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AUWCL TENLEY CAMPUS

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It is my pleasure to share with you the most recent issue of The Advocate, which features exciting developments and news from American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL), one of the most vibrant and dynamic law schools in the world.

As you may know, we have embarked on the development of a new state-of-the-art law school campus specifically designed to meet the needs of our community. Set to open in 2015 on eight spectacular acres adjacent to the Tenleytown-AU Metro stop, this marks the first time in our history that we are creating a law school campus from the ground up with legal education in mind from the onset. The convenience of being at a Metro stop will give our community and constituents—the legal profession, business leaders, government officials, scholars, alumni, and clients—better access to the law school while providing students with a direct line to the heart of Washington, D.C., home to leading law firms, government agencies, international organizations, NGOs, and other exciting institutions. The Tenley law school campus will boast advanced technologies, environmentally sustainable features, actual courtrooms, and classrooms tailored to specific purposes. Rooms for clinics will give students a more realistic appreciation for what it’s like to practice law, and the new library will enhance the entire law school experience with study concepts for the twenty-first century. The new conference facility will offer flexibilities at the level of most convention centers with moveable walls, areas for break-out meetings, and more expansive catering facilities. See our Tenley Campus feature article starting on page 30 for more information.

I also am pleased to share with you that we signed an agreement with West LegalEdcenter, the nation’s largest Web-based CLE and professional development service, for the provision of online continuing legal education programs, drawing from the extensive array of programming at AUWCL. Additionally, alumni will enjoy special rates for West LegalEdcenter’s more than 200 new programs offered each month.

Exciting curricular and programmatic developments continue to characterize our law school. Our LLM in Advocacy, the latest addition to our three LLM programs, attracts both recent graduates as well as practicing lawyers seeking to hone their litigation skills. The program combines rigorous academic classes and practical litigation training, offering an array of courses, externships, and opportunities to pursue legal scholarship and teaching experience. The program also developed and received faculty approval of two new dual LLM degrees in Advocacy and either Law and Government or International Legal Studies, expanding even further the unique and exceptional educational experience of our students.

On behalf of the law school community, thank you for your ongoing support of our law school. Together we will continue to develop even further American University Washington College of Law, one of the most exciting and innovative law schools in the world.

Wishing you the best,

Claudio Grossman, dean
GROSSMAN AMONG TWENTY-FIVE FINALISTS NAMED MOST INFLUENTIAL IN LEGAL EDUCATION

The National Jurist has named twenty-five legal educators and one legal education public policy advocate to its 2012 list of the most influential people in legal education, including AUWCL Dean Claudio Grossman, who was ranked eleventh.

The magazine requested nominations from every law school in the nation, and received more than eighty-five. Its editorial team narrowed the list down to fifty and then asked 350 people in legal education, including every law school dean, to rate each nominee based on how much they influenced them in the past twelve months. The final list includes law school deans and professors.

A SPECIAL AUWCL TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE GINSBERG

The John Sherman Myers Society annual dinner was hosted by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Supreme Court of the United States. Dean Grossman presented her with a framed copy of a quote by AUWCL Founder Emma Gillett (dean, 1913-1923) that read “The legal education of women would be a liberal education for men.” For more information on the dinner, see page 44.

ADDITIONAL HONORS FOR THE DEAN

Hispanic National Bar Foundation Lifetime Leadership Award

Dean Grossman was awarded the Hispanic National Bar Foundation (HNBF) Lifetime Leadership Award, at a ceremony held July 19, 2012. The awards dinner honored the outstanding contributions of Latino/a leaders in the legal community. The HNBF is dedicated to empowering the Hispanic community through education and the support of diversity in the legal profession. Similarly, American University Washington College of Law, which has been led by Grossman since 1995, is committed to the values of diversity and human rights.

Maryland Hispanic Bar Association 2012 Leadership Award

Grossman also received the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association’s (MHBA) 2012 Leadership Award. The MHBA Leadership Award celebrates the efforts and accomplishments of Maryland lawyers and others who excel in their professional settings; personify excellence on the national, state, or local level; and who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the legal profession and make unusual contributions to the Hispanic/Latino community and society at-large. Grossman received the award at MHBA’s nineteenth anniversary gala on September 13, 2012.

North American-Chilean Chamber of Commerce Award

Most recently, Grossman was selected by the North American-Chilean Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as the 2013 Chilean Academic of the Year. The North American-Chilean Chamber of Commerce is made up of top corporations in the country and has been dedicated to fostering the trade and commercial interests of the United States and Chile since its founding in 1918. Grossman is being recognized for his “extraordinary professional career in the academic world in pursuit of justice and human dignity in our hemisphere.” The award will be presented at the Chamber’s 2013 Annual Dinner in New York in September.
Mourns the Loss of
Professor Paul Rice

His Remarkable AUWCL Tenure Spanned 38 Years

“He loved where he worked and he loved the people around him.”

The AUWCL community mourns the loss of our beloved colleague, Professor Paul Rice, who passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Paul was a cherished and esteemed member of the AUWCL community, contributing thirty-eight years of his professional life to educating generations of AUWCL students with great care, rigor, and effectiveness, while producing scholarship recognized around the world as the best in the field. His many celebrated publications and dedication, both to his students and scholarship, brought great acclaim to our institution and will continue to serve his former students, the judiciary, and lawyers in the United States and around the world for many years to come.

A memorial service was held at the Katzen Arts Center on Sunday, July 15, 2012. The Paul Rice Scholarship, established by the Washington College of Law, supports students who distinguish themselves in evidence.

Contributions can be mailed to the following address: Washington College of Law, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, C/O Meaghan Cassidy, Director of Operations and Annual Giving, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 373, Washington, DC 20016.

Please make your checks payable to Washington College of Law and in the memo line, specify P. Rice Scholarship. You also may make a donation through the Office of Development and Alumni Relations Web page at wcl.american.edu/giving.cfm. In the description field, please designate that you would like your donation to go to the Paul Rice Scholarship Fund.

A Note from Jane B. Rice

"With our deepest gratitude, Paul’s family wishes to thank each and every one of you for sharing these memories. We have found joy, laughter, and consolation in reading them aloud. It brought us comfort when most needed. Paul loved his profession, he loved to see students developing that same love, and learning to meet the challenges within the law. You rewarded him immensely by opening yourselves to that. He loved where he worked, the people around him, and often marveled at his good fortune to have ended up where he was. In his place, I wish each of you a life of good fortune, tempered with gratitude for all that you have.”

Select Tributes and Remembrances

From Professor Rice’s Students, Friends, and Colleagues

“I graduated from the Washington College of Law in 1977. Professor Rice introduced me to the fields of criminal procedure and evidence... My own teaching is modeled on his creative and penetrating Socratic approach to teaching. He encouraged me to earn an LLM at Harvard and to pursue an academic career. I only regret that I did not have the opportunity to express how much I owe to his mentorship and guidance. He was passionate, demanding, and intense and had a sharp mind, quick wit, and a great sense of the absurd and greatly loved his family.”

Matthew Lippman ’77

“I’m deeply saddened to learn of his unexpected passing. Turns out I enjoyed Evidence, surely at least in part because of the personality and talent of the professor who taught it. He clearly relished teaching, and he was one of my favorites.”

Paul Levine ’84

“I was blessed to have had Professor Rice for Evidence. I had heard the legend of the man shortly after I got to AUWCL, and once I knew that I wanted to litigate I knew I had to have his class. Professor Rice was brilliant, and he expected nothing less than brilliance in return.”

Jeff List ’12

“Professor Rice’s course was every student’s red badge of courage. He set the bar high so that we would continue to do so. He was a passionate teacher, a treasure, and we shall miss him.”

Cecilia Duran Closs ’03

“I hope his family knows how many students’ lives he affected, in the most positive way. I hope they know how blessed we feel to have learned from him. I hope they know that he leaves a hole so big in our community that I can’t imagine it ever being filled. I hope they know how much he is missed.”

Liz Jackson ’12

“I remembered Professor Rice frequently as a prosecutor – every time I corrected my colleagues or opposing counsel (occasionally even the judge) on some evidentiary ruling. And every time I remembered him, I remembered the grade I got and couldn’t help but smile.”

Rishi S. Bagga JD ’06 / LLM ’10

wcl.american.edu/news/rememberingprofessorrice.cfm
New Faculty Appointments

American University Washington College of Law proudly welcomed three superb scholars to the faculty this year. The faculty members carry on the long tradition of being scholars on one hand and talented teachers on the other. They share a love for the law, a passion for teaching and scholarship, and the conviction to make an impact on some of the most important issues of our time, championing what matters.

— Claudio Grossman, Dean

Jorge L. Contreras
Associate Professor of Law

Prior to his appointment, Contreras was senior lecturer and acting director of the IP Program at Washington University in St. Louis. His research focuses on the effects of intellectual property structures on technical standardization and scientific research. He serves as co-chair of the National Conference of Lawyers and Scientists and the ABA’s Technical Standardization Committee. His work recently has appeared in Science, Nature Climate Change, Berkeley Technology Law Journal, and Standards Engineering, and is forthcoming in Nature Biotechnology, Pace Law Review, and the St Anthony’s International Review. His frequent speaking engagements have included the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, the American National Standards Institute, the European Commission Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, and numerous academic conferences. He has been featured in the media regarding current issues in intellectual property law. Contreras earned his JD from Harvard Law School.

N. Jeremi Duru
Professor of Law

A visiting professor at Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, Duru joined American University Washington College of Law in January 2013 to teach civil procedure and sports law. His research concentrates on the intersection of civil rights law and professional and collegiate sports. Duru is the author of numerous articles and book chapters exploring employment discrimination in the sports industry, and of a new book Advancing the Ball: Race, Reformation, and the Quest for Equal Coaching Opportunity in the NFL. His recent articles have been published in Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy, University of Cincinnati Law Review, and Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal. Prior to teaching, Duru clerked for the Honorable Damon J. Keith, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and worked as an attorney for Wilmer Cutler & Pickering and for the boutique civil rights firm Mehri & Skalet, PLLC. Duru received his JD from Harvard Law School.

Andrew E. Taslitz
Professor of Law

Taslitz teaches and researches in the areas of criminal procedure, evidence, criminal law, and professional responsibility, and has been named one of the best twenty-six law teachers in America in Professor Michael Hunter Schwartz’s forthcoming book, What the Best Law Teachers Do. Before teaching, Taslitz worked as an associate at a large law firm, then as a prosecutor in Philadelphia. He has published more than 100 works, including articles in such leading journals as the Michigan Law Review and the Georgetown Law Journal. His current research focuses on cognitive science in the areas of search and seizure and prosecutorial ethics. He is the author of eight books, notably Reconstructing the Fourth Amendment: A History of Search and Seizure, 1789–1868 and Rape and the Culture of the Courtroom. He recently has been appointed as the reporter for two Uniform Law Commission Committees on interrogations and eyewitness identifications. Taslitz received his JD from University of Pennsylvania Law School.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FACULTY AND STAFF HONORED AT THE ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C. NETWORKING RECEPTION LAST SEPTEMBER

Honorees included (from left): Jayesh Rathod, Jenny Roberts, Ben Leff, Adeen Postar; Bob Dinerstein, and Mary Clark.

FACULTY TENURE AND PROMOTIONS

MARY CLARK
PROFESSOR OF LAW, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR FACULTY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Professor Mary Clark was promoted to associate dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs. Clark teaches Property, Legal Ethics, and a seminar on Women’s Legal History/History of Women in the Legal Profession. Prior to coming to the AUWCL, Clark was a visiting lecturer and research scholar at Yale Law School, and a Supreme Court fellow with the Federal Judicial Center. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College and Harvard Law School, she clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Montgomery, Alabama, before joining the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as an appellate attorney, concentrating on issues of sexual harassment and disability rights law.

ROBERT D. DINERSTEIN
PROFESSOR OF LAW, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Robert D. Dinerstein, professor of law and director of Clinical Programs, was promoted to associate dean of the law school’s Experiential Education Program. Dinerstein has taught at AUWCL since 1983. Dinerstein specializes in disability law, and has made numerous presentations on, and written extensively about, clinical legal education and disability law issues. Among his many publications are his co-edited book, A Guide to Consent, and Lawyers and Clients: Critical Issues in Interviewing and Counseling (2009) (co-written with Ellmann, Gunning, Kruse & Shalleck).

