EXELON GIFT HONORS JUDGE NELSON DIAZ ’72

$450,000 is dedicated to endowed chair in civil rights.

FEBRUARY 2015  The national energy provider, Exelon, donated $450,000 gift to the James E. Beasley School of Law in honor of Judge Nelson A. Diaz ’72. The gift furthers the law school’s efforts to create an endowed chair in civil rights that will bear Diaz’s name, says Dean JoAnne A. Epps. Diaz is a long-time member of Exelon’s board of directors as well as Temple University’s board of trustees. Diaz’s career has been pioneering on many fronts: He was the first Puerto Rican to receive a law degree from Temple and went on to become the first Latino judge elected in Pennsylvania history, serving on the Court of Common Pleas from 1981 through 1993.

Diaz was also city solicitor under Mayor John F. Street from 2001 to 2004. He served as an aide to Vice President Walter F. Mondale, and was counsel to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Clinton administration. He is now a partner at the Philadelphia law firm of Dilworth Paxson.

For Diaz, the named chair at Temple Law will cap a series of efforts aimed at improving the lives of others. “My life has been dedicated to making a difference,” says Diaz. “I want this gift to continue in that long tradition, and I thank Exelon for being a part of that commitment.”

Diaz’s fellow Temple trustee, former board chairman Daniel H. Poeltl, leads the effort to raise the remaining support for the chair, to be named the Judge Nelson A. Diaz Chair for Civil Rights. An additional $800,000 needs to be raised to complete the campaign.

“Judge Diaz could have been honored in any number of ways. We are very grateful that Exelon has chosen to provide substantial funding toward our goal of establishing this endowed chair,” says Dean JoAnne A. Epps. “We congratulate Judge Diaz on this honor.”

Current Endowed Chairs
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Clifford Scott Green Chair and Research
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DEAN JOANNE A. EPPE AND HON. NELSON DIAZ ’72 ARE JOINED BY STUDENTS TO ACCEPT EXELON GIFT
BARRIERS TO JUSTICE
Sheller Center report reveals language access problems in Pennsylvania’s magisterial district judge courts.

JANUARY 2015 Pennsylvania’s frontline courts lack consistency in providing interpreters and other services to people whose first language isn’t English, a recently released report from Temple Law’s Sheller Center for Social Justice shows.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, almost 460,000 individuals in Pennsylvania have limited English proficiency. The Sheller Center report, Barriers to Justice: Limited English Proficient Individuals and Pennsylvania’s Minor Courts, provides advocates with crucial evidence that Pennsylvania’s lowest level courts often fail to ensure that those individuals understand court procedures and hearings.

Researchers and authored by law students in the Social Justice Lawyering Clinic under the supervision of Professor Jennifer Lee, Barriers to Justice is based on a 2014 survey of 79 of Pennsylvania’s magisterial district judge courts in the 20 counties that are home to the largest concentrations of individuals with limited English proficiency.

Barriers to Justice was released in January 2015, 12 years after a scathing report by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s committee on racial and gender bias in the justice system. It concluded that state courts were in violation of the federal Civil Rights Act’s prohibition on discrimination on the basis of national origin because they had no comprehensive system to provide interpreters.

Professor Lee says the goal was to follow up on the Supreme Court committee’s findings and see how Pennsylvania courts are complying with a state law and regulations implemented as result. Barriers to Justice finds that the courts surveyed often operated in violation of the federal and state laws requiring state courts to provide language access services. The authors also found that there were no uniform policies or practices across Pennsylvania, and that district court administration did not provide adequate training or oversight to court staff.

While the survey did not provide a statistical overview of how the courts are responding to the new regulations, it reveals a lack of coordination by state and local court officials that Lee says could lead to devastating outcomes in cases in which people’s livelihoods, homes, and personal safety hang in the balance.

“Because litigants in these courts frequently do not have attorneys, they are in dire need of assistance from the court if they are limited English proficient,” says Alicia Anguiano ’15, one of the students in the clinic and co-author of the report. “Magisterial district judge courts handle important cases such as tenants facing eviction or domestic violence victims seeking a protection from abuse orders.”

Other cases heard in magisterial courts include parking and traffic tickets, setting bail, and deciding whether police and prosecutors have enough evidence in serious criminal cases. These types of cases, the report notes, can have escalating unforeseen consequences for defendants with limited language skills.

