and alumni.

“Through this fund, the Career Services Office will be able to make more networking events and informational programs available to our students,” says CSO Director Maria Comas, L’00. “The students are very fortunate to have a Law Alumni Association that continually strives to make opportunities and resources available to them.”

Over the past several years, during its annual membership drive, the DLAA has encouraged alumni to make an additional donation to the School of Law. Monies raised have led to the endowment of several funds, including the DLAA Endowed Bar Prep Fund to provide additional support for students studying for the bar exam. The new DLAA Endowed Career Services Fund was created to assist students and alumni with their careers in an ever-changing legal market.

“In the past two years, the Law Alumni Association has focused efforts on assisting students with their transition from law school to the practice of law,” says Eric Zagrocki, L’92, immediate past president of the DLAA, who made the establishment of this fund a focus of his tenure. “This fund will enable the CSO to assist students with resume and interview skills, provide focused networking opportunities for students and young alumni, and facilitate additional programs that will assist students as they transition to the practice of law.”

The CSO provides networking events and information programs throughout the year to students and alumni. Many of the programs are in specialized areas of law, such as solo practice and health law. According to Comas, this fund will help create new opportunities for additional specialized areas, such as energy law, an area of increasing interest for practitioners in southwestern Pennsylvania.

For more information on this and other funds, please contact the Office of Law Alumni Relations at deborj@duq.edu.
The 61st Annual Duquesne Law Alumni Reunion Dinner

April 19, 2013

More than 300 alumni and friends attended the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner with special guest, former Counsel to the President of the United States, John Dean.

This year, the DLAA honored two alumni with the Distinguished Alumni award: Angeline “Angie” C. Straka, L’80, and David B. White, L’82. Straka is the senior vice president and deputy general counsel and secretary of CBA Corporation. White is a founding member of Burns White LLC.

Kathryn “Katie” M. Kenyon, L’98, partner at Pietragallo and recipient of the 2013 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Excellence Award, received the Outstanding Achievement Award. Retiring professor Raymond “Ray” F. Sekula, L’65, received special recognition for 45 years of teaching in the School of Law.
Professor Ray Sekula and family

Rev. Raymond French, C.S.Sp., gives the invocation.

Members of the Class of 1973 at their 40th reunion, from left: Brennan Hart, Hon. Gary Caruso, Warren Ferry and George Love

Regina Petruzzi Neumann, L’00, left, Darrell Williams, L’00, and Tracey McCants Lewis, L’00

DLAA immediate past president Eric Zagrocki with John Dean
1962
Robert N. Peirce Jr. was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to the Elder Law Task Force.

1969
Ralph H. Dougherty is currently the president and board chairman of Parkview Community Foundation of Charlotte, N.C. Parkview tutors and feeds at-risk children after school daily during the school year, and provides a nine-week summer camp program for the children, as well as a twice-a-week soup kitchen for needy adults.

1973
Hon. Joy Flowers Conti was appointed chief judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

P. Brennan Hart has been elected to the National Kidney Foundation board of directors.

1974
J. Lawson Johnston has rejoined the firm of Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, practicing in the areas of transportation law and commercial law and litigation, with specific emphasis in railroad litigation, toxic tort and occupational disease.

Hon. Maureen Lally-Green joined the CONSOL board of directors and serves as a member of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee. Lally-Green also was appointed to the special advisory committee that will review contracting and business practices by Pennsylvania Turnpike CEO Mark Compton, and she was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

David S. Pollock has been named the recipient of the 2013 Special Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for his dedication and commitment as editor-in-chief since 1995 of the Pennsylvania Family Lawyer, the official quarterly of the PBA Family Law Section.

Ronald L. Pritts, an ordained minister of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian denomination, will serve as the 12th pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Steubenville, Ohio.

Vincent J. Quatrini was the recipient of the Irvin Stander Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers’ Compensation Section.

1976
Hon. John T. Bender was elected president judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Brian J. Cali was appointed by the disciplinary board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve for a three-year term as well as on the board’s finance committee.

Gerald J. Hutton was elected to membership in the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County.