JENNY ROBERTS
PROFESSOR OF LAW

Professor Roberts teaches the Criminal Justice Clinic and Advanced Criminal Procedure: Plea Bargaining. Her scholarship explores the right to counsel with a focus on plea bargaining, collateral consequences of criminal convictions, and misdemeanor adjudications. Her articles have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, a state high court and lower federal courts, as well as in numerous briefs to the Supreme Court and other courts. Roberts serves on the board of the Criminal Legal Education Association, and is the reporter for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Task Force on the Restoration of Rights and Status After Conviction. Prior to AUWCL, she taught at Syracuse and in NYU’s Lawyering Program, clerked in the Southern District of New York, and was a public defender in Manhattan. Roberts received her BA, cum laude, from Yale. She graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif from NYU Law, where she was an editor of the Law Review and an Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow.

EZRA ROSSER
PROFESSOR OF LAW

Ezra Rosser joined the AUWCL faculty in 2006. He has taught Housing Law, Federal Indian Law, Property, and Poverty Law. He has served as a 1665 Fellow at Harvard University, a visiting scholar at Yale Law School, and a Westerfield Fellow at Loyola University New Orleans School of Law. While in law school, he clerked at the DNA-People’s Legal Services, at the Office of Native American Programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and at the Native American Rights Fund. Rosser is on sabbatical and living in El Salvador this semester.

BENJAMIN LEFF
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Benjamin Leff teaches courses on U.S. federal tax law and the law of charitable and nonprofit organizations. His scholarship focuses on the regulation of nonprofits, and has recently been published in the Kentucky Law Journal and Seton Hall Law Review. Prior to joining the Washington College of Law, Leff was a visiting assistant professor at Harvard Law School, practiced tax law in Austin, Texas, and clerked in Federal District Court. He is a graduate of Yale Law School, holds an MA in religious studies from the University of Chicago, and a BA from Oberlin College.
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UN CAT PROJECT OFFERS UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

by Jennifer de Laurentiis ’92

Founded in 2004, AUWCL’s United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT) Project is a one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity. Upper-level students can deepen their knowledge of international human rights law and experience firsthand the UN CAT proceedings in Geneva, Switzerland. The Project expanded in 2009 from six to ten students with the generous support of the Kovler Foundation.

The project’s application and selection process takes place during the spring semester and is widely advertised. During the fall semester, participating students assist in preparing for the official UN CAT meetings which are held in November. The students take a for-credit seminar with specialized readings and instruction on the prohibition of torture and the universal system, co-taught by Dean and UN CAT Chair Claudio Grossman and his Special Assistant and UN CAT Project Coordinator Jennifer de Laurentiis ’92. Students research and synthesize vast materials concerning torture and human rights in pertinent countries, and draft extensive papers identifying potential compliance issues involving the operative treaty – the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. In November, the group travels to Geneva for the UN CAT meetings, witnessing firsthand the “dialogue” between the committee and state party delegations, identifying germane developments and issues, and meeting regularly to strategize and conduct follow-up research. The project also includes an annual AUWCL alumni dinner, site visits, and meetings with nongovernmental organizations. Following the group’s return to AUWCL, students build upon this unique human rights experience by authoring articles, giving presentations, and participating in other campus and community initiatives to raise awareness and ultimately help eradicate torture around the world.

Inquiries about the UN CAT Project should be directed to Jennifer de Laurentiis at jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu

JD STUDENTS GIVE BACK AT ANNUAL “IN MY BACK YARD” PUBLIC SERVICE DAY

JD orientation week was filled with tours, sessions, and receptions to acclimate new students to American University Washington College of Law.

Before orientation began, new students had the chance to join faculty, staff, and upperclassmen for “IMBY” or the “In My Back Yard” Public Service Day. IMBY is an annual event dedicated to improving the neighborhoods that members of the law school community call home. Participation in IMBY counts toward the law school’s Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, which recognizes graduating students who have completed a minimum of seventy-five hours of pro bono legal assistance and community service.

One hundred and eighty-six students (pictured above) participated in the 2012 day of service at organizations such as Bread for the City, Capitol Area Food Bank, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Life Pieces to Masterpieces, Martha’s Table, Rock Creek Conservatory, Sasha Bruce Network, So Others May Eat, Take Back Your Home, and Washington Parks and People.

“In My Back Yard exposes law students to some of the distressed communities in D.C. where people are in dire need of legal services,” explains David Steib, assistant director for the Office of Public Interest.

“The day inspires students to return to those communities to do pro bono service or public interest work with the skills that they learn in law school.”

"IT WAS MY FIRST DAY IN D.C., AND IT’S EXCITING TO HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE AS MY FIRST IMPRESSION.” Henrissa Bassey, 1L
IMBY allows those who participate to see the city while connecting with established members of the law school community. One group of 1Ls, led by rising 3L Mary Bonventre and Professor Andrew Pike (pictured above), spent the day at Martha’s Table, an organization situated near the U Street corridor — a stone’s throw from D.C. landmarks like the Lincoln Theatre.

For nearly thirty years, Martha’s Table has been dedicated to alleviating the immediate effects of poverty in the D.C. area by providing nutrition, education, and family support services through workshops and a clothing operation.

“It was nice to get off campus, meet new people, and see the city before starting the school year,” says Alyssa Antoniskis, a new student from Seattle. “I really feel like we got some great tips about things to be aware of.”

IMBY participants worked on projects throughout the city and ended their day of service at an event held at Cleveland Park Bar & Grill.

“In My Back Yard is not just a great orientation event but more importantly serves as an introduction to the AUWCL community and our values,” notes Thais-Lyn Trayer, a 2L Public Interest–Public Service Scholar and IMBY coordinator. “Every year, we reaffirm through IMBY that our students, faculty, and staff care about giving back to those around us.”

“Alyssa Antoniskis, 1L

In October, American University Washington College of Law announced the establishment of the unique Brazil-U.S. Legal and Judicial Studies Program, a comparative law program focused exclusively on Brazil and the United States and their respective legal and judicial institutions.

“The Brazil-U.S. Legal and Judicial Studies Program is the first program to offer a direct comparison of Brazil legal and judicial institutions with those of the United States,” says Claudio Grossman, dean, American University Washington College of Law: “We’re proud to host a program that helps its participants gain a firmer understanding of both legal systems.”

The program coordinates seminars on various comparative law issues for Brazilian judges, legal professionals, academics, and students, and will assist those in the United States who want to have comparable introductions to Brazilian law. The program will tap into the collaboration of Brazilian lawyers who reside and work in the Washington, D.C. region, and Brazilian professors and judges who frequently visit the city.

The program also coordinates the law school’s existing activities in Brazil: most recently an international commercial arbitration program in São Paulo, a seminar on administrative law in Porto Alegre, and the Seventh Annual Symposium on International Trade, sponsored together with the Brazilian Association of International Trade in Washington, D.C.

This year, American University Washington College of Law will coordinate with the U.S. Embassy and the Fulbright Commission in Brazil to hold an event highlighting U.S. law schools for Brazilian audiences, and will also host Brazil’s Labor Court judges during their biannual convention, in Washington, D.C. Other anticipated projects include a weeklong seminar comparing Brazil and U.S. legal and judicial institutions, for students, lawyers, and professionals.

The new program is headed by the Honorable Peter J. Messitte, senior judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and a longtime friend and colleague of the Brazilian Judiciary and Bar. Messitte is a former member of the International Judicial Relations Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference, where he chaired the Working Group on Latin America and the Caribbean. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative for Latin America and the Caribbean. Messitte speaks fluent Portuguese and has written and spoken widely about Brazil-U.S. legal and judicial topics for many years.

Renata Brazil David, associate director of the program and a Brazilian national, recently retired as director of legal affairs for the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization. Brazil David holds an LLM in international trade law from the University of Essex in England and an SJD (PhD in law) from American University Washington College of Law.

For further information, please contact Renata Brazil David, associate director, Brazil-U.S. Legal and Judicial Studies Program at: rdavid@wcl.american.edu.
The Named Scholarships and Awards Program has long been one of the law school’s finest traditions, opening up exceptional opportunities for students and donors alike that link our community across generations. Through the generosity of American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) alumni and friends, each year students receive critical assistance to pursue their legal education.

This year’s dinner for more than 180 people was held on February 26 at the law school. Dean Claudio Grossman presented each recipient with a certificate in honor of their accomplishment.

We recognize and thank the donors and congratulate the students.

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- Anonymous AUWCL Scholarship
- Arbenz Family Scholarship
- Mary C. Arends Endowed Scholarship
- Kenneth ’59 & Patricia Auberger Scholarship
- Gerald Battist ’66 IP Endowed Scholarship
- Trishana E. Bowden Scholarship
- Centennial Endowed Scholarship
- James ’80 & Leona Cobb Endowed Scholarship
- Michael Cochran Memorial Scholarship
- Grace Markel Daish Scholarship
- James C. Eastman ’66 Endowed Scholarship
- Emalee C. Godsey Endowed Scholarship
- Claudio Grossman International Scholarship
- Amanda C. Howe ’01 Memorial Scholarship
- ILSF Alumni Fund Scholarship
- Inter-American Moot Court Scholarship
- Fred R. Joseph ‘68 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- John Kafl ’79 & Tyna Coles Employee Rights Scholarship
- Judge Seymour Korn Scholarship
- Leadership Endowed Scholarship
- Belva A. Lockwood Scholarship
- Arthur Matthews Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Leonard & Minam Melrod Endowed Scholarship
- Elliott S. Milstein Endowed Scholarship
- John Sherman Myers Alumni Scholarship
- Sandra J. Oakman Memorial Award
- Dora Paklin ’16 Memorial Scholarship
- Nancy C. Panzer & Manny D. Poksitlow ’64 Scholarship for Evening Division Students
- Nicholas Papan ’78 Family Scholarship
- Colonel Kenneth W. Patrum Esq. Scholarship
- Paul P. Purta Scholarship
- Laura Reckman Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Elizabeth F. Reed ’27 and Ernest E. Salisbury ’33 Endowed Scholarship
- Peter S. Ridley, Jr. ’70 Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Seymour J. Rubin Endowed Scholarship in International Studies
- Joy Schwan Best ’84 Memorial Scholarship
- Paul J. Sedgewick ’24 Endowed Scholarship
- Murphy Family Endowed Scholarship
- Betty Southard Murphy ’58 Fellowship in International Commercial Arbitration
- Stephen & Beatrice Dodd Tofth Scholarship
- Ves Vorobyev Scholarship
- Edward J. Walker ’85 Endowed Clinical Scholarship
- AUWCL Anonymous Scholarship
- AUWCL Dean’s Merit Scholarship
- AUWCL Law Review & Journal Scholarship
- AUWCL Scholarship Fund
- AUWCL International Students Scholarship
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- Robert J. Wooldrow ’70 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Wilson & Amelia Young Memorial Scholarship
- Don Monroe Casto Award
- Morris & Claire Krauthamer Prize in Disabilities Law
- Morris & Claire Krauthamer Prize in International Law
- Myers Society Legal Rhetoric Deans Fellows
- David B. Newman Jr. ’83 & Kathryn R. Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy
- Energy and Natural Resources Scholarship Fund

**AWARDS 2013**

- Amanda C. Howe Memorial Scholarship
- Barbra Ciconte, Paul Purta, and Associate Dean David Jaffe ‘93 pose with Ilene and Kent ‘96 Brostrom, and scholarship recipient James Strait ‘14. This award was established in memory of Amanda C. Howe ’01 by her mother Janet Howe and her classmates Rebecca Ginz and Uwech Juni. The award is given to a deserving student in the Marshall-Brennan Program who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to serving underrepresented members of the community.

- Fred R. Joseph Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Stephanie ‘01 and Holly Joseph presented Dean Claudio Grossman to present Joe Hernandez ’14 with the Fred R. Joseph award. This award was established in memory of Fred B. Joseph, BA ’63, JD ’68 by his colleagues, classmates, family, and friends. It is a need-based award for students interested in civil rights, public interest or criminal law, and who have participated in one of AUWCL’s clinical programs.

- Morris & Claire Krauthamer Prize in Disabilities Law
- Professor Bob Denerstein with Dean Grossman and Joan and Harold ’69 Krauthamer congratulate scholarship awardee Matthew Smith ’14. Established by Harold in the name of his parents, this prize recognizes the student who has written the best paper in the disabilities law course at AUWCL.