Some courts in Pennsylvania regularly use interpreters, some appoint interpreters on an ad hoc basis, and some provide no interpretation services in certain kinds of court proceedings. The survey revealed that about a third of the courts sometimes rely on friends and family during civil legal proceedings as interpreters for litigants with limited English skills. Half of the courts don’t make certified interpreters available in civil cases. And nearly two-thirds expect someone to bring an English-speaking friend or relative to court to help them navigate and understand basic court services.

The report offers a series of recommendations drawn from other state court systems, which include establishing guidelines for ensuring that certified or qualified interpreters are provided in all proceedings, improving communication between court staff and limited English speakers, and notifying individuals of their right to language services.

Barriers to Justice could prove to be a powerful tool as the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts undergoes a process to develop both county and statewide language access plans. “We hope that the state will take our findings into account as it formulates new requirements,” says co-author Danielle Newsome ’15.

Barriers to Justice: Limited English Proficient Individuals and Pennsylvania’s Minor Courts was researched and written by Alicia Anguiano ’15, Emily Bock ’16, and Danielle Newsome ’15, under the supervision of Professor Jennifer Lee. The students also collaborated with attorneys at the ACLU-PA, Community Legal Services, Community Justice Project, Friends of Farmworkers, and Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network. Professors Jaya Ramji-Nogales and Len Rieser provided editorial assistance.

ELEANOR MYERS RECEIVES STAUFFER AWARD
Law professor and NCAA faculty athletic representative honored for service.

DECEMBER 2, 2014 “Eleanor Myers is a consummate mentor, lawyer, supporter, teacher and friend,” said Temple University Alumni Association President-Elect Paul Curcillo in awarding Myers the 2014 Stauffer Award for Distinguished Faculty Service. Professor Myers, who joined the law school faculty in 1993, was recognized for her contributions to the university, the law school, and the athletics department. The award, presented by the alumni association, carries a cash prize and recognizes outstanding faculty service that extends beyond the classroom and university community.

At the law school, Myers specializes in professional responsibility and transactional skills development. Since 2006, Myers has also served as Temple University’s NCAA faculty athletic representative. In this position, she is charged with overseeing both Temple’s NCAA rules compliance and the academic integrity and success of student athletes. Myers has been so well regarded in this role that she was selected to the NCAA Division 1 committee on infractions and now serves as the committee’s vice chair. In 2012, Temple University’s acting president Richard Englert appointed Myers to a special taskforce on institutional integrity, chaired by Dean JoAnne A. Epps.
THE (UN)QUIET REALIST: BILL WHITFORD

Symposium examines Whitford’s work in bankruptcy and consumer protection law.

OCTOBER 24, 2014 A Temple Law Review symposium brought together nationally acclaimed experts in Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, consumer contracting, and consumer protection to examine the work of University of Wisconsin Professor Emeritus Bill Whitford, one of the nation’s leading scholars in these fields. The daylong conference was organized and led by Temple University’s Harold E. Kohn Professor of Law Jonathan Lipson and University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law Professor Jean Braucher. Moderators were Temple Law Professors Horse Harvey, Tom Lin, and Sallie Mehra.

Professor Lipson, who had studied and later taught with Professor Whitford, organized the symposium with Braucher because, he says, “Bill is one of the leading modern legal realists—his work has dramatically enhanced our understanding of how the legal system actually works, who wins, and who loses in it, and why.” He asked Professor Braucher (who sadly died November 25, 2013) to co-organize in Whitford’s honor because, Lipson says, “Bill was always very modest about promoting himself. The stature of scholars like Jean, an important collaborator with Bill, and the many others who delivered papers, is a testament to Bill’s impact, and also a reflection of Temple’s growing influence in the academic community.”

Whitford, who first joined the University of Wisconsin’s law faculty in 1965, is internationally acclaimed for his empirical studies, both quantitative and qualitative, focusing on contracts, bankruptcy, consumer protection and taxation.

During the 1970s, Whitford conducted and published a number of studies concerning consumer credit. In the 1980s, his interest in the protection of low and middle income consumers led to studies of the consumer bankruptcy system, and ultimately to a role as a consultant to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission in the 1990s. It also led to an interest in the growth of consumer bankruptcy systems in other countries.

Together with University of Kent (UK) Professor of Law Iain Ramsay, Whitford began organizing panels on comparative consumer bankruptcy, held at annual meetings of the Law & Society Association. The panels continue to meet, almost annually, under the leadership of other scholars.