1977
Craig E. Simpson received the 2013 Amram Award at the Allegheny County Bar Association Annual Bench Bar Conference.

1979
Anthony J. Plantino II has been certified as a specialist in the practice of workers’ compensation law by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers’ Compensation Law Section.

William J. McCabe was awarded the President’s Award for Professionalism at the annual Westmoreland Bar Association membership meeting.

1980
Paul J. Gitnik was appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Animal Friends of Western Pennsylvania, as well as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council for the renewed Saint Mary of the Mount on Mount Washington. He is also a member of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and the board of directors of the Mount Washington Community Development Corporation.

1981
Robert G. Del Greco was appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett to the Judicial Conduct Board for a four-year term.
Hon. Joseph K. Williams III was awarded the Spirit Award for 2013 by the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Homer S. Brown Division at the 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration.

1986
Edward G. Rice was elected to the board of the Financial Industries Network, a social and professional network of financial industry professionals.

1987
Hon. Maureen P. Kelly, left, received the 2013 Carol Los Mansmann Award, presented by Hon. Donetta Ambrose L’70, at the Allegheny County Bar Association Women in Law Division, for her dedication to advancing and improving the professional development of women lawyers.

1988
Hon. Alexander Bicket was invited to serve on the board of directors of The Education Partnership.

1989
Babette Magee joined Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, as a member of the litigation department, focusing her practice on toxic torts and environmental matters.

1990
Paul J. Giuffre opened his own general practice firm focusing on litigation practice.

1991
Colleen Ramage Johnston was elected as a fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and to the Federal Court Liaison of the Western Pennsylvania Employment Lawyers Association.

1993
Jon R. Perry received the Daniel Berger Community Service Award from the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. Perry and his wife, Joni, founded the Pennies from Heaven Fund that helps parents remain with their hospitalized children.

1994
Raymond M. Roberts has been named attorney at Rothman Gordon, PC, with the estates, trusts and taxation group.

1995
Julian E. Gray was elected to the board of directors for the Veterans Breakfast Club.

1996
Mary Diane Mulvihill was named of counsel for Rodella Law.

1997
D’Angela Proctor has been tapped to lead TV One’s original production team as senior vice president of programming and production, providing strategic direction of all original programming and overseeing all development and current production for the network.

1998
Mary R. Bates was the recipient of the 2013 Louis J. Goffman Award by the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation for providing exceptional legal services to the impoverished and homeless of Washington County, Pa.

1999
Christian D. Bareford is an assistant county solicitor at the Allegheny County Law Department.

2000
Cynthia B. Moore was elected chair of the Homer S. Brown Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association for the 2013-2014 term year.

2001
Mary G. Eichler was named of counsel for Rodella Law.

2002
Michael S. Kaczmarek was selected as chief administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration in Pittsburgh.

2003
Marla N. Presley joined the firm of Jackson Lewis LLP as an associate in the Pittsburgh office.

2004
Michael J. and Katherine (Bisciolis) Berquist had a baby girl named Noelle in October 2012. Berquist, an assistant district attorney, was promoted to the Homicide Unit of the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office.

2005
Mary P. Kelly was elected to the Westmoreland Bar Association Board of Directors for a three-year term.

2006
Mary D. Halstead was elected president of the Westmoreland Bar Association.

2007
Michele Sabo Conti joined the Pittsburgh-based Meyer, Unkovic & Scott as an associate in the tax and estate planning group.
2006

John B. Acierno joined the Philadelphia office of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC representing clients in the financial services, insurance and real estate industries.

Michelle A. Mantine and husband, Brian Johnson, celebrated the birth of Madeline Ann on Oct. 6.

Nicole T. Wetherton is the Assistant Attorney General in the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office.

2007

Kristin A. Biedinger, a licensed patent attorney, joined Tucker Arensberg as an intellectual property associate.

Timothy J. Chiappetta joined Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. as an associate focusing in the areas of toxic tort and insurance law, with a particular emphasis in asbestos litigation.

Mark K. Dausch was honored as a Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Legal Intelligencer.

Shawn P. McClure has been promoted to partner of Bernstein-Burkley in charge of the management of the firm’s commercial collection practice.