- Elliott S. Milstein Endowed Scholarship
- Dean Claudio Grossman poses with Elliott Malstein, former dean of AUWCL, and the scholarship winners, (from left to right) Rebecca Heussen ’13 and Jeengho Cadenas ’13.
NEW ADVOCACY LLM ENHANCES LITIGATION SKILLS

by Jennifer Hawes

ALTHOUGH VETERAN PROSECUTORS, MID-CAREER CIVIL LITIGATORS, AND RECENT LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES HAVE DIFFERING SKILLS AND INTERESTS, THEY CAN ALL BENEFIT FROM A MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN ADVOCACY (ADVOCACY LLM) FROM AUWCL.

“As a result of intense economic pressures and a rapidly changing legal climate, law firms, government agencies, and other legal service providers are placing an increased emphasis on the practical skills lawyers possess instead of basing hiring decisions solely on scholastic achievements or theoretical knowledge,” explains AUWCL Dean Claudio Grossman. “The demand for specialized skills is increasing, while on-the-job opportunities to gain these skills are often lacking.”

AUWCL’s new Advocacy LLM addresses these demands, provides opportunities to expand litigation competencies and hone practical litigation skills while earning an advanced degree. Program participants have the flexibility to decide on an individualized curriculum best-suited for their own personal goals.

The nationally recognized Stephen S. Weinstein ’65 Trial Advocacy Program administers the Advocacy LLM Program. Professor David Aaronson, director of AUWCL’s Trial Advocacy Program, states, “The Advocacy LLM was created to take into account the real-life needs of students. It offers a rigorous academic component and a breadth of practical litigation training for students to improve their pre-trial and trial skills, learn new litigation strategies and tools, and strengthen their persuasive abilities.”

The Advocacy LLM Program is designed for recent law graduates as well as practicing lawyers. The variety of courses offers opportunities for students to enhance their legal advocacy skills both in and out of the courtroom and to prepare for all aspects of litigation. Important focuses of AUWCL’s Advocacy LLM Program are the use of modern technology in litigation and the training of ethical trial lawyers.

“There are only a few trial advocacy-related LLM programs in the nation,” Elizabeth Boals, associate director of the Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program, points out. “None of them offer students the ability to tailor their education to meet their individual career goals through diverse course offerings and opportunities to co-teach, write publishable works, and participate in externships that provide unparalleled litigation experience,” she notes. The optional writing component allows students to produce a publishable research paper in the field of litigation and the co-teaching opportunity allows them to work closely with JD students and experienced trial advocacy professors. The externship option helps LLM students gain experience in the intricacies of the pre-trial and/or trial process by being paired with experienced practitioners in substantive areas of law in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, courts, and law firms engaged in pro bono activities.

The Advocacy LLM is a twenty-four credit degree program that students can choose to pursue full-time (and complete in one year) or part-time (and complete at their own pace, usually in two years). Program participants can choose from an expansive list of more than forty diverse litigation-based courses. “We offer everything from international commercial arbitration to environmental and criminal litigation. The expansive selection of courses allows participants to specialize their advocacy education in specific areas of study, such as criminal, civil, environmental, and IP litigation,” explains Boals.

The LLM degree requirements include two required advanced courses: Ethics for Trial Lawyers and an advanced trial advocacy course. In addition to the diverse litigation-related courses, LLM students may select from among the following core courses regularly offered by the Trial Advocacy Program: Civil Trial Advocacy; Criminal Trial Advocacy; Evidentiary Foundations & Objections; Litigating in the High Tech Courtroom; Ethics for Trial Lawyers; Litigating in the Digital Age: Electronic Discovery; Pretrial Civil Litigation; Homicide Prosecution; Challenges and Obligations of Prosecutors; The Jury in Civil Litigation; Scientific Evidence and Expert Testimony; and Criminal Defense Externship Seminar. Each of these core Trial Advocacy Program courses are team-taught by two instructors, a judge and either a full-time faculty member with litigation experience or an experienced litigator. Most courses are taught in small sections with a maximum class size of eight to fourteen students. Multiple sections of some of these courses are regularly offered.

“In today’s job market, law school graduates who possess solid litigation skills along with practical experience have an edge,” Aaronson asserts. “Also, lawyers looking to diversify their practices or make career changes have a viable option in AUWCL’s Advocacy LLM Program.”

For more details on the Advocacy LLM Program, visit the LLM Web site at: ucl.american.edu/trial/llm or contact Elizabeth Boals at: eboals@ucl.american.edu or 202-274-4073.
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Students and Mary Beth Tinker (fifth from left) enjoy the camaraderie of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy competition.
Auuwcl Program Helps Alumni Repay Loans (by Jennifer Havens)

For an increasing number of law school graduates, the option of pursuing their dream jobs in public interest law isn’t really an option. Faced with daunting student loans, they are forced to choose high-paying legal careers that will help them make a dent in their debt. AUWCL’s Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP) is changing that scenario. The program lends a helping hand to eligible graduates who pursue careers in public interest law by paying all or a portion of their monthly loan payments. Since its introduction in 1988, PILRAP has awarded more than $2.5 million and benefited 200 alumni.

“PILRAP represents a huge commitment by AUWCL and Dean Grossman to help public interest lawyers,” says David Steib, assistant director of AUWCL’s Office of Public Interest. Fewer than half of all law schools in the United States offer loan repayment assistance for their students.

Last year, the average debt for PILRAP applicants was $159,000. This year it is $179,000, says Barbara Williams, director of AUWCL’s Financial Aid Office. When combined with their undergraduate loans, it’s not unusual to see applicants with as much as $300,000 to $350,000 in debt, she adds. In 2010, an updated loan repayment assistance plan was created to increase the assistance available and to dovetail with the new Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, which forgives any remaining federal debt after ten years of qualifying payments.

The resulting PILRAP-II awards are calculated based on an applicant’s annual Income-Based Repayment (IBR) amount. IBR is a federal student loan repayment option created in 2007 under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. For most borrowers, IBR payments are less than 10 percent of their income.

PILRAP-II applicants earning less than $50,000 are eligible for loan repayment assistance up to 100 percent of their annual IBR obligation, while those earning between $50,001 and $75,000 are eligible for assistance on a pro-rated basis. Once in the program, a graduate remains eligible to receive funding for up to ten years.

For those graduates who want to go out and change the world and help those who need public assistance, PILRAP offers them a lifeline to their dream job,” explains Williams.

AUWCL’s policy is to give an award to anyone who is eligible, asserts Steib. But the number of applicants is increasing and so, too, is the price of the program. Alumni and friends can donate to PILRAP online at ucl.american.edu/alumni/giving.cfm, by mail or phone (202-274-4050) and designate their gifts to PILRAP.

Last fall, AUWCL’s Pence Law Library became the first law school in the country to offer its alumni access to HeinOnline’s Law Journal database. This database has more than 1,700 law and law-related journals with a broad range of coverage. Alumni can search the database by keyword, article title, author, subject, state or country published. Articles can be downloaded in a searchable PDF format. Alumni access to HeinOnline is available through the CareerLink home page that can be accessed using a personal login and password. To request a CareerLink account, send an e-mail to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu including your full name, date of graduation, degree program, and your primary e-mail address (which will become your CareerLink username). Registration may take up to two business days.

In addition to HeinOnline, AUWCL alumni have online access to several interdisciplinary article databases with thousands of journals, including JSTOR, Project Muse, and Academic Search Premier through the Pence Law Library. To access these databases, alumni should e-mail Rebecca Vander Linde at r.vander@wcl.american.edu. She can arrange access to the AUWCL Alumni Online Community at secureb.imodules.com/s/S1395/index1col.aspx?si=d=1395&gid=1&pgid=3&cid=40. Due to license restrictions, AUWCL cannot offer remote access to other subscription-based databases to graduates, but Pence staff welcome and encourage the use of the library’s Web site and catalog at library.wcl.american.edu. The new Encore catalog interface allows alumni to search the library’s collections to access content from many places, including articles from HeinOnline.

Alumni cards enable graduates to borrow circulating materials from the law library, after registering with the Circulation Desk and obtaining a barcode. Cards are available in Room 373 in the law school.

Alumni may use electronic databases and resources anywhere in the library. Wireless access and several computers are available for patrons’ use. Databases available include ProQuest Congressional, BloombergBNA topical materials, and the CCH Intelligencenet. The library also has a workstation that allows Westlaw access that can be used for research.

Visit the library’s Web site – library.wcl.american.edu – to learn more about its services and hours of operation.

By Ad een Postar
A VISIT TO AUWCL’S OFFICE OF CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TODAY’S TIGHT LEGAL JOB MARKET.

The economy is most certainly on the minds of students, who are preparing to start their legal careers and enter the job market. “The superb legal education and skills provided by AUWCL is a lifelong investment in yourself,” says Dean Claudio Grossman. “The global economic climate has affected many segments including the legal profession, and has propelled all law schools, including ours, to develop even further innovative law school programs that best equip students with the knowledge and skills essential for a successful legal career in the twenty-first century.” The staff of AUWCL’s Office of Career and Professional Development keeps a close eye on the legal job market with the goal of developing programs and initiatives to support both current students and alumni in their search for employment. Changes not only in the economy but also in hiring practices have meant new challenges for graduates.

“We have seen a sea of change in the way law firms recruit entry-level and lateral talent,” says Matthew Pascocello, director of career development and alumni counseling. “Firms are recruiting at fewer schools, constricting 3L hiring activity, and restructuring the path to partnership.”

According to the National Association of Law Placement (NALP), the nationwide class of 2011 had an overall employment rate of 86.6 percent, falling from a twenty-year high of 91.9 percent reached in 2007 just before the housing market began its precipitous tumble. Not quite half of those 2011 jobs were in private practice and, for the first time since 1997, jobs in small firms outnumbered those in large, one hundred-plus lawyer firms.

While the number of law school applicants has dropped nationwide, enrollment at AUWCL has remained steady. Pascocello says that prospective applicants are giving legal education “a hard second look” as they see the cost of legal education rising and the number of high-paying entry-level positions declining. But, as he points out, this isn’t necessarily all bad news.

“When the pool of applicants has shrunk somewhat,” he notes, “we now have students who are perhaps a bit more focused as to their reasons for attending.”

According to Traci Jenkins, assistant dean of the Office of Career and Professional Development, today’s typical AUWCL class is composed of a mix of students. “We attract those who come straight from their undergraduate studies along with professionals who are looking to make a career change,” she says. The office begins its partnership with students during orientation when they receive guidance on a variety of professionalism matters. That interaction continues later in the first semester when the office offers specialized programs and one-on-one counseling for the first-year students. Once the students complete their legal educations, Jenkins and her staff track the alumni as they enter the job market.

“When I first came to AUWCL, our employment rates were higher,” Jenkins says. “Like many other law schools across the country in recent years, our alumni still have job opportunities but not at the same rates due to the market constriction.” Employment statistics are reported to the American Bar Association nine months after graduation which allows time for students to take the bar exam and to accommodate the hiring dynamics of employers. Therefore, statistics on the class of 2012 weren’t available until March 2013. Jenkins oversees the office’s counseling initiatives and works with students and alumni on resume reviews, networking skills, and job strategies.

“Our school has always had an alumni counselor who works with graduates to provide individual counseling, specialized resources, and tailored programming for them,” Jenkins says. “We offer a combination of resources and we leverage technology so graduates can access information more conveniently.” Alumni can access the Career Development Listserv, CareerLink, Lexis, and participate in Webinars and roundtable discussions. The school also has a mentor database that connects alumni for possible career development opportunities.

“You have to stay in the forefront of people’s minds.” She also stresses the importance of persistence. “Those who are successful are those who keep at it,” she says. “Do one thing per day to push your job search. There are plenty of opportunities to meet with professors and practitioners who come to campus. You have to make time to take advantage of these resources.”

For many alumni, Matthew Pascocello becomes a familiar face in his role as alumni counselor. In addition to the job search resources and job postings provided, Pascocello helps to introduce alumni to each other to enhance networks, runs a dynamic Alumni Career Development Listserv, offers Webinars that reach AUWCL graduates worldwide, creates specialized programs for recent graduates, conducts mock interviews, reviews resumes, and works frequently with the Office of Alumni Relations to coordinate programming ideas and alumni outreach. He advises both students and alumni to keep a healthy perspective on what may seem to be a discouraging environment.
“Of course the current market is challenging, but to the extent that one is just starting out in a lifelong profession, you have to anticipate there will be many ups and downs,” Pascocello says.