In the 1980s, Whitford collaborated with UCLA Professor of Law Lynn LoPucki on extensive empirical studies of bankruptcy reorganization proceedings involving the largest corporations under the newly enacted (1981)

Chapter 11. This led to the creation of the leading database on these cases and the publication of a series of articles about the success of equity and subordinated creditor interests in these proceedings, venue choice practices by the parties to these proceedings, and corporate governance practices during the pendency of these proceedings. These articles have helped define the research agenda for later studies of large corporate bankruptcies. Whitford and LoPucki’s work also led to the creation of the Bankruptcy Research Database.

FROM LEFT: CONFERENCE ORGANIZER JONATHAN LIPSON WITH BILL WHITFORD AND BOB HILLMAN

In the 1990s, along with a number of colleagues (including Braucher), Whitford published a contracts casebook, Contracts: Law in Action. The casebook, now in its third edition, is in use at about 15 law schools, including Temple. Lipson was recently added as its newest editor.

At the symposium, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) was featured in a video tribute to Professor Whitford. Other participating legal scholars included: Douglas Baird, University of Chicago; Bob Hillman, Cornell University; Melissa Jacoby, University of North Carolina; Bob Lawless, University of Illinois; Ethan Leib, Fordham University; Angie Littwin, University of Texas; Lynn LoPucki, UCLA; Stewart Macaulay, University of Wisconsin; Katherine Porter, UC Irvine; Iain Ramsay, University of Kent (UK); David Skeel, University of Pennsylvania; and Jay Westbrook, University of Texas. The symposium was co-sponsored by The Temple Law Review, which will publish the papers presented at the symposium. It also received generous financial support from The University of Wisconsin Law School and the Turnaround Management Association.

TEMPLE LAW IS RANKED #10 FOR HIGHEST CALIBER GRADS

Temple Law educates lawyers who are among the most prepared for practice, according to a national survey of elite law firms. The list of the top ten law schools producing the highest caliber graduates (which includes a tie) is based on a national survey of managing partners and lawyers included on the Super Lawyer Top 100 lists.

- Columbia Law School
- Duke University School of Law
- Georgetown University Law Center
- Harvard Law School
- Stanford Law School
- Temple University Beasley School of Law
- University of Michigan Law School
- University of Texas School of Law
- University of Virginia School of Law
- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
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Laura E. Little named associate reporter for Restatement of Conflict of Laws

NOVEMBER 2014 The American Law Institute has selected Laura E. Little, Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government, and a senior adviser to the dean, to serve as an associate reporter working to draft a restatement of the laws of Conflict of Laws. The resulting document could be hugely influential in shaping consistent and improved law across the U.S. In drafting the Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Laws, Little will collaborate with Professors Kermit Roosevelt III, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, and Christopher A. Whytock, University of California Irvine School of Law.

The American Law Institute (ALI) is the leading independent organization in the U.S. producing scholarly work aimed at clarifying, modernizing, and ultimately improving the law. To achieve this goal, the ALI drafts, discusses, revises, and publishes Restatements of the Law, model statutes, and principles of law that are enormously influential in the courts and legislatures, as well as in legal scholarship and education. The Restatement for Conflict of Laws is particularly influential because of the diversity of conflict of law approaches that exist in states around the country. The Restatement (Second) of Conflict of Laws has been adopted as law by over half of the states. Launched in 1971, it has become outdated. The ALI, anticipating that the Restatement (Third) may dominate conversation for the next thirty years, carefully selects senior legal experts in the field to analyze and draft the influential document.
TOP LIBRARIANS RETIRE

Together, John Necci '77 and Larry Reilly shaped the law library for last forty years.

1974 was a pivotal year for Temple Law School’s library. That fall John Necci enrolled as a first year law student and Larry Reilly was hired as a member of the library staff. Then, in 1977, Necci graduated and, instead of practicing law, joined Reilly on the library staff.

Necci first worked as a reference librarian and then as head of acquisitions until 1986, when he left to pursue a position as deputy director of the library of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. After five years he returned to Temple to become assistant director of the library. Armed with his law degree and a master’s in information science he earned from Drexel University in 1984, Necci went on to serve as assistant director of the library from 1991 to 2000. Not quite,” said Reilly. “There were no computers, but there were also very few books. The library had a fire in 1972 that destroyed almost the entire collection. One of the principal accomplishments that Larry and I participated in was reconstructing the library from a few thousand to 4000 titles. I think it was because of this incredible task that Larry was hired.” Reilly did not have a law degree, but Reinstein says “his knowledge of the law and legal history is astonishing with particular expertise, in two fields— medieval law and early Anglo-American law. The then librarian, Erwin Surrency, wanted to build a fabulous collection in Anglo-American law, and Larry was perfect for helping to create that collection.”