2008

Pamela L. Brickner is the lead contract analyst at Eaton Corporation.

Anthony R. Burgess accepted an associate position with Tucker Arensberg in the business and finance departments.

Michael A. Nagy, associate/member of the securities and investment professional liability practice group at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Gogin, was invited to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

2009

Nicholas J. Bell was elected to a two-year term on the Council of the Young Lawyers Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association and was part of the Allegheny County Bar Association Bar Leadership Initiative Class of 2012-2013 that won first place in the American Bar Association’s national Award of Achievement for Most Outstanding Single Project—Service to the Public contest.

Amber L. Burke joined The Pagano Law Firm LLC, engaging in an array of legal practice areas while concurrently serving as a law clerk both to the Hon. Linda A. Cartisano of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and visiting judge, the Hon. John L. Braxton.

Tara F. Hansen joined Burns White LLC as an associate in the transportation group focusing on the defense of toxic tort litigation.

Michael I. Ihrig joined the New York City law firm of Jaffe & Asher, LLP.

John W. Kane joined Babst Calland as an associate in the energy and natural resource group.

Elizabeth E. Lamm, former law clerk to the Hon. Donald. E. Beachley in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Md., accepted an associate position with Anderson, Rudd, Donahue & McKee.

Donald M. Lewinski is now an in-house litigation attorney for Crown Castle in Canonsburg, Pa.

Colin A. Morgan has been named to the board of directors of Southwinds, Inc.

Emily L. Nenni was honored with a Pro Bono Service Award at the 28th Judicial District Bar Luncheon. The awards are given each year by Pisgah Legal Services and the 28th Judicial District Bar to attorneys who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to pro bono service to those in need in western North Carolina.

Rep. Brandon P. Neuman was honored with the Academy for Adolescent Health Community Award during the 11th annual Community Awards Night sponsored by the Academy and Washington Hospital Teen Outreach.

Justin T. Papciak joined Feldstein Grinberg Lang & McKee, P.C. as an associate in the firm’s personal injury litigation group.

Elena L. Pollock joined Babst Calland as an associate in the energy and natural resource group.

Steven A. Walton has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s shale energy law committee.

Joseph R. Williams was elected to serve as vice chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and was selected for The Legal Intelligencer’s Lawyers on the Fast Track for 2013.

2010

James S. Anderson is working with Holland Acquisitions, Inc. as a team leader.

Gregory V. Aughenaugh joined Houston Harbaugh, P.C. as an associate in the litigation practice, concentrating in the areas of business and commercial litigation.
Catherine R. Cirrincione, a registered patent attorney and pharmacist, joined the Pittsburgh office of Pepper Hamilton as an associate in the firm’s intellectual property transactions and rights practice group.

Sally A. Frick, an associate at Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., was the recipient of the firm’s David B. Fawcett Pro Bono Service Award.

Anthony J. Judice joined Goodrich and Associates, P.C. as an associate focusing on various types of plaintiff’s personal injury cases.

Julie E. Koren joined the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office as an assistant district attorney.

Adam T. Krynicki was promoted to business development director in the office of intellectual property and commercialization at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Krynicki is also the interim president of Nanook Tech Ventures, Inc. which is responsible for the creation of new start-up companies based on intellectual property for the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Benjamin J. Steinberg accepted a position as assistant chief public defender in Bradford County, Pa.

Matthew B. Wachter joined Knox McLaughlin Gormann and Sennett, focusing in the areas of business and tax, business succession planning and estate planning and administration.

Brian M. John joined Babst Calland as an associate in the energy and natural resource group.

2011

Courtney P. Allan was hired as an associate general counsel for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) in Arlington, Va., and is engaged to Geoffrey J. Heiple, L’10.

Craig W. Beil joined Robb Leonard Mulvihill, LLP as an associate in the litigation group, and married Julianne Cutruzzula, L’13, in October 2013.

Katlin L. Connelly joined Gordon & Rees, LLP as an associate specializing in civil litigation.


Jonathan Flickinger and Jenna Schwartz were united in marriage on June 1, 2013. Jonathan works in legal compliance at CENTRIA in Moon Township, Pa.