“The frustrations you experience now will become part of your past and offer a slice of wisdom that will serve you in good stead in the future.”

“Flexibility is, therefore, also critical. When the economy is strong and opportunities are plentiful, the focus of the job search tends to revolve around selection criteria such as compensation, job location, and who offers the best work-life balance. In a tight market, these criteria are still important but there is more of a willingness to sacrifice or be more flexible with these criteria.

“When you are in the midst of a job search, it can be difficult to step back and appreciate the fact that career development is a dynamic and fluid process,” Pascocello notes. He encourages job seekers, and happily practicing attorneys alike, to “never stop growing their careers” and to “take on some risk in building new skills and broadening their marketability.” He notes that AUWCL alumni have been an invaluable resource with their willingness to support the school and provide career perspective through the mentor database and participation in many OCBD career panels.

“But don’t feel that the first job you take will define your career for the future,” Pascocello advises recent graduates.

“Take some risk, learn all that you can, keep an eye on the next step, and realize that career development is a dynamic and fluid process.”

“Our alumni really step up to the plate in terms of helping our students and their fellow graduates identify opportunities and penetrate the market by sending our office discrete and public job postings, serving as contacts within organizations, signing up to be alumni mentors, and by offering informational and mock interviews to applicants and candidates.” For Dean Grossman, the relationship between current and future alumni is essential.

“Our alumni are important partners in ensuring the continued success of AUWCL students,” Grossman says. “Their ongoing commitment has led to the creation of externships and job opportunities as well as many need-based and merit scholarships. Our constant dialogue with the alumni community and their active involvement in AUWCL is a key undertaking and advantage of this institution.”

This active community is one that Traci Jenkins wants all students to be mindful of as they make their journeys through law school and beyond.

“Sometimes it doesn’t dawn on students that there are people here who are eager and willing to help you,” Jenkins says. “That’s the great thing about AUWCL. There is a whole community of people here who are always willing to help.”

AUWCL Programs Support Alumni
(by Megan Smith)

IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, A NUMBER OF OTHER AUWCL OFFERINGS CAN HELP ALUMNI IN THEIR JOB SEARCHES OR CAREER TRANSITIONS.

CLE PROGRAMS
A wide variety of low-cost, onsite and online CLE programs are available to American University Washington College of Law alumni. More than sixty programs at the law school offered CLE credits last year, with more than thirty-one states applying for accreditation in timely and diverse topics such as labor rights, privacy issues, climate change, the global economy, and more. The networking opportunities at the law school’s CLE programs are many; professionals representing hundreds of different organizations attended these programs in 2012 and 2013. Alumni also enjoy an exclusive discount for an annual subscription to the law school’s online CLE Webcasts offered in many practice areas either live or on-demand at West LegalEdcenter® the nation’s largest single source of online accredited CLE programs. On-demand Webcasts are available in topics ranging from an analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Affordable Care Act decision to a look at how new corporate structures of L3Cs, B-Corps, and flexible corporations support new businesses and jobs.

SUMMER PROGRAMS
Alumni also can gain unparalleled access to high-profile organizations and intensive training by leading policy experts, while taking advantage of networking opportunities through participation in one of the law school’s 13 summer programs in Washington, D.C.

The programs, available at a special discounted rate for alumni, allow attendees to brush up on areas of practice or to gain training in a new field by focusing on cutting-edge topics in international arbitration, human rights, intellectual property, environmental law, and more. For example, last summer’s participants in the Health Law and Policy Institute learned from Cristina Meneses, attorney for the Network for Public Health Law (Eastern Region) and expert on health insurance exchanges. Meneses’ course, “The Law and Politics of Health Insurance Exchanges,” featured guest lectures from experts who worked in establishing the health insurance exchange – a central part of the Affordable Care Act’s health insurance coverage strategy. “I got involved with the exchange in Maryland because it’s a good opportunity to influence decision makers and amplify the voices of patients,” said Meneses. Four new D.C. programs join the line-up of opportunities in the summer 2013 – Anti-Corruption Law (U.S. and International), Hospitality and Tourism Law, Litigation Skills, and Comparative Law (Brazil/U.S.).

LAWYER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM
Alumni who are looking to resume, transition, or reinvent their professional lives can participate in the Lawyer Re-Entry Program, a unique program initiated by Dean Claudio Grossman to reclaim the talent of lawyers whose careers may not follow a linear model. Reduced tuition ensures that AUWCL alumni have access to this groundbreaking program – one of only two law school-based programs of its kind in the country. The program offers a series of sessions on: reimagining professional identity, job search strategies and tools, legal research and writing, and technology. Taught by experts in the field of attorney professional development, faculty, and Office of Career and Professional Development leaders, participating attorneys enhance and develop skills in a supportive environment while developing a powerful network of colleagues. One of more than 100 graduates of the program, alumna Lisa Henderson ’85, says she greatly benefited from the self-analysis and refreshers in legal writing and research offered by the program. She also appreciated the valuable networking opportunities the program provided. “The timing was perfect, and the school couldn’t have been more supportive,” affirms Henderson. “I had been looking to return to work, but my looking wasn’t focused.”

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DO YOU REMEMBER what it was like back in 1996 when American University Washington College of Law moved to its current location on Massachusetts Avenue? Compared to the Myers Building, which had been the law school’s home since 1964, the new space had plenty of room and was full of natural light thanks to two soaring atriums.

Most thought they’d “died and gone to heaven with all of the new space,” as one faculty member put it, but in reality, the school was trying to put a square peg into a round hole. The building had been commercial retail space and offices, and over the years, it was retrofitted to create educational space. Classes take place in rooms with structural columns that hinder faculty and student interaction. Class sizes often are dictated by the space limitations of inflexible rooms that are either too large or too small. And with the entrepreneurial creativity of the school producing new programs, additional grant funding, new publications, and more jobs, the numbers of students, faculty, and staff continues to grow.

The AUWCL campus has quickly spread across Massachusetts Avenue and is now housed in four separate buildings on both sides of the road.

“Officialats American University met many, many times with the neighbors in the Tenley Circle area,” she says. “The meetings were handled well and were very positive.” The outcome is that the community has been fully included in the planning stages and all that it entails.

“Being a librarian, I know how vital knowledge can be,” Kaufman affirms. “When people feel a part of the process, they feel more empowered.”

A MORE HORIZONTAL CAMPUS

The move to Tenley will mark the fifth permanent home for the law school after locations on K Street, G Street, the Myers Building, and Massachusetts Avenue. The Tenley Campus will offer AUWCL more than eight acres and 310,000 square feet of room to stretch its wings. Three buildings, including historic Capital Hall, are already in place. Two new buildings, Warren and Yuma halls, will be constructed on either side of Capital Hall to form a U-shaped quad. Green space will abound with large lawns, gardens, and tree-lined walkways.

“For the first time in our history, we are creating a law school campus from the ground up with legal education in mind from the very onset,” asserts Grossman. “Our need for a new campus demonstrates, in itself, the vibrancy and creativity of AUWCL.”

Warren Hall will serve as the main entrance and house the Pence Law Library, classroom space, and seminar rooms. Yuma Hall also will offer classroom space,
clinical space, faculty and program offices, and the main dining complex. Both buildings will connect with Capital Hall, a historically significant Washington landmark that features a white limestone façade and will include a formal reception area. It will house the dean’s office, the associate deans’ offices, Career and Professional Development, Financial Aid, the Registrar’s Office, and offices for all seventeen of the student publications.

The Commons area will serve as the hub and heart of the campus. It will cross the quad space that connects Warren and Yuma halls and will feature an entrance lobby, amphitheater, ceremonial spaces, information meeting alcoves, and study areas. From this central space, students can access the library, classrooms, seminar rooms, conference center, dining areas, meeting alcoves, and study areas. From this central space, students can access the library, classrooms, seminar rooms, conference center, dining areas, and group study rooms.

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Billie Jo Kaufman, faculty chair for the Space Committee and associate dean for library and information resources

Classrooms will no longer be inflexible spaces with immovable walls and furniture bolted in place. Seven large, tiered classrooms and six medium classrooms, three tiered and three with flat floors, will provide innovative and appropriate space for legal education. In addition, ten seminar rooms will provide the most flexible of all the teaching spaces.

“If I want to teach four groups of four in one of the seminar rooms today and then teach in a circle tomorrow, I will be able to do so,” explains Kaufman. The layout of each space has been designed with the nuances of legal education specifically in mind.

“AUWCL has been a leader in fostering collaborative, innovative learning, but our current space is simply in a traffic jam,” says Karen M. Lockwood ’78, commercial trial lawyer and ADR professional. Lockwood has experienced the overcrowded classrooms firsthand as an adjunct professor and says that, on some days, even a small, fifteen-person class has no place to meet.

“The Tenley Campus beckons us,” Lockwood stresses, “with designs that encourage students to relax in small groups, to confer, trade notes, work on an article, tease out a new moot court plan, or organize a team. Even the green areas outdoors encourage focused creative learning while, at the same time, remain wired to the Internet.”

Putting education into immediate practice will require nothing more than a short walk to the new AUWCL Courthouse to be located just west of Capital Hall in a historical building that once served as a chapel.

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The new facility will feature a trial advocacy center with two small flexible spaces on the ground floor that can be configured as practice courtrooms and used for a variety of simulations. The Grand Moot Courtroom on the main floor will be the signature space with vaulted thirty-foot-high ceilings and stained glass windows on the sides. It will be used as a large classroom, for hearings and judicial proceedings, meetings, and panel discussions.

EXPANDED RESEARCH AND CLINICAL SPACE

The print and digital collections of the Pence Law Library will be moved to Warren Hall where students, faculty, alumni, and visitors will find an expansive new reading room and several spacious study areas. Covering three floors, the library will continue to be a central gathering space on campus for learning, research, and practice.

“We’re looking forward to having a lot more seating in the library and having our archives housed in a better environment,” Kaufman says.

The library’s namesake, alumnus Bob Pence ’71, says the library is not only an extremely important resource for materials relating to the practice of law but also increasingly more important as a gathering space.

“It is imperative for the library to serve as a place where students can get together comfortably to discuss cases and classwork and for the kind of learning that doesn’t take place in a classroom,” Pence says, adding that by building from the ground up, this will be the first time “we have a chance to control our own environment.” The new library space will be equally attractive to alumni and other visitors to campus.

“The new library will be a more conducive and enticing space than we’ve ever had for judicial and business law seminars,” Pence notes.

The top-rated clinical programs at AUWCL also will benefit from expanded space specifically designed for its needs. A network of law practice labs will be available for professors to teach a variety of skills and will allow AUWCL to embrace the new challenges of practicing law for years to come. Clients who come to campus for legal services will find it much easier to access AUWCL, thanks to the close proximity of the Tenley Circle Metro stop.

“Being one block from the Tenley Metro will be a significant improvement,” says Grossman. “Whether coming to the campus for schoolwork, to receive clinical services, or if you’re heading downtown to the courthouse, proximity to the Metro will make access to our campus – for faculty, staff, students, alumni, clients, and visitors – much easier.”
Direct access to the heart of one of the most international cities in the world also will enhance the many international programs at AUWCL.

**DESIGNED BY LAW SCHOOL EXPERTS**

The SmithGroup, an architectural firm with offices in Washington, D.C. and across the country, spearheaded the design efforts after many meetings with faculty, administrators, students, alumni, and the Dean’s Advisory Council. Veterans of law school design, the group has worked closely with the building planning group to stay true to the law school’s goals.

“They have worked with other law schools so they understood our vocabulary, and we didn’t have to explain to them what a law school needed,” Kaufman states. “They have been very engaging, available, and have taken people to the site to get a feel for what is planned.” The team is targeting a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification from the U.S. Building Council with environmentally sustainable features including recycled construction materials, energy-efficient HVAC and lighting systems, innovative water management strategies, and sustainable noninvasive landscaping. We’ve been working with a LEED checklist from the very first meeting,” Kaufman adds. “It’s a significant piece of the project and the right thing to do for the environment.”

**ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT. BENEFITS**

Alumni remain an important and vibrant part of the AUWCL community and have been instrumental in the planning process. Alumni regularly come to campus to attend meetings, to network with students, serve as adjuncts, and participate in programs.