When Necci joined the team after graduation, he brought exceptional legal research skills. Four decades of studies and faculty can attest to the librarians’ knowledge and persistence.

“When they are asked to find something, they don’t give up,” said Reinstein. The path to the top was not a straight shot for Necci. Reinstein was serving as dean in 1995 when the position of director opened. Reinstein explained why he decided to do a national search for a director who would be a tenure-track faculty member, a decision he would later regret. “Well, first of all, it was the model of all previous library directors at Temple. In fact, the ABA accreditation standards required the law library director to be on tenure-track or tenured except in extraordinary circumstances. And the final reason for not offering John the position in 1995 is that we had a stupid dean.”

When the director position again became available in 2000, Reinstein was able to correct that error. “But we then had two problems with appointing John. The first was that the ABA accreditation standards hadn’t changed, and John did not want to teach classes or write scholarship. He would not accept a tenure-track appointment. He wanted to do what he did best — be a librarian. I begged him to be acting director for one year while we conducted another search. Somehow, that other search never occurred and the ABA decided, after a site visit, that John was doing such an excellent job that he met the ‘extraordinary circumstances’ exception.”

NECCI AND REILLY TRANSFORM LIBRARY

Necci assumed leadership of the library in the midst of the sea change that was transforming the very nature of legal research. In 2000, most law libraries conceded that computerized research had to be made available, but not at the expense of books. This vision required two fully-resourced libraries, one for books and another for computers. Necci instead had the foresight to balance the competing needs. He strategically reduced purchases of print reporters and journals — easily retrieved by computer — and focused on obtaining printed sources and practice materials not available online. At the same time, he managed the challenge of integrating the Law School’s digital collections with the university libraries’ holdings, a feat that exponentially increased the resources available to faculty and students.

Over the years, Necci and Reilly transformed not only the library collections, but also elevated the model of library service. A faculty liaison program was instituted to support faculty scholarship and build a research collection tailored to professors’ interests. They ensured student support remained at the center of the library’s mission, fielding reference questions, demonstrating research systems, offering informal research training sessions, and working with journal staff. If a student needed help in a research matter, the library staff combined assistance with instruction on how to do the research; fostering students’ competence and independence.

The two combined a committed 75 years of their professional lives to the law library. Perhaps the strongest evidence that there is no single personality type that commits to a career in librarianship — or information science as it is now called — can be found in the differences between Necci and Reilly. An example: A lover of parties, Necci established the tradition of themed parties held during National Library Week. Necci refused to use library funds for these costumed galas; his mother cooked much of the food and Necci paid for the rest himself. Reinstein describes an unintended benefit. “We had a donor visiting the law school during one of these parties, and he wanted a tour of Klein Hall. When we reached the third floor, John greeted him wearing a toga and offered him a cookie. He said, ‘Wow, the law school really has changed,’ and he increased his contribution.”

Reilly, who had once studied to become a Cistercian monk and has a passion for Medieval religious history, liturgy and obscure puns, has a more decorous manner. While he shares Necci’s gregarious nature, Reilly never attended any of the National Library week parties, finding excuses to absent himself. Ever the gracious colleague, he insisted he was needed to staff the library desk while others donned in togas. Forty years is a long time in the life of an institution, and those that remain at the law library say that Necci and Reilly created a culture that will continue to guide them. “John and Larry inculcated in the staff a sense of collegiality and cooperation,” concluded Reinstein. “They led by the force of their personalities and by example.”
1960s
FRANK MULLIGAN ‘68 has written a book, Spanish Market/The Twice Told Tale of Pepe Ramos. The book is available on Amazon.

1970s
STEVEN H. LUPIN ‘73 recently presented “The American Legal System,” a continuing legal education course, to the Montgomery County Paralegal Association. Lupin is the managing partner of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin and was named the 2012 James P. Fox Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Montgomery County Trial Lawyers. He is the current president of the Montgomery Bar Foundation.

MARC ROBERT STEINBERG ‘73, managing partner of the Lansdale, PA firm of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, has been named one of the top ten criminal defense attorneys in Pennsylvania by the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Steinberg is a past president of the Montgomery Bar Association.