Alaina R. Hill accepted a position as associate with Bowles Rice in Southpointe, Pa., concentrating in the energy and real estate practice areas.

Ashley E. Horton accepted a position as an associate in the transportation group of Burns White LLC, defending railroad clients in occupational illness litigation.

Abigail L. Marusic accepted a position with Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, LLP as an associate in the energy group.

Stefanie L. Pate joined Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl as an associate in the estates and trusts practice group.

Timothy M. Relich joined Peacock Keller as an associate in the civil litigation group concentrating on medical malpractice and insurance defense litigation.

Catrina A. Rogers accepted a position at Hewitt & Truszkowski in Los Angeles, Calif.

Peter A. Ruane opened his own law firm in Scranton, Pa.

Brittany A. Roof joined Babst Calland as an associate in the energy and natural resource group.

Bridget C. Sereday joined the firm of Lutz & Pawk in Butler, Pa., after clerking for two years for the Hon. Marilyn Horan of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas.

2012

Amanda R. Aldridge joined the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office as an assistant district attorney.

Marissa A. Coccilone accepted an associate position with Rewis & Yoder, P.C.

Emily J. Dimond joined Reed Smith in the Pittsburgh office as an E-Discovery attorney.

Taryn K. Dougherty is assistant counsel at CapitalSource in Washington, D.C.

Anthony M. Fitzpatrick accepted a position as an associate in the civil litigation group at Peacock Keller, focusing on employment discrimination and insurance defense.

Brandon R. Keller joined the Allegheny County Public Defender’s Office as an assistant public defender.

Jessica A. Leighton accepted a position in trust administration at Glenmede Trust Company in Philadelphia, Pa.
Benjamin J. Lewis is working with the law offices of Gary D. Marchalk, LLC in Tamaqua, Pa.

Miriah D. Millis works at Crumley Roberts LLP in Raleigh, N.C., as a social security disability attorney.

Andrew G. Nagurney accepted an associate position at the law offices of Adrian N. Roe, P.C.

Bridget M. Noonan joined Parrish Law Offices in Pittsburgh.

Ryan P. Sayers was honored by Duquesne University with the Mind, Heart and Spirit award.

Christopher M. Simms, a Greene County native, was sworn in to the Greene County Bar by the Hon. Farley Toothman, L’86, and joined the Logan Law Office as an associate in Waynesburg, Pa.

Gabriela Steier joined the Center for Food Safety in Washington, D.C., as a legal fellow.

Frank H. Stoy accepted a position as an associate in the litigation practice group of the Pittsburgh office of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP.

Zachary J. Strohm joined Gmerek Government Relations Inc. as a government relations practice assistant in Harrisburg, Pa.

Amy P. Tardiff joined the Pittsburgh office of Tucker Arensberg as an associate in the financial services practice area.

Jaime L. Updegraff accepted a position with Wes Banco Bank, Inc. as a corporate trust officer.

Ismail N. Yousef is a law clerk at the Supreme Court of the United States Virgin Islands.

Meghan L. Zupancic accepted a position as an associate attorney with McMorrow Law, LLC, representing clients in family law.

Danielle S. Burke has joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as an associate and is a member of the firm’s energy and natural resources services and real estate services groups.

Jason P. McConnell joined Dickie, McCarney & Chilcote as an associate attorney.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following School of Law alumni who passed away between May 1, 2013, and Sept. 30, 2013.

August A. Barrante, L’61
Henry C. Berns, L’78
Joseph Bonie, L’78
Thomas H. Cooke, L’76
James T. Farrell, L’77
Marcus M. Fisher, L’46
Tammy L. Garvey, L’99
Conrad V. Hassel, L’61
Rabbi Leonard A. Helman, L’70
Robert I. Johnston, L’74

Judith A. Kasdan, L’03
Kenneth E. Kohl, L’72
Anthony J. Lalama, L’63
Andrew M. Miller, L’74
Andrew S. Quinn, L’88
Thomas Schmitt, L’85
William Weiler Sr., L’61
William Weiler Jr., L’87
Robert C. Wyda II, L’85