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“Right now, AUWCL is off the beaten path,” Huang says. “For a profession that requires travel to the courthouse and to law offices in the heart of D.C., access to the Metro will be great. It will certainly be more convenient and bring us closer to the profession that we’re in.”

Huang notes that making donations to the capital campaign is a great way for alumni to help although he is focusing more on participation than specific donation amounts.

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The capital campaign is slated to run through 2014 with the goal of starting classes for the 2015 fall semester in the new location. The opening of the new campus will cement AUWCL’s position as a significant anchor in the Tenley area and as one of the most progressive law schools in the country.

“This area is already a distinctive and colorful part of town,” Grossman says. “With our own vibrancy and creativity, American University Washington College of Law will become a most valued neighbor bringing new spirit and life to the Tenleytown community.”

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Seventeenth Annual Sylvania Woods Conference

A Focus on Alumni in the Workplace: Experiences & Expectations

by Sherry Weaver

The program portion of this year’s conference consisted of two non-moderated panel conversations among alumni from across the decades and engaged in various types of legal work. During “Pathways: To Judicial Clerkships, Government, and Firm Life,” which focused on more traditional approaches to practice, panel members considered the management of skills transfer across practice areas, and the practice and utility of networking, and compared the professional challenges of the past with those of the present and future. The panel included Portia Brown ’01, special assistant to the directors of criminal and civil enforcement at the Department of Justice; L. Jackson Thomas ’76, assistant United States attorney; Edna Ruth Vincent ’89, a principal in the firm of Colten, Cummins, Watson & Vincent; and the Honorable Zuberi Williams ’01, Edna Ruth Vincent ’89, L. Jackson Thomas ’76, and Portia Brown ’01.

Because the second panel represented a wider spectrum of professions – nonprofit, military justice, high-level federal appointment, and international humanitarian law – each panel member contextualized the contents of their toolbox of legal skills – writing, legal analysis, reasoning, for instance – to their particular area of work. The panelists for “Pathways: To Some Other Rewarding Ways that Worked” were Kelly Brinkley ’00, chief operating officer, United Way of the National Capital Area; Major Louis “Jame” Brinkley Jr. ’00, chief, military justice, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Military District of Washington; the Honorable Vanessa Allen Sutherland ’96, chief counsel, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and Natacha Thys ’98, senior legal advisor, Africa Division, Rule of Law Initiative, American Bar Association.

The Each-One-Reach-One Networking reception that followed the panel discussions allowed for participants to interact with one another in a less formal setting. Throughout the reception and dinner, a slide presentation of photos from previous Woods Conferences was shown and accompanied by the music of Loide Jorge ’06.

The conference ended with the annual awards dinner, at which the Woods family was represented by Mrs. Geneva Woods, the judge’s widow; her daughter, Sebrena; son, Sylvania Jr.; a granddaughter, at which the Woods family was represented by Mrs. Geneva Woods, the judge’s widow; her daughter, Sebrena; son, Sylvania Jr.; a granddaughter, and shared, remarks by Professor Angela Davis. The Honorable Reggie B. Walton ’74, who recently was appointed presiding judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court by Chief Justice John Roberts, gave closing remarks. The evening ended with Chimnunose Kali ’10 leading the group in “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing,” the African-American anthem.

For the first time, the planning of this conference included the collaboration of the Black Alumni Association. All agreed that the desired takeaways from the Seventeenth Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law were the creation of a comfort level among alumni and students that will enable continuing supportive dialogue, and a moment of reunion among African-American alumni who will further embrace them and encourage their enhanced participation in the life of the law school.

DIVERSITY NEWS

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AUWCL honored alumni at various Founders’ Events this spring in recognition of outstanding achievements in their careers.

AUWCL honored alumnus Judy Smith ’86 at this year’s 2013 Women and the Law Leadership Luncheon and Award Ceremony, held April 17 at The Cosmos Club. Smith is the founder and president of Smith & Company, a leading strategic and cross firm, as well as the inspiration behind the hit ABC television show “Scandal.” Pictured (left to right) are several of the past award winners: Penny Wakefield ’79; Pamela Deese ’83; Judy A. Smith ’86; Leigh-Alexandra Bash ’85; and Corrine Parver ’82.

Vincent Eng ’95 (right) was honored by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) at the sixth annual Founders’ Day dinner on March 28. The dinner united alumni and students from AUWCL for a dialogue on community progress and emerging issues. William Xu ’14 (pictured left) noted, “We were proud to present the Distinguished Alumni Award to Vincent, partner at the Veng Group, who has made significant contributions to the Asian American community, including the appointment of Asian Americans to federal judiciaries.”

Tom Morante ’77 (center) was honored at the fourth annual Business Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner at Bistro Bistro in Washington, D.C. on April 25. Morante was chosen for his support and commitment of AUWCL and his success in the business and international law arena. Pictured with Morante are the two Business Law Society students who planned the dinner – Elizabeth Wigenman ’14 and Benjamin Ross ’12.

Three Public Interest/Public Service awards were given by the Public Interest Committee to recognize the accomplishments of individuals in the following categories: a current second-year or third-year AUWCL student (EmilyRose Johns ’13), an alumnus or alumna whose work is primarily in the United States (Gary C. Norman LLM ’11), and an alumnus or alumna whose work is primarily abroad or in international law (Lisa Piper ’99). The Cicchino Awards recognize and honor those students and alumni whose devotion to, and creative service in, the public interest exemplify the highest ideals of the Washington College of Law. Pictured left – EmilyRose Johns ’13 and Gary C. Norman LLM ’11; Pictured right – Lisa Piper ’99 with Professor Rick Wilson.

The awards are given annually in honor of Peter M. Cicchino, co-passed away in 2000. Cicchino was not only a brilliant scholar and teacher, but also a brave and creative public interest lawyer. Among many other accomplishments, he founded the Lesbian and Gay Youth Project at the Urban Justice Center in New York City.

Lydia Watts ’96 received the second annual Equal Justice Foundation Alumni award at the twentieth annual Equal Justice Foundation auction on April 4. She was honored for upholding excellence in public interest law and for her contributions to the WCL public interest law community. Lydia is pictured left, with Dean Claudia Grossman.

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The International Trade & Investment Law Society, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, and Dean Claudia Grossman hosted the International Trade and Investment Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner on April 22. The seventh annual event honored Ricardo Ramirez ’95, member of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (pictured, center, with Jorge Vez ’73 and Fadidhe Ali’, professor of law).

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This past year the Office of Development and Alumni Relations was busy with multiple receptions and programming for alumni. Additional receptions are planned for this spring and summer. To find upcoming events, visit AUWCL’s social media sites (see back cover) or visit the alumni Web calendar at wcl.american.edu/alumni. For more information, e-mail alumni@wcl.american.edu.

Multicultural staff, alumni, and students gathered together for the semi-annual First Thursday Networking Reception on March 7 at Clyde’s of Gallery Place. Alumni Thomas Brunet ‘12 (center) and Michael Gonzalez ‘12 (right) are pictured with a newly admitted student.

Alumni and newly admitted students get to know each other at the New York City networking reception on March 5 at the 21 Club. Pictured left to right: Phoebe MacBain ‘94, admitted student Vanessa Ortiz, and Patricia Latem ‘94.

Professor Stephen Wermiel ‘82 (second from left) poses with Benjamin Moos ‘13 (left), Elizabeth Myers ‘93 (right) and two admitted students at a networking reception at Ruth’s Chris of Crystal City on March 19.

Alumni (pictured left to right) Martha Plante Prayd ‘08, Kera Express ‘08 (judicial clerkship advisor in the Office of Career and Professional Development), Vanessa Martin ‘08, and Sharon Sullivan ‘09 celebrated the holiday season at a networking reception on December 13, 2012 at P.J. Clarke’s in Washington, D.C.

JD and LLM December 2012 graduates celebrated their success at AUWCL with friends, family, faculty, and staff on November 28.

(From left) Alumni Juan Fernandez-Barquin ‘08, Henry Roque ‘08, Natalie Roos ‘08, Natalie Lamela ‘08, and Ana Laura Olman ‘08 gather over drinks and conversation at Ruth’s Chris of Coral Gables on February 21.

Alumni (from left) Laxmi Raman Rees ‘04, Guinevere Jobson ‘07, Trey Rees ‘04 (center left), Steven Ragland ‘02 (right) share a photo with Associate Director of Admissions Brooke Sandola (right center) at the San Francisco networking alumni and newly admitted students reception on March 12 at Town Hall.

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It was SRO (Standing Room Only) at the Young Alumni networking reception at Acadiana in Washington, D.C. on December 6, 2012. Pictured left to right are Leia Lee ‘10, B. Bruns Levine ‘11, and Richard Rodriguez ‘11.

(Left to right) John Gost ‘95, Dan Dusfenre ‘02, and Osawode Cohen LLM ’09 enjoyed dinner and networking opportunities at the alumni and newly admitted students dinner at The Palm in downtown San Diego on March 14.
Associate Dean Mary Clark presented the Myers Society Scholarships to current students Nicholas Bead '13 and Christianne Cannon '14. Both students spoke briefly about their hard journeys to law school and how much the scholarships meant to them now and in the future.

The program concluded with Loide Jorge '06 singing “God Bless America,” a fitting tribute in the halls of the Supreme Court.

The John Sherman Myers Society was established twenty-eight years ago and named in honor of Dean John Sherman Myers and his wife Alvinia Reckman Myers. It includes faculty, alumni, and friends who support AUWCL through annual gifts of $1,500 or more.

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Kenneth began what would become a five-decade career with the federal government, starting in the U.S. General Accounting Office. Kenneth moved to the Farm Credit Administration where he rose to the rank of acting director of the Office of Administration. Looking for opportunities to enhance talents in the fields of management and the law, Kenneth obtained two graduate degrees from American University, where his experiences as a student shaped much of his professional career.

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Information included in these class notes was gathered from August 2011 to June 2013. Additional information will be included in the next issue of the magazine. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. Please report inadvertent errors or omissions to alumni@wcl.american.edu.
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Leveraging Knowledge to Unlock Value and Potential
(by Megan Smith)

Over the years, American University Washington College of Law alumnus Andrew J. Sherman ’86 has served as a legal and strategic advisor to dozens of Fortune 500 companies and hundreds of emerging growth companies through his work as a partner at Jones Day. He has represented and counseled U.S. and international clients in all stages of growth—from rapidly growing start-ups to multi-billion dollar international conglomerates. He has even been recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of the top ten minds in small business. Sherman is also an author and professor.

Whether he’s practicing law, speaking to students, or writing his latest book, Sherman sees himself as an educator who frequently returns to American University Washington College of Law, and has been a regular lecturer during the past ten years. “I’m happiest when I’m educating,” he says. “And I can educate in a boardroom, in a classroom, behind a podium, or through my writing. I’m happiest when I’m teaching others some skill set and strategy.”

Sherman credits his own American University Washington College of Law professors—some of whom still teach at the law school—with inspiring him to be a better educator. “I was inspired by the classroom experience. I looked up at the podium and saw that my professors really cared—how much I learned, and how well I learned it,” explains Sherman. “I’ve never stopped wanting to emulate the great teaching they provided to me in the classroom. The passion and commitment of professors can make or break the law school experience.”

In 2012, Sherman released his twentieth book, Essays On Governance: 36 Critical Essays To Drive Shareholder Value and Business Growth. According to Sherman, “At a time when our faith and confidence in our nation’s political and business leaders has reached historic lows, now is the time to reconnect with what it really means to lead and govern properly. Essays On Governance features a collection of thoughts and insights for today’s leaders and board members of companies both large and small, public and private. Boards of non-profits, NGO’s and universities can also find guidance, as can global government and political leaders.”

Using his own experience as well as real examples, Sherman reveals how companies of all sizes can effectively manage their intellectual property (or “harvest their intangible assets”) to remain both competitive and innovative. “We’re now in an economy where 70 to 80 percent of companies have no inventory, little physical assets, and are exclusively driven by intangible assets. Yet, they don’t take inventory of their intangibles. These aren’t companies whose primary value is driven by desks or chairs—they’re companies whose value is driven by brands and know-how. My book challenges corporate leadership to devote more time, energy, and attention to management of these assets.”

According to Sherman, the current state of the economy is not one in which companies can afford to waste intangible assets if they want to thrive. So, he says he has become a “champion of wasting less and doing more” with these assets. “This has become not just a book but a mission,” he notes. “You can have all the intangible assets in the world, but you’d better use what you create to make shareholder value.”