In January 2015, J. ROBINSON WEST ‘73 was named the independent director of Repsol, an integrated global energy company based in Spain. He has been a member of Repsol’s board since November 2001. West is a senior adviser to the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, DC. He founded the international consultancy group PFC Energy in 1984 and was its chairman until 2013. He has also held positions on the White House staff in several administrations.

ABRAHAM C. REICH ‘74, co-chair of Fox Rothschild, was selected by the Philadelphia Business Journal as one of the 50 most influential executives in the greater Philadelphia area.

In November 2014, THEODORE “TED” SIMON ‘74, President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, delivered the opening remarks at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, where NACDL officially released the publication, “Material Indifference.”

How Courts Are Impeding Fair Disclosure in Criminal Cases.” In January 2015, he gave a presentation to the annual conference of the National Association to Reform the Marijuana Laws entitled “Creative Trial Techniques: Motions to Suppress and Their Multiple Uses.”

Intellectual property attorney STEVEN I. WEISBURD ‘74 has joined the firm of Ardent Fox as a partner in the New York office. He previously practiced at Dickstein Shapiro, where he was deputy leader of the intellectual property group.

In his capacity as executive director of the Territory of Guam’s council on physical fitness and sports, PATRICK WOLFF ‘70 has brought MLB and NBA alumni to Guam, organized an annual fitness and sports banquet and hosted a sports leadership course. Wolff teaches criminal justice courses at University of Guam and is the founder and president emeritus of a non-profit mediation organization.

CARL W. HITTINGER ‘79 recently left DLA Piper, where he was a partner and global co-chair of its antitrust and trade regulation, to join the Baker Hostetler firm as a senior partner and coordinator of litigation in its Philadelphia office.

The Pittsburgh Post Gazette says that GEORGE YOKITIS ‘79 has built a “Class A powerhouse” at the small (97 boys enrolled) Vincentian Academy, coaching the high school basketball team to two Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League championships in the last four years. Yokitis is a partner in the Pittsburgh, PA office of DeForest Koscelnik Yokitis & Berardinelli.

ELLEN MATTLEMAN KAPLAN ‘79 has stepped down from her position as policy director and interim president of the watchdog group Committee of Seventy. Kaplan worked for Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts and Greater Philadelphia First before joining the Committee of Seventy in 2005.

Al Dandridge ’78 to head Philadelphia Bar

JANUARY 1, 2015 Philadelphia securities attorney ALBERT S. DANDRIDGE ’78 assumed the chancellorship of the 13,000-member Philadelphia Bar Association at the organization’s annual luncheon. As bar chancellor, Dandridge says, he will ask bar leaders to find ways to help minority lawyers forge careers and push for individual members of the bar to reach out to young persons in poor and disadvantaged backgrounds and serve them as mentors. Data from the National Association for Law Placement shows that 21 percent of law firm associates in 2013 nationwide were minorities; the percentage in Philadelphia was 13.5 percent. At big firms, Dandridge says, the problem is less about hiring minority candidates than it is about retaining them. Too often, minority lawyers fail to find their niche at big firms because senior lawyers fail to promote their careers.

Dandridge worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission under Presidents Carter and Reagan. Today, Dandridge chairs the securities practice group at Schnader Harrison, Segal & Lewis in Philadelphia, where his clients run the gamut from finance to manufacturing. As the firm’s chief diversity officer, he is active in recruiting underrepresented minorities and women.

The Temple Law Alumni Association (TLAA) seeks your help in selecting 100 outstanding alums in celebration of the TLAA’s 100th Anniversary.

Selection Criteria
Nominee should have demonstrated a history of service, advocacy or other contribution that has made a significant impact on Temple Law School, the TLAA or the greater legal community.

Nomination deadline: June 1, 2015

Eligibility
- Nominators must be current members of the TLAA (visit www.mylawconnection.com/tlaamembership to become a member of TLAA),
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Nominations will also be accepted for posthumous recognition.

Submission Details
- Include the following information for both Nominee and Nominator: Name, Address, Telephone Number, Email Address, Temple Law Graduation Year, Headshot of Nominee (.jpeg)
- Reason for Nomination based on selection criteria (500 words or less).