This list is provided through Duquesne University’s Advancement Records Office and may not be complete. If you have information about an alumnus who passed away this past year and is not listed, please contact the Law Alumni Office at 412.396.3215 so that we may update our records.
Before I came to law school, like many of my Duquesne classmates, I had a career. The top position I held was anti-trafficking and gender adviser for the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the same country where I had served some years earlier as a Peace Corps volunteer. Working with an international security organization, I held monthly coordination meetings with attendees from the government, diplomatic community and civil society. I was able to support the capacity development of government and nonprofit agencies, and generally helped to promote gender equality and reduce human trafficking in the country and on several regional projects.

After completing my first year at Duquesne University School of Law, I began to seek ways to bring my knowledge and background to my legal education experience. I had met Duquesne Law alumna Lisette “Mimi” McCormick, L’81, before I started my first year at Duquesne through my involvement with the Western Pennsylvania Human Trafficking Coalition. Since then, I have interned with her at the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness, accepted an offer to be a member of that office’s Committee on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and taken Adjunct Professor McCormick’s Gender in the Law class.

During this internship and class, as well as during my internship with the Women’s Law Project in Pittsburgh, I have been able to research the state of human trafficking, and anti-trafficking efforts, in Pennsylvania. It’s not the same without staff and a diplomatic job title . . . but in some ways, it is. Resistance to addressing human trafficking from many law enforcement officers is entrenched, including many judges and prosecutors. I had just as much to learn in my new home state (Pennsylvania) as I did in the Republic of Moldova, which is under many European legal instruments.

Human trafficking, or modern slavery, is defined as the movement of a person for purposes of exploitation involving force, fraud or coercion. It has swelled into a global problem in every nation. The U.S. Department of State, U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime and other sources assert that human trafficking is the second or third largest form of crime globally, second to drugs and vying for second or third place with illegal arms dealing. Noted sociologist and human trafficking expert Kevin Bales has conducted extensive research on global labor and found human trafficking at some point in nearly every supply chain.

Federal anti-trafficking laws were passed in 2000, just months after ratification of the U.N. Convention and Protocol.
As of this year, all 50 states have passed some form of state anti-trafficking law. Pennsylvania has, basically, a minor provision in the criminal code. For this, the Commonwealth has received poor marks for its anti-trafficking law from the Polaris Project, a national advocacy and policy support organization that, among other things, helps states develop anti-trafficking legislation. The Pennsylvania legislature has taken steps to improve this, first by authorizing the Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking to study human trafficking in the Commonwealth. That committee released a report in June 2012, and 16 Commonwealth senators have proposed legislation based on the committee’s recommendations that would comprehensively overhaul Pennsylvania’s anti-trafficking law.

The proposed SB 75 would create a state office to ensure victim assistance mandate enforcement of the law by police and prosecutors, and bring national best practices in anti-trafficking law into this Commonwealth. It is currently undergoing negotiations with the various parties who would have increased budget requirements or responsibilities if this law is enacted.

Why is there a need for a better state-level law? First, human trafficking is a particularly hidden crime. Victims are hidden, controlled and manipulated to fear discovery, or tricked into thinking that their experience is their fault. Second, people think that this doesn’t happen in the U.S., or certainly not in our area. But it does. More than 100 victims of sex and labor trafficking have been identified and assisted to go home or get help in Pennsylvania in the past decade, and some have been supported through criminal prosecutions of their traffickers. To date, although the University of Michigan School of Law Human Trafficking database lists 11 cases that involved trafficking in, from or through Pennsylvania, only one case has been prosecuted under the Pennsylvania crime code.

In addition to founding the Western Pennsylvania Human Trafficking Coalition and chairing the Counseling Psychology program at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, Dr. Mary Burke recently published a university-level textbook, Human Trafficking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. To ensure the interdisciplinary quality of the book, a different anti-trafficking professional authored each chapter. I was honored to write the chapter on “Community-Based Responses and Coordination,” and a locally based FBI agent authored the chapter on “Law Enforcement Considerations for Human Trafficking.” Together, the three of us presented a program through the Duquesne University School of Law Dean John J. Sciullo Continuing Legal Education Series on Nov. 9, 2013.