“Sherman takes a positive approach,” wrote Professor Andrew Popper in a review of Sherman’s book. “He focuses on utilization of resources, maximizing benefits while protecting interests, creative approaches, and novel strategies for those who appreciate the value of information technology and intellectual property—or those who are about to realize they possess an untapped resource.”

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John Kenneth Zweifling was recognized as Best Lawyers’ 2011 Washington, D.C. Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar Lawyer of the Year.

1972
William L. Schmidt, a private practitioner in Centreville, Virginia, received the Tradition of Excellence Award of the General Practice Section of the Virginia State Bar. Schmidt has been in private practice for thirty-nine years and has been active in the Fairfax Bar Association, the Fairfax Law Foundation, and the Virginia State Bar. He is a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. In addition, he devotes countless hours to civic organizations including the Fairfax District of the Salvation Army, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, and the City of Fairfax Band. For the past nineteen years, he has served as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at the same location in Fairfax, Virginia, and was featured on the front page of USA Today on December 24, 2009.

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James T. Brett was appointed by President Barack Obama as chair of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID). As PCPID chair, Brett leads a group of disabilities advocates from across the nation as they work to provide guidance and advice to the president on issues affecting people with intellectual disabilities. Brett is president and chief executive officer of The New England Council, the nation’s oldest regional business organization.

1974
Wayne R. Miekle is a private practitioner in Westville, New Jersey, and is mental hygiene commissioner for the Circuit Courts of Brooke and Hancock counties. He has practiced in many areas of law, including criminal, juvenile, child abuse and neglect, and all types of civil cases.

1976
Angela Desmond, senior director of External Relations with the Center for Audit Quality, was named to Stanford Who’s Who. The Center for Audit Quality, founded in 2007, is a membership-based policy organization that serves investors and the capital markets by advancing audit quality across the public accounting profession. As senior director, Desmond is responsible for identifying and executing strategic and policy initiatives as well as strengthening outreach to a wide range of domestic and international stakeholders within the profession, regulatory authorities, business community, institutional, and individual investors.

Joseph J. Giunta is senior counsel at Proskauer in the firm’s Los Angeles office. He concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, proxy contests, tender offers, restructurings, recapitalization, and leveraged buyouts. Prior to joining Proskauer, Giunta was with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, for twenty-five years, where he was managing director and general counsel of prominent crises communications firm, Sitrick and Company. He was one of the founding partners of Skadden’s West Coast MiGA practice.

James Kilbreth, counsel at Verrill Dana, was named a Local Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation’s 2011 edition. This is the second consecutive year Kilbreth has received this recognition. Kilbreth was recognized for his practice in environmental, energy litigation, which focuses on complex commercial and regulatory litigation, including antitrust, securities, environmental and energy matters.

Vernease Herron Miller is chair of Pfeiffer University’s Department of Health Administration and director of Healthcare Programs. In addition, Miller is a full professor of health law and administration. A member of Pfeiffer’s faculty since 1999, Miller was chosen in 2005 as the first professor in Pfeiffer’s 125-year history to be granted a sabbatical leave. During her sabbatical, she served as faculty fellow with the Institute of Emerging Issues at North Carolina State University. Miller is board chair and managing director for the Carolinas Association for Community Health Equity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the elimination of disparities throughout North and South Carolina.

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Maria Henderson is president of The Florida Bar Foundation Fellow of the Foundation, and a member of its Legacy for Justice. The Florida Bar Foundation is a statewide charitable organization that works on behalf of Florida’s legal profession to expand access to justice. Henderson is an insurance consultant at Ackerman Senterfitt, in the firm’s Tallahassee, Florida office.

Jay Lenrow is of counsel at Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Henderson, LLC, where he focuses his practice on real estate law, corporate law, construction law, and real estate finance. Previously, he served as a principal in Lenrow, Kohn & Oliver, PC, the firm he co-founded. Lenrow also has served as a volunteer at the Salvation Army, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, and the Virginia State Bar. He is a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. In addition, he devotes countless hours to civic organizations including the Fairfax District of the Salvation Army, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, and the City of Fairfax Band. For the past nineteen years, he has served as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at the same location in Fairfax, Virginia, and was featured on the front page of USA Today on December 24, 2009.
Elitza Meyer, assistant general counsel and assistant secretary at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, is tasked with advising on corporate affairs, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and strategic alliances. She also serves as a faculty member at St. Cloud State University and in Springfield, Missouri, where she led strategic planning efforts, started a diversity initiative, and worked on faculty development.

Thomas C. Stang is the founder of the Congressional Honors Program, which supports students in the arts and sciences and other emerging technology companies, as well as advising companies on how to improve and comply with standards of obstetric care. A partner in Janet, Jenner & Slay, LLC, based in Baltimore, Apfel has written several seminal law review articles discussing litigation criteria adopted by physician groups in an attempt to limit their liability for brain injuries resulting from negligent care during labor. He is a founding board member and former chairman of the Medical Negligence Section of the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association and a former co-chair of the AAJ’s Birth Trauma Litigation Group.

Nina Shea is a senior scholar at the Hudson Institute, where she directs the Center for Religious Freedom. For ten years prior to joining Hudson, Shea worked at Freedom House, where she directed the Center for Religious Freedom, an office that she had helped found in 1986 as the Public Institute. She has served as a commissioner on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom since its founding in 1999. She was first appointed to the commission in 1999 by then-Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-IL) and was reappointed in 2007 and 2010 by Rep. John Boehner (R-OH). For more than a decade, Shea has worked for the advancement of religious freedom and other human rights in U.S. foreign policy as it confronts Islamist extremism as well as authoritarian regimes. For seven years, until 2005, she helped organize and lead a coalition of churches and religious groups that worked to end a religious war against Christians, traditional African believers, and dissident Muslims in South Sudan. In 2004 and 2005, she contributed to the drafting of the Iraqi constitution’s religious freedom provision. She has authored and/or edited three widely acclaimed reports, Saudi Arabia’s Curriculum of Intolerance (2006) and Update (2008) and Saudi Publications on Hate Ideology Invade American Mosques (2005), each of which translated and analyzed Saudi governmental publications that teach hatred and violence against the religious “other.” She regularly presents testimony before Congress, delivers public lectures, organizes briefings and conferences, and writes frequently on religious freedom issues in The Wall Street Journal, National Review Online, Huffington Post, and other publications. Her 1997 book on anti-Christian persecution, In the Lion’s Den, remains a standard in the field.

Howard L. Sollins, a principal in OberKaler’s Health Law Group, was named to the Maryland Super Lawyers 2011 issue. He was recognized in the Health Care Law category. He also was recognized as one of the best in the healthcare field in the 2011 edition of Chambers USA. Sollins has more than three decades of experience in the world of healthcare law and is recognized as one of the top lawyers in the field according to such services as Best Lawyers in America, Chambers and Super Lawyers. His practice includes matters involving federal and state regulations; Medicare, Medicaid and other reimbursement; structuring business transactions and contracts; licensing, survey and certification; certificate of need; fraud and abuse; corporate compliance; and e-health and technology. Prior to joining OberKaler, he was an associate attorney general for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He is a past chair of the Maryland State Bar Association’s Health Law Section.

Jonathan Blatt, a fixed-income security professional, oversees high-yield bond sales and trading operations at Global Hunter Securities, a New York City investment bank focusing on the energy, China, healthcare, metals and mining sectors. Previously, Blatt was with Stone Tower Capital, where he was responsible for trading all bond positions as well as half of the bank loan positions in their multi-billion dollar hedge fund. He has been trading fixed-income securities since 1984 when he joined Bear Stearns. He was a founding member of Chase Bank’s high-yield desk; opened the New York office of BB&T Capital; and founded Fieldstone’s sales, trading, and research business. Before moving to the financial services industry, Blatt was an attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

John Kudel is a solo practitioner in Rockville, Maryland, and of counsel to Karp, Fosh, Wigdory & Norwain, PA, is president of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA). MSBA is a voluntary association of 24,000 Maryland lawyers. During his one-year tenure, Kudel will focus on member service, professionalism, and civility. Prior to attending college, Kudel was a police officer with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C., where he worked in the Narcotics and Internal Affairs divisions. After graduating from the University of Maryland, he worked as a white-collar crimes investigator in the Office of the State’s Attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland. Kudel is a past president of the Bar Association of Montgomery County and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, and the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association. He represented Montgomery County in the American Bar Association House of Delegates in 2002. From 1986 to 2000, he was an associate professor at the University of Maryland, University College teaching in the Paralegal Studies Program.

William Stang is a managing partner in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania office of Fox Rothschild LLP. Stang oversees day-to-day office operations and serves on the firm’s Executive Committee, which sets overall firm policy. He has more than twenty years of experience in resolving business disputes. He handles general and complex commercial matters for a variety of clients, including middle-market businesses, small to medium-size manufacturers, and healthcare practice groups. He has substantial trial and appellate experience in federal and state courts as well as in AAA arbitrations. He is a past chairperson and current member of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Appellate Practice Committee, 2008 Class of Fellows and Attorneys Against Hunger Committee.

Virginia Arthur is provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Previously, Arthur was associate provost for Faculty Affairs at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), where she led strategic planning efforts, launched a diversity initiative, faculty development, revision of the liberal arts core, and the collective bargaining agreement with the faculty. Before joining UNI, she was a faculty member in the Department of Management at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. In addition to her juno doctor, she has completed graduate coursework in human resource management, personnel selection and organizational behavior from St. Cloud State University and in education psychology, finance, and accounting from the University of Minnesota. In addition, she is a certified public accountant.

Charles Blau, a partner at Blau & Blau in Springfield, New Jersey, is president of the National Association of Independent Free Appraisers (NAIFA). NAIFA, which was established in 1961, is an association of professional real estate appraisers with headquarters in Chicago. Blau concentrates his practice on real estate tax appeals.

Kevin Fay was named one of the Northern Virginians of the Year by Northern Virginia Magazine. He is president of Alcaldy & Fay, a government and public affairs firm. He has been a volunteer for the The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s National Capital Area Chapter for almost two decades and has served as chairman of Washington, D.C.’s Annual Leukemia Ball, which has raised more than $3.5 million. He is the founder of the Congressional Honors Program, which educates members of Congress about blood cancer issues, success rates, challenges, and research advancements to emphasize the need for research funding. Fay also has served as assistant attorney general for the state of Maryland and vice chairman of the Maryland Commission on Landlord-Tenant Law Reform. He was associate general counsel for McCormick Properties, Incorporated and vice president, general counsel of Combined Properties, Incorporated.
A Fast Start (by Betty Lynne Leary)

The year 2005 marked many new beginnings for Alain Bonavida. With his new bride on one arm and a fresh degree from the Washington College of Law in hand, Bonavida moved back to his hometown of Los Angeles to establish his law practice and begin the next chapter of his life.

Tackling contract work while building up his client base, Bonavida was contacted by Joseph Fahs who saw Bonavida’s ad for legal services on the online network Craigslist. Fahs was being sued by Georges Marciano, the founder of Guess? Incorporated and Fahs’ former employer. Marciano alleged he was the victim of a mass conspiracy to deprive Marciano of more than $400 million in money, art, wine, and other assets— an allegation that grew to a claim of more than $500 million in alleged damages. Bonavida was the first attorney in this matter defending Fahs from Marciano’s ever-growing allegations of a mass conspiracy to harm him.

“No one wanted to take on Marciano because of his resources, but I thought the case sounded interesting,” Bonavida says. And thus started an eighteen-month, merry-go-round of events that included seventeen changes of counsel for Marciano. Bonavida countersued on Fahs’ behalf for defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Other employees of Marciano’s were eventually enjoined as well, and these parties also retained counsel and counter-sued Marciano.

In July 2009, after hearing many hours of live testimony and reviewing dozens of exhibits, a jury found Marciano liable to each of the claimants for a total award of more than $730 million. It was the largest jury verdict awarded in the country in 2009. “Mr. Fahs was being victimized by a wealthy and powerful person, and I welcomed the challenge. Justice was served,” Bonavida says. “It was an amazing experience and a litigator’s dream. But since it was my first case, I thought, where do I go from here?” he adds laughing.