Please submit your nomination materials
- Electronically at www.mylawconnection.com/100for100th
- By e-mail to TLAA100Anniv@gmail.com or
- Via first-class mail to Carmen Greenwood, Temple University Beasley School of Law, 1719 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122
Kathy Manderino ’89 tapped for Governor’s cabinet

Newly inaugurated Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf’s proposed cabinet is complete: KATHY MANDERINO ’89 will join the cabinet as Acting Secretary of the Department of Labor and Industry, pending confirmation. A former Pennsylvania State Representative for 19 years, Manderino was running a campaign to establish a fair funding formula for Pennsylvania’s public schools when the governor tapped her for the position.

1980s

VINCENZO CAPURSO ’80 has rejoined the management team of GCGG, a Greenwich, CT principal investment firm, as general tax counsel, executive vice president and chief financial officer. He returned to GCGG following three years with AMC Networks.

As vice chair of the individual and family tax committee, PHYLLIS HORN EPISTEIN ’80 served as moderator and organizer of a panel discussion, “Breaking up is hard to do: Protecting divorcing spouses from the IRS and each other,” at the ABA tax section meeting in January 2015.

STEVEN L. SUGARMAN ’80, founding principal of the Borwyn, PA firm of Steven L. Sugarman & Associates, was the course planner for and speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s program, “Litigating Condominium and Homeowner Association Cases.” He also delivered “Community Associations in the Courts: The Latest Judicial Decisions and Emerging Trends” at PBI’s annual Real Estate Institute in December 2014.

DONNIE GLANTZ FATELL ’81, a partner of Blank Rome in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the Philadelphia Business Journal. Felti, who for over 30 years has concentrated her practice on bankruptcy reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings, and related litigation, has also chaired Blank Rome’s women’s forum and developed the firm’s women’s steering committee.

THOMAS A. BROPHY ’82 has left the position of president and CEO of Marshall Downtown Warner Coleman & Goggin to run the business operations of the law firm.

THOMAS BLEWITT ’83 has stepped down as magisterate judge of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania and is now affiliated with JAMS in Philadelphia and Northeastern PA. Blewitt has served on the bench since 1992, including nearly a decade as chief magistrate judge.

After 16 years on the bench, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge ANNETTE M. RIZZO ’83 has stepped down to work in alternative dispute resolution. She will be doing mediation work out of the Philadelphia office of IAMG. Mayor Michael Nutter recently cited Rizzo for her role in spearheading the Philadelphia Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program. Nutter said the program has kept roughly 7,900 Philadelphians in their homes since its inception in 2006.

DOMINIC FULCO III ’84, a stockholder at Reid and Riege in Hartford, CT and a member of the firm’s litigation practice area, has been inducted into the East Catholic High School Hall of Fame.

CARMINA Y. D’aversa ’85 published the article, “The Federal Estate Tax Lien and the Nonresident Decedent: What’s a statutory executor to do?” in Trusts & Estates. D’aversa concentrates her practice in domestic and international tax planning and compliance.

ROSEANNA B. TERMINI ’95 was invited to speak on internet promotion and regulation for the Food and Law Institute Inaugural Conference in Brussels, Belgium. Termini recently published Food and Drug Law: Federal Regulation of Drugs, Biologics, Medical Devices, Foods, Dietary Supplements, Personal Care, Veterinary and Tobacco Products.

JOSEPH O’DONNELL ’86 is executive vice president and chief compliance officer at RidgeWorth Funds in Atlanta, GA. He recently presented on the duties of a CCO at the IA Watch Compliance workshop in Washington, DC.

GRANT RAWDIN ’87 was awarded the “Door” Award by the Urban Affairs Coalition in Philadelphia. Rawdin, the founder and CEO of Wescott Financial Advisory Group, has served as chair of the board of the Urban Affairs Coalition since 2011 and served for more than a decade as chair of the People’s Emergency Center. He is also a member of the board of visitors of Temple Law and president of the Law School Foundation.

DAVID IRA ROSENBAUM ’88, a partner in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd, PA. Rosenbaum is the chairperson of Rawle & Henderson’s commercial litigation and commercial transactions sections.

STEVEN A. HANN ’89, chair of the environmental law department of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, recently presented at the Chester County Association of Township Officials conference about legal issues associated with the creation of stormwater authorities in Pennsylvania as well as recent litigation involving stormwater fees.

NICHOLAS J. MIRRO ’89 has been unanimously confirmed by the Delaware Senate as Judge of the Justice Of The Peace Courts in Delaware.