This CLE is part of a series of activities I am leading, with a lot of help from classmate Lauren Sullivan L’14, and support from Dean Ken Gormley, as well as the campus-wide Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, to promote training on human trafficking in the Duquesne University curriculum. From their very beginnings, Spiritans have aided the most vulnerable, and at one point purchased enslaved people in order to free them in West Africa in the 1840s. When trafficking continues today, in Pittsburgh, there is no reason to stop our efforts.

We hope that our efforts on campus, along with the efforts of other colleagues in the legal and anti-trafficking fields, will help to raise awareness to aid in the identification and assistance of victims and the prosecution of traffickers so that Pennsylvania may be a safer place to live, work and visit for all people.

“Community-Based Responses and Coordination,” and a locally based FBI agent authored the chapter on “Law Enforcement Considerations for Human Trafficking.” Together, the three of us presented a program through the Duquesne University School of Law Dean John J. Sciullo Continuing Legal Education Series on Nov. 9, 2013.

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Judy Hale Reed has worked on anti-trafficking efforts at the community, state and national level in Washington, Pa. and the Republic of Moldova. She is currently a certified legal intern in the Civil Rights Clinic at Duquesne University.

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Pura Vida: A 3L’s Experience at the Supreme Court of Costa Rica

Daniel Conlon-Gutierrez, L’14
2013 McGinley Fellow

Editor’s note: In 2012, law alumnus John “Jack” McGinley graciously agreed to fund 12 summer public service law fellows through an endowment that he and his family created at Duquesne University. This article highlights one student’s experience as a McGinley Fellow.

There is a saying in Costa Rica—“pura vida,” which in Spanish means “pure life.” Having grown up in Mexico, I understood the literal translation of the phrase, but its cultural meaning was foreign to me. From the time my plane touched down in San José to my departure three weeks later, I encountered this phrase time and again.

Bordered by Nicaragua in the north and Panama in the south, Costa Rica is located in Central America. Although it is one of the only countries in Latin America without an army, its government is one of the most stable in the region.

This summer I had the honor of serving as a judicial extern at the Supreme Court of Costa Rica as part of a scholarly partnership with Duquesne University School of Law. Unlike the United States Supreme Court, judicial review of all constitutional issues is consolidated in one chamber of the Supreme Court, called the Constitutional Chamber. There, I spent my time working alongside Costa Rican students, law clerks and judges.

The experience is one a 3L will never forget: drafting an opinion in Spanish with a senior law clerk that was published by the Court, getting to know four of the seven justices on the Supreme Court and speaking to an audience of 100 Costa Rican law students about legislative procedures of the U.S. Congress.

On my first day, I joined my host, who is the personal assistant to the chief justice of the Constitutional Chamber, to volunteer for a candidate running in the presidential primary election. We spent the entire day dropping off food to volunteers at different precincts, and after a long day settled in front of her TV to watch the election results.

In a room full of family and friends I witnessed the disappointment as their preferred candidate lost by several points. To this, I was surprised to hear them remark, “pura vida.”

Another evening I attended a reception celebrating Justice Fernando Cruz Castro’s reinstatement on the Court. Every eight years the General Assembly can end the tenure of a justice on the Supreme Court with a two-thirds majority vote. A few years back, Justice Cruz angered several members of the General Assembly’s majority party when he voted no on a controversial issue. Later, these members voted to end his tenure, openly expressing it was because he had voted against their interests.
In an unprecedented turn of events, protests all over the country erupted favoring the retention of Justice Cruz and launching him to overnight celebrity status. Ultimately, Justice Cruz was reinstated as a justice, despite the opposition of a majority of members in the General Assembly. His retention symbolized the importance of the separation of powers between the judiciary and the legislator.

I remember one of the first things he said after I introduced myself was “pura vida.” There it was again, and from a person of high influence whom I had barely met. We spent the rest of the night celebrating and listening to Justice Cruz play his favorite tunes on his accordion.