Bonavida obviously had a good answer to that question, because he has built a respected boutique litigation firm in Beverly Hills with an emphasis on business disputes and litigation matters focusing on breach of contract and fraud cases of action, plaintiff labor and employment matters, privacy rights, defamation claims, and select personal injury claims. He enjoys interesting and challenging cases “that some attorneys tend to avoid,” and he can be reached via the firm’s Web site at www.avbesq.com.

As a law student at AUWCL, Bonavida got hooked on fighting for the underdog in the Clinical program. “I was in the Civil Practice Clinic my entire third year of school,” he explains. “My clinic partner and I worked all year on a very difficult custody case for a woman and her small child. We went to trial and won full custody for her plus child support.”

Bonavida found the rigors of law school to be a challenging experience, especially during the first year, but adds, “I loved going to law school. AUWCL is very student-centric and the professors always have open doors. They are extremely helpful, phenomenal people.”

Bonavida enjoys sharing his AUWCL experiences with West Coast residents who are either newly admitted to the school or who are considering attending AUWCL. He also makes himself available to assist AUWCL graduates with transitioning back to Los Angeles, including assisting with job searches.

“I try to attend all the alumni events I can as the school tries to build more of an AUWCL presence here on the West Coast,” Bonavida says. “I loved law school and I like to share that. It was the best educational experience I ever had.”
Stephen Rabinowitz is a member of the executive team of Zavee, LLC, a South Florida company that offers local merchants highly customizable marketing tools and provides cash back rewards to shoppers and diners, while encouraging them to write reviews and share their experiences. Rabinowitz is a practice team leader at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, where he represents developers, lenders, and investors in complex real estate transactions. A resident of Larchmont, New York, Rabinowitz also is a working musician and guitar collector.

Karen L. Sears is managing attorney in the New London office of Connecticut Legal Services Incorporated. Sears joined Legal Services in 1987 as a staff attorney. Most recently, she served as project director for the Consumer Law Project for Elders, working to help elderly clients solve consumer law problems that threaten their ability to continue to live independently. Sears has been involved in training and working with attorneys employed by Pfizer Incorporated who are providing pro bono advice to elderly individuals who are facing consumer law problems.

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Louis Dubin is executive vice president of St. Joe Company, one of Florida’s premier real estate development companies. Previously, Dubin was president and chief executive officer of LMD Worldwide, LLC.

Tobias Moyer is a solutions engineer at Advanced Discovery, a leading provider of e-discovery services to clients worldwide in both the legal and corporate communities. In this position, Moyer is responsible for client consulting for best uses of technology workflow for e-discovery matters. Previously, Moyer practiced in the Antitrust and Litigation departments at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom’s Washington, D.C. office, where he represents multifaceted e-discovery matters. He is the founder and served as the chief executive officer of DroidLaw, LLC, which specializes in legal reference mobile applications.

1988

Mary E. McClaymont (LLM) is president of the Public Welfare Foundation, based in Washington, D.C. Previously, McClaymont was executive director of Global Rights, president and chief executive officer of InterAction, and held a number of executive positions at the Ford Foundation. Her interest in global and domestic social-justice issues has been manifested through her work as the national director for the Maryland Super Lawyers list in the area of Real Estate Litigation.

Barbara Fuller, a private practitioner, was honored with a leadership award for her dedication to the legal needs of the Murfreesboro, Tennessee community. Before starting her private practice, Fuller was a staff and managing attorney for the Murfreesboro office of the Legal Aid Society, where she represented low-income, elderly, and disabled clients on various legal matters including housing, consumer, health, social security, and divorces involving spousal abuse. She began her legal career as a Nashville assistant public defender and also has worked as the house director for Nashville Dismas and as the executive director for Dismas Incorporated.

Christopher Grigorian is a partner at Foley & Lardner, LLP, in the firm’s Public Policy Practice and on the Automotive Industry Team. Based in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office, he focuses his practice on federal motor vehicle safety law, representing motor vehicle manufacturers and tier one parts suppliers on issues including product recalls, compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards, defect investigations, and other compliance issues under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and TREAD Act. He also maintains an active antitrust and trade regulation practice, counseling corporate and trade associations across numerous industries including healthcare, consumer goods and automotive; on issues related to distribution and pricing; relationships with customers, suppliers, and competitors; and related DOJ/FTC investigations. Previously, he was a partner with Arent Fox, LLP, and a trial attorney and senior trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, where he received the Tax Division’s Outstanding Attorney Award.

Cynthia Jones, professor at the Washington College of Law, received the 2011 University Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Appointment.

Peter Quinter, a shareholder in the Fort Lauderdale and Miami offices of GrayRobinson, was recognized by Chambers USA for his work in International Trade: Customs.

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Scott C. Frost, of the Business Litigation Group in Howard & Howard’s Chicago office, was named to the 2011 list of Illinois Super Lawyers by a survey of Law & Politics Media, Incorporated. Only 5 percent of the attorneys in Illinois were named to the Super Lawyers list.

Daniel J. Horwitz was appointed by New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to the Joint Commission on Public Ethics. Horwitz is a partner at Lankler Sargin & Horwitz, LLP. He previously served as a New York County district attorney in the Frivolous Bureau. Prior to his legal career, Horwitz was a legislative writer to U.S. Representative Thomas J. Downey (D-NY).

Michael McAdams is head of the Board of Advisors at NDB Energy, Incorporated, an emerging independent oil and gas company. McAdams leads the Advanced Biofuels Association, which represents many of the top companies from around the world, as it engages the federal government at all levels to secure a level playing field for its member companies. He spent fifteen years in a variety of roles with British Petroleum, PLC, including serving as the associate group policy advisor to then-chairman of the Board Lord John Browne. In addition to his work at BP, McAdams has been an active independent wildcatter and worked in the private sector for a number of advocacy organizations. Earlier in his career, McAdams served as legislative director to U.S. Representative Ralph Hall (R-TX), where he was responsible for Energy and Commerce Committee issues. He was a field coordinator for President Jimmy Carter’s presidential campaign and served on the staff of U.S. Representative Ray Roberts (D-TX).

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Anne Ciesla Bancroft, general counsel at Exelon Business Services Company, was nominated by her employer to participate in the 2011 inaugural class of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). The LCLD mission is to promote diversity in the legal profession. The LCLD Fellows Program is a yearlong professional development program targeted at high-potential attorneys that focuses on relationship building and leadership skills. One of the key initiatives of the program is mentoring of the Fellows by CDDL members and, in turn, mentoring law students by CDDL Fellows.

Anthony B. Covington is the state’s attorney for Charles County, Maryland. He is the first African American to assume the post, garnering almost 65 percent of the votes in the 2010 Democratic primary. He began his legal career in the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office in 1991 and after eighteen months moved to work at the Charles County prosecutor’s office until 1997 when he moved to private practice. He rejoined the Charles County State’s Attorney’s Office in 2003.
When Melvin Hirshman ’55 took the reins as bar counsel of Maryland’s fledgling Attorney Grievance Commission in January 1981, there were three attorneys on staff and one open position that needed to be filled. Within two weeks, two of the three attorneys quit.

“I didn’t know what I’d gotten myself into,” Hirshman recalls laughing. “My wife told me I should look at the glass as half full instead of half empty. She reminded me that I’d always wanted to have my own law firm and hire my own attorneys. Here was an opportunity to do just that.”

Hirshman’s inauspicious beginning as bar counsel led to a storied career in which he served as the watchdog and champion of Maryland’s legal community. He retired in June 2010 after almost thirty years of overseeing the discipline of Maryland lawyers and, in some cases, finding alternatives to discipline. During his tenure, Maryland’s cadre of lawyers grew from 10,000 to more than 34,000.

“The Maryland bar is an excellent bar,” Hirshman says. “Over the years, as the number of bar members increased, the number of grievances went down exponentially.” Hirshman notes that many grievances arise from a lack of communication and that with so many electronic devices at a lawyer’s fingertips, keeping a client informed is pretty easy. “Communication with a client is so important,” he stresses. “Even to just say that there’s nothing new to report.”

Hirshman nurtured an interest in ethics from the early days of his career. He kept copies of the original Canons of Ethics and enjoyed studying the particular ethical problems faced by litigators.

“It’s an interesting field because it crosses every area of practice,” Hirshman explains. “Now they even offer ethics classes in law school.” Ethics classes aren’t the only things that have changed since Hirshman walked into the Washington College of Law more than fifty years ago. “I just walked right in and registered,” he says chuckling. “There was no LSAT in those days, not nearly as many applicants, and tuition was $900 a year!” Hirshman enjoyed law school at AUWCL describing it as a valuable learning experience with small classes and a wonderful group of professors. And while students today have much more to choose from in the curriculum than did Hirshman, he doesn’t envy the price tag that comes with it. “It’s unfortunate that it’s gotten so expensive,” he says.

Although he is retired, Hirshman hasn’t stopped working. He continues to provide expert testimony on legal ethics, professional responsibility, law office management, conflicts of interest, and unauthorized practice of law. Hirshman reflects on his career noting he is proud not only of the work that created a body of interesting disciplinary cases, but also of a number of colleagues who turned into very excellent, ethical lawyers. “I tried to do it every day for as long as I could,” he says. “And to borrow words from a Supreme Court justice, ‘I did the best I could with whatever God-given talents I received. Hopefully I made more friends than enemies.’”

Championing Maryland’s Legal Community

BY BETTY LYNNE LEARY

CAROLINE TSO CHEN is the director and supervising attorney of the Santa Clara University School of Law Low Income Tax Payer Clinic. Previously, Chen was a senior attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service in San Jose, primarily practicing international corporate tax. She also worked at Ernst & Young, practiced as a litigation associate and an assistant district attorney in New York, and clerked for the Honorable Deborah Robinson, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

John Izzo has founded a grant writing and fundraising consulting firm, Community Grants Associates in Boston. The firm works with municipalities, school districts, institutions of higher education, and nonprofits throughout the United States to attract additional funding for projects and operations from federal, state, foundation, or corporate resources.

Matthew Nicely, a partner at Hughes Hubbard, was named among the top international trade lawyers for the Asia-Pacific region in both the Global and Asia-Pacific editions of Chambers’ guides to leading business lawyers. Nicely practices in the International Trade Group in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. In addition, he is an adjunct professor at AUWCL.

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Catherine Ellingsen is senior vice president, human resources at Republic Services, Incorporated. Ellingsen began her career with the company, (Allied Waste) in 2001 as corporate counsel, labor and management. During subsequent years, she was promoted to managing corporate counsel, associate general counsel, and director of legal. In 2007, Ellingsen was promoted to vice president and deputy general counsel and held these same positions at Republic after the merger with Allied Waste. She holds the Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) Certification and has been a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) since 1993. She served as a board member and the general counsel of the Arizona state chapter of SHRM from 2000 to 2003.

Jill Poznick Epstein is executive director of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. Most recently, Epstein was the chief operating officer of the California Massage Therapy Council and, prior to that, served as chief executive officer of the Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Chicago. She also held positions with the American Medical Association and the American Association of Retired Persons.

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N. William Delker is an associate justice on the New Hampshire Superior Court, which is the trial court of general jurisdiction in the state. He was nominated by Governor John Lynch. Prior to his appointment, Delker served as a senior assistant attorney general in the Criminal Justice Bureau of the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office for thirteen years. He had various positions in the Attorney General’s Office, including chief of the Criminal Bureau, homicide prosecutor, and most recently, head of the newly formed Cold Case Unit. In addition, he prosecuted the capital murder case involving the murder of Manchester police officer Michael Briggs, which resulted in the first death sentence in New Hampshire in fifty years.

Tom Goldstein, partner at Goldstein, Howell & Russell, PC, was named one of America’s top fifty advocates in Point Made: How to Write Like the Nation’s Top Advocates, published by Oxford University Press (2011). The book, which features hundreds of examples from top practitioners, turns great written advocacy into fifty concrete techniques.

Miami resident Thomas J. Rebull was appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court Rebull, a partner with Broad and Cassel, is chair of the City of Miami Civilian Investigation Panel. The panel was created and empowered by voters to conduct independent and impartial oversight of the Miami Police Department. Previously, Rebull practiced with Hector and Harke, LLP, was general counsel for Total Quality Management Group Incorporated, and practiced with Muller Mintz.

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Going to Bat for Young Alums
(by Brad Dwin)

Ever since childhood, baseball has always been a passion for Eric Huang ’05. When he graduated from Princeton University in 2001 and landed a job with Major League Baseball, it appeared that all of the pieces were perfectly in place for him to live out the dream of working in professional sports. Or so he thought.