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has appointed ANITA CARR SHAPIRO ’89 to be his fifth cabinet secretary. Shapiro has been with the continuing education organization for more than 14 years, both as program attorney and director and executive vice president of the program division.

1990s

The Philadelphia intellectual property law firm Caesar, Rivane, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokratch announced that LAWRENCE E. ASHLEY ’90 has joined the firm as a partner. Ashley joined the firm from the RatnerPrestia, where he was a shareholder.

JUDY WALSCH DALEY ’90 authored Nuns, and Highlanders, and Cougars Oh, my! The book explores the history of College Misericordia University, where Daley received her undergraduate education.

In December 2014, MICHELLE HARRIS KICHLINE ’92 was sworn in as Chester County, PA’s newest commissioner, as an appointee to fill the term previously held by Commissioner Ryan Costello. Kichline has since been selected by her fellow commissioners to co-chair VISTA 2025, the county public/private economic development initiative for the county. In 2013, Kichline was appointed by then-Governor Corbett as Chester County’s commissioner to the Delaware River Port Authority.

In February 2015, former Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. JAMES CAWLEY ’94 left state government to become head of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. Cawley was elected lieutenant governor in 2010.

SCOTT KNAPP ’95 has been named education account manager at Tech Electronics in St. Louis, MO.

JEFFREY A. FRIEDMAN ’87 has joined Microsoft as the director of e-government business development in the state and local government solutions group.

STEPHANIE I. SPRENKLE, J.D., ’97, LL.M. IN TAXATION ’99 was selected by Commercial Real Estate Women as the 2014 Outstanding Member at Large for the Philadelphia chapter. Spreinkle, a partner at Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, practices in the areas of banking, public finance, real estate, leasing and development and general corporate matters.

After a career as a commercial and civic litigator with an international law firm and as a senior executive for a publicly-traded insurance and financial services company, KEVIN TOTH ’98 announces the opening of The Toth Firm in West Conshohocken, PA.

CHERYL A. GARBER ’99 has opened Garber Law in Doylestown, PA, focusing on helping individuals and businesses resolve and/or litigate their civil disputes.

2000s

HOWARD LEVI ’01 has been elected to the partnership of Cantor Colburn, where he concentrates his practice on patent prosecution, appeals, and patent strategy counseling for clients in all mechanical, electrical, and computer science fields.

CHRISTOPHER L. SORIANO has been promoted to partner at Duane Morris, where he concentrates his practice on gaming law and commercial litigation in the firm’s trial practice group.

The Frederick Douglass Society honored OTIS L. BULLOCK JR. ’04 with the 2015 Drum Major for Justice Award. The award is given each year to a UConn School of Law student who is a recognized leader and a contributor to the life and work of the University community who has “followed in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” Otis is the executive director of Diversified Community Services, a nonprofit providing leadership and services in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Philadelphia.

AMEE S. FARRELL ’04 has been named a partner at Kaplan Stewart Meloff Beller & Stein in Blue Bell, PA, where she concentrates her practice in the areas of land use, land development and zoning of commercial, public and residential real estate.

TERESA M. RODRIGUEZ ’04 was recently appointed assistant chief counsel for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

In January 2015, KAREN M. SANCHEZ ’04 was named a partner of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, where she practices in the business and finance department. Sanchez is also a member of the hearing committee for the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

The Chambersburg, PA firm of Walker, Connor & Spang announced that NATHANIEL F. SPANG ’05 joined the firm as an associate. From 2005 to 2014, Spang was an assistant district attorney in Bucks County, PA, where he headed the special victim’s unit. At Connor & Spang, Spang will practice in the areas of family and domestic law and continue to handle criminal defense matters.

MIGUEL ALBAN, LL.M. IN INTL’L LAW ’08, is the 2014 recipient of the Chester County Community Foundation’s Thanks for Caring Award. Alban, a Peruvian with a law degree from University of Piura, is founder, president and CEO of The Hispanic Approach, a Kennett Square, PA company that helps Hispanics with issues of law, banking and business.

ALISON LECKER ’08 has joined Warren Environmental Counsel, an environmental and water resources law practice in Bryn Mawr, PA. Lecker, a partner in the firm, previously worked at the EPA and, most recently, represented businesses in environmental matters at a large Philadelphia law firm.

TIM RAYNE, LL.M. IN TRIAL ADVOCACY ’08, has achieved board certification as a civil trial advocate from The National Board of Trial Advocacy. Rayne, a personal injury lawyer at the Centerville, DE