Another interesting person I got to know on my trip was Olman, a senior law clerk on the Court who is truly dedicated to serving his country. On one occasion, he described the shockingly large volume of cases that the Supreme Court must process. Unlike the United States Supreme Court, the Constitutional Chamber does not have a writ of certiorari. In 2012 alone, the Chamber received and decided more than 17,000 cases. Olman and other Court personnel like him seem content to take on this incredible workload in the name of serving the public. Olman bid me farewell that day with “pura vida” as I headed off to my next meeting.

I hopped in a taxi headed from the Supreme Court building to the General Assembly. On the front seat I noticed an assortment of reading materials including the daily newspaper. Costa Rica’s literacy rate is 96 percent, and most people are well-read on current events. I chatted with the taxi driver about one of the day’s headlines about Costa Rica’s cost of living becoming too expensive while wages remained stagnant. At this point, I was not at all surprised when he wished me “pura vida” after I paid my fare.

These are only a few of the countless instances I encountered this phrase on my trip. “Pura vida” is more than just a saying; it’s a way of life. It’s a reminder that we should live life to its fullest no matter the difficulties.

As I near graduation, my hope is to enter into the practice of law with a “pura vida” attitude of my own, following the important lessons I learned thanks to the people of Costa Rica.

My thanks to Professor Robert S. Barker for making my externship possible. Also, special thanks to the McGinley family for funding the John & Marie McGinley Endowed Public Service Law Fellowship.
Mock Trial Team a Semi-finalist in the Tournament of Champions

Duquesne’s National Trial Team finished the prestigious Tournament of Champions in Birmingham, Ala., as semi-finalists. This invitation-only tournament is the premier law school trial competition in the nation. The 16 competing law schools receive invitations based on a three-year performance record at the National Trial Competition and the American Association for Justice (AAJ) National Student Trial Advocacy Competition. Of the four semi-finalist teams, the Duquesne trial team was the only undefeated team to advance, having defeated University of California at Berkeley, Cumberland, Syracuse and Temple. The team was narrowly defeated by Washington University, who went on to win the TOC. Congratulations to our team pictured, from left, Andrew Rothey, Katherine Janocsko, Mary Kathleen Serratelli and Paul Roman. Under the direction of Assistant Professor Amelia Michele Joiner, the team was coached by Lisa M. Barnett, ’09, Brock McCandless, ’09 and James Love, Esq.

Corporate Law Society

On Sept. 27, the Corporate Law Society held its first of two corporate law panels for the academic year. The panel included four members who provided a variety of insight ranging from descriptions of their current daily activities to narratives of their entire professional and post-professional careers. The focus of these statements was founded upon offering career advice for law students interested in practicing in the area of corporate law. The panelists included Matthew Mohn, ’05, partner, Reed Smith; Nichole Bechtold, associate, Reed Smith; Amy Tardiff, ’12, former Corporate Law Society president and associate at Tucker Arensberg; and William McKim, ’71, former in-house counsel for U.S. Steel. James Miller, current Corporate Law Society president, gave the opening remarks, while Peter Horne, current Corporate Law Society treasurer, served as the moderator.

The Corporate Law Society will be holding its final panel discussion for the academic year during the spring semester. In this discussion, the CLS will host panelists from a variety of backgrounds mixing law and industry. Panelists will range from high-level business contacts that interact with corporate attorneys, members of in-house counsel who hire corporate attorneys, and managing partners who serve their firms in both legal and leadership roles.

Phi Alpha Delta

On Sept. 26, Duquesne University’s Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity’s Egan Chapter celebrated the initiation of 33 new members in the Duquesne University’s Power Center Ballroom. Upcoming events include its “Pass in Class” canned food drive, which benefits the Greater Pittsburgh Community Bank, and a resume workshop.

Woman of the Year

The Women’s Law Association celebrated its annual Woman of the Year event on April 23, 2013, honoring Woman of the Year recipient Mary C. McGinley, ’02, pictured next to her father, Jack, and students and recent graduate recipient Lisa Mebane Barnett, ’09.
Katie Westbrook 5K & Dog Walk

An event truly highlighting the spirit of Duquesne Law is the 12th Annual Katie Westbrook Race Ipsa Loquitur 5K & Dog Walk. Hosted annually by the Duquesne University School of Law Student Bar Association and the Student Organizations Office, the race is dedicated to the memory of Katie Westbrook, whose dream at age 13 was to become a lawyer. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with a rare cancer that took her life at age 15, just before she was to receive an honorary degree from Duquesne University School of Law.

In keeping with tradition, we proudly continue her memory through this annual event held this year on Sept. 21, 2013. We proudly raised more than $5,000 and all proceeds were donated to the SBA Centennial Endowed Fund. This fund provides awards for current law students who demonstrate the same “courage, charisma and compassion” as Katie for the law profession.

Katie’s mother, Beth Westbrook, and her family were in attendance, along with 120 walkers and runners and 33 furry friends. Winners of the 5K were Ivan Ruchkin, Matt Wano, Doug Sullivan and Tara Fagan (pictured at right). We want to thank all who participated for their continued support.

Student Honors


Hon. Carol Los Mansmann Scholarship

The Allegheny County Bar Foundation’s Hon. Carol Los Mansmann Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Gailey and Bethany Willard, Class of 2014. The Mansmann Scholarship is annually awarded to female law students attending Duquesne University School of Law who demonstrate a potential for leadership and commitment to the advancement of women.

Pennsylvania State Mayors Association

Students Philip Luciano and Benjamin Trodden, Class of 2014, completed research projects in support of the Pennsylvania State Mayors Association persuading the General Assembly of the Pennsylvania to pass a law that will enable all local municipalities the option to levy a fee on the occupants of hotel beds regardless of length of stay in the hotel. As local operating budgets increase and available state funding sources decrease, municipalities are faced with a shrinking pool of available resources. Currently, municipalities are limited to wage and property tax revenue, and it is becoming increasingly important to find alternative sources of revenue to bolster the ever-growing budgets.
CSO Update

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

Some graduates may know The Common Plea as the weekly publication used by the Career Services Office to publicize job openings and related materials. During the past year, however, the CSO has re-created The Common Plea as an online resource for students and alumni to access regarding job search questions, tools needed to conduct successful searches, upcoming CSO programs and events, news items, and more. Although much of the information contained in this resource has always been available in different formats, students can now find it on one site at any time of the day or night.

The Common Plea is composed of various sections, including The CSO Handbook—a job search guide that includes sample resumes and cover letters, links to job postings on DuqLawConnect or other websites, links for job seekers conducting research about firms and attorneys when writing a tailored cover letter, and traditional blog posts authored by the CSO, alumni or students. The CSO works with the DLAA Career/Employment Committee on some of its initiatives, and we recently started a series called “Tips from the Practitioners,” which is intended to provide helpful career-related tips and suggestions for students. The series is authored by members of the committee whose guidance should prove beneficial for students going through the job search process for the first time in some instances. The CSO is eager to continue working with the DLAA in our collective efforts to assist students and recent graduates.

The CSO would like to thank the following people who joined us for programs and events between August and October 2013:

• Interview Skills Panel Presentation featuring Laurie Lenigan and Jennifer Ross (Aug. 8).
• United States Air Force JAG Information Session with Capt. Johanna Bettencourt (co-sponsored with the Military Law Society) (Aug. 26).
• Meet & Greet with the Allegheny County Bar Association Sole & Small Firm Section members, including Robert Goldman, L’93, and Marsha Grayson (co-sponsored with the Solo Practice Society) (Sept. 5).
• United States Navy JAGC Information Session with Jeffrey Roberts, LCDR, JAGC, USNR, L’00, (co-sponsored with the Military Law Society) (Sept. 17).
• Corporate Law Panel Discussion featuring Nicole Bechtold, William McKim, L’71, Matthew Mohn, L’05, and Amy Tardiff, L’12 (co-sponsored with the Corporate Law Society) (Sept. 17).

Thank you to all of our alumni who participated in Fall On-Campus Recruitment, contacted the CSO about employment positions for our students and alumni, or met with students and recent graduates for informational interviews. If you have occasion to hire a law clerk or associate attorney, please consider Duquesne Law students and alumni. The continued guidance and support of our alumni is sincerely appreciated.