“I noticed that everyone around me, in every department, had a law degree. It became apparent that I wasn’t going very far without a JD, so I made the decision to apply to law school. I had every intention of focusing on sports and entertainment law… up until I got the wake-up call during my first year at AUWCL,” says Huang.

As it turns out, contract law and labor law—law school staples for attorneys in professional sports—did not interest him at the time. Instead, he decided to focus his studies on constitutional law, criminal law, and civil rights law. Huang recalls, “Constitutional law just jumped out at me during my first year. I felt like it was made for me.”

Following law school, Huang took the field as an appellate clerk and, later, as a prosecutor in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. Still a hard-core baseball fan, Huang as one of the District’s labor attorneys, pitches his way through labor disputes and slugs it out in pre-trial negotiations.

And while Huang focuses his career on the relationships between the District government and its employees, he channels his volunteer efforts into strengthening the relationships among the young graduates of the law school.

As the current chair of the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Young Alumni Society, he engages young alumni in the mission of AUWCL and keeps them in the loop on key AUWCL developments. Huang notes that the GOLD Society, which is a subset of the school’s prestigious Myers Society, serves as a vital link to recent graduates.

“Law is a very social field, and as chair of the GOLD Society, I make it a priority to increase networking between younger and older graduates, so that there are no missed opportunities—especially on the job front. In the current economy, it is important for younger alumni to make connections with older, more-established alumni so that opportunities are not missed down the road,” explains Huang.

Huang also notes that members of the GOLD Society don’t have quite the “financial giving” ability of many of their older counterparts, another reason that creating quality networking opportunities is so important.

His extensive work and commitment to AUWCL’s alumni outreach efforts have not gone unnoticed by those at the school. Eric was a leader as a student and continues to be a leader among alumni and a mentor to students, affirms Trishana E. Bowden, former assistant dean for Development and Alumni Relations. “He is always the first one to volunteer to assist the school in our many endeavors. Eric is a true champion.”

former member of the FCC’s Transaction Team, which was established in 2000 by the Office of the General Counsel to facilitate the review of major transactions before the agency.

Walter M. Shaub Jr. was nominated by President Barack Obama as director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE). He is deputy general counsel of OGE, a position he has held since 2008 and was a supervisory attorney from 2006 to 2008. Previously, he was an attorney with Shaw, Bransford, Veilleux and Roth, PC, where he focused on federal employment law. Shaub has served as a staff attorney at several federal agencies, including OGE from 2001 to 2004, the Central Office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2000 to 2001, the Office of General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1998 to 2000 and the VA’s Baltimore-Washington Regional Counsel’s Office from 1997 to 1998.

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Vanessa Allen Sutherland, senior counsel at Altria Group Incorporated, was nominated by her employer to participate in the 2011 inaugural class of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). The LCLD mission is to promote diversity in the legal profession. The LCLD Fellows Program is a yearlong professional development program targeted at high-potential attorneys that focuses on relationship building and leadership skills. One of the key initiatives of the program is LCLD members mentoring the Fellows and, the Fellows, in turn, mentoring law students.
Eric Alterman is president, chief executive officer, and director of Flow Search Corporation. He has founded numerous companies including JED Broadcasting, New Brand Entertainment Corporation, MILCOM Technologies, Incorporated, and KikApps Corporation.

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Ann Daley is on the Board of Directors of The New England Council, a nonpartisan alliance of business, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations. Daley is vice president of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Pitney Bowes, in Stamford, Connecticut, where she advocates before government bodies on postal, financial services, healthcare, privacy, and other issues which support the company’s growth.

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Michael Tigar is one of those shimmering names in law, a top litigator with a reputation as best and brightest. He’s taken on civil rights, government surveillance, and the death penalty. He was one of two lead counsel in the defense of Terry Nichols during the Oklahoma City bombing trial, turning his opposition to capital punishment into inspiration, the argument that Nichols had no intent to cause death resulted in a life sentence, rather than the death penalty.

In his first week at the Washington College of Law, Tigar was called upon to make the case to extradite Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, who was fleeing persecution for war crimes in Spain.

Tigar’s client list reads like a “Who’s Who” of law history: Angela Davis, H. Rap Brown, John Connelly, and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, as well as the Washington Post, Allen Ginsberg, and Leonard Polier. He chaired the ABS’s 60,000-member Section of Litigation, and advised the African National Congress when it drafted a brand new constitution for South Africa. He has authored thirteen books, including an autobiography, as well as several plays. In 1999, the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice balloted for “Lawyer of the Century,” and Tigar came in third, behind Clarence Darrow and Thurgood Marshall.

Tigar has lectured at dozens of law schools. He joined the faculty at AUWCL in 1998 and is now AUWCL professor emeritus, teaches at Duke University Law School and has an appointment at Faculte de Droit et de Science Politique in Aix-en-Provence, France.

But Tigar, who turns 72 this year, isn’t interested in dwelling on his accomplishments. He is much too engaged in his current work. Among his passions is the UNROW Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic, which he founded in 2000 at AUWCL. The clinic promotes the rule of law within the Americas through international litigation of pivotal cases, and deals frequently with indigenous people. “We are quite able to understand what has been done to them,” he says of indigenous populations who have been displaced. “But what we don’t understand is what has been taken from them: land, possessions, culture, languages, traditions, the most intimate aspects of family life and social existence.” Once we understand this, he explains, “then we have to figure out a way to describe it persuasively enough to restore this to them.”

Tigar centered the Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic at AUWCL because the school lives up to its growing reputation as a center of international human rights law: “It’s a better fit here than at any other law school,” he notes. “Look at the building, look at who’s here, look at the countries represented,” he continues, pointing to leading faculty like Dean Claudio Grossman, Robert Goldman, Daniel Bradlow, and Richard Wilson.

This sort of international work is essential to training law students today. “Every law student in this law school, every single one will face an international law issue sometime in the first few years of their law practice, I guarantee it,” asserts Tigar. Besides, the work in all the AUWCL clinics makes a difference. Tigar uses political asylum as one example. “If you can litigate a certain number of asylum cases, you can help expectations change for awareness that, gee, you know, you start treating somebody unfairly, then some lawyer from AUWCL is likely to show up and punch your ticket,” Tigar, who continues to teach, lecture and write, has done his share of historic litigation already. He is counting on the students he inspires to carry it forward.

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Jamie Abrams is a professor at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, where she teaches torts, family law, and legislation. Abrams was one of the inaugural winners of the AUWCL Teaching Award for Pedagogical Innovation.

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The Life of Reilly
COUNSEL ON U.S. CAPITAL MARKETS DOWN UNDER (by Jennifer Hawes)

Andrew Reilly ‘91 was met with a less-than-friendly welcome his first week of law school. Not at the Washington College of Law, but on the streets of Washington, D.C. Reilly, a Californian, had been trying to cross Wisconsin Avenue. “I had walked in a crosswalk, but to my astonishment, cars encroached, horns wailed, and fingers flew,” he recalls. The experience provided perfect fodder for a discussion in Professor Andrew Popper’s torts class the next day, where the subject was assault and battery. Relating his story, Reilly questioned whether he had been the victim of assault, as he had felt in danger of battery from the drivers. “Professor Popper and the students looked at me as if I were crazy,” says Reilly, who carefully explained to them that in California cars stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk because they have the right of way. “Given the recent shootings on Los Angeles freeways at the time, the professor’s quick reply was, ‘Yeah, then they pull out a gun and shoot you. Now that’s a battery!’”

Despite a bumpy start, Reilly enjoyed his years at AUWCL. He holds fond memories of Professors Kovacic, Pike, Popper, Robbini, Schwartz, Siegel, and Vaughn. “It’s great to see they’re still associated with AUWCL twenty years later,” he notes.

Reilly was working as an auditor for a major Los Angeles accounting firm when his best friend suggested he consider law school. “I found the national and international aspects of Washington and AUWCL more appealing for a professional life than Hollywood or other industries in Southern California,” he says.

These days, Reilly is a long way from Washington and California. Since 1997, he’s been living and working in Sydney, Australia. He, his wife, and two children have all become Australian citizens.

Reilly initially took a job with Jones Day’s Washington office, where he focused on corporate and securities law. Six years later, the company asked him to open a new office in Sydney.

“I was tired from working 3,000 hours, the relocation package was problematic and Australia didn’t seem exciting,” says Reilly, who considered the culture and climate too similar to Southern California. He declined the offer. Another partner in the firm threatened to fire him if he didn’t relocate. “That push, together with my wife’s excitement about sunny Sydney got me to move,” he says.

In 2000, he became a partner and in charge of Jones Day’s Sydney office. In 2007, he moved across the street to Baker & McKenzie to establish a U.S. capital markets practice, becoming the first American lawyer to join that firm’s Sydney office.

Today, Reilly advises Australian companies on accessing the U.S. debt and equity capital markets. His clients range from investment banks to large international companies, as well as small resources and life sciences companies. “In a little bit of a twist, I’m currently acting as U.S. counsel to an underwriter on an initial public offering in Australia by a medical device company that is incorporated in Delaware and based in California,” says Reilly. “While I recall learning at AUWCL that the only international law was public law, I now fancy myself as an international lawyer as I have learned and advise on the relevant securities laws of more than twenty countries.”

Reilly returned to Washington in the fall, for the thirtieth anniversary of the International Legal Studies Program at AUWCL and Parents Weekend at Georgetown University, where his daughter is a freshman. No doubt, he’ll remind her to use care at crosswalks.
Mentoring, Legal Ethics and Professionalism  
(by Megan Smith)

Dolores Dorsainvil ’00 regularly describes law school to her friends and family as the best three years of her life. “My time at AUWCL was phenomenal,” Dorsainvil describes. “I was fortunate enough to meet many of my closest friends there. Additionally, the professors at AUWCL really invested their time in my professional development. It was important for them to make sure that I understood the material, and that I also had direction in terms of what I wanted to do following law school.”

Dorsainvil is currently a senior staff attorney with the District of Columbia Office of Bar Counsel, where she investigates and, when necessary, prosecutes allegations of ethical misconduct of District of Columbia lawyers. “I didn’t go to law school thinking I would be an ethics lawyer or that professional responsibility would become my passion,” says Dorsainvil. “Following graduation from law school, I initially began working at a small law firm doing high-volume litigation work. I was later hired by the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland as an assistant bar counsel where I investigated allegations of ethical misconduct of Maryland lawyers.”

Dorsainvil is very involved in the legal community, regularly speaking at numerous continuing legal education seminars, serving in leadership roles for professional organizations including the American Bar Association, writing for publications, and writing her own ethics blog, The Gavel. “I really grew into this love of ethics. It is a field that is important because it touches every type of practice area,” explains Dorsainvil. “The more I educate lawyers about ethical matters and professionalism, the more lawyers will consider their conduct, and, hopefully, as a result there may be fewer lawyers to prosecute.”

Dorsainvil has received numerous awards, both nationally and locally, for her work in ethics and professionalism. These honors include being named among the “2012 Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40” by The National Bar Association, receiving professionalism awards from both the Maryland Bar Foundation and the American Bar Association, being named on the Maryland Daily Record’s VIP (Very Important Professional) List, receiving the Finalist award by the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyer’s Division for the National Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year, and being recognized as the International Women’s Day Awardee by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter for her international humanitarian efforts in her family’s homeland of Haiti. Most recently, she has received The Daily Record’s Maryland’s Top 100 Women Award and AUWCL’s Joseph H. Hazrton Alumni Award. Because of her law school experience, Dorsainvil says she strives to pay it forward whenever possible. Dorsainvil teaches legal ethics as an adjunct professor at AUWCL, and serves as a mentor for her students. “I tell my students to keep an open mind, because there is so much you can do with a law degree. Everything is not always black and white — or litigators versus transactional corporate attorneys. You might start down one career path and realize that your passion lies elsewhere because you stumbled onto something that really piques your interests.”

Dorsainvil founded a bar exam mentoring project in 2005 that assists students of color to pass the Maryland state bar examination. She serves as chair of the project, which pairs graduates of area law schools with volunteer attorneys who provide general guidance and assist with the essay writing portion of the bar examination. “I’m so proud of the time and effort that the volunteer attorneys have put into this project,” says Dorsainvil. “Mentoring is something that is near and dear to my heart. I feel like I have had so many wonderful mentors that took the time to foster the kind of professional relationships that I needed, and directed me down the right path.”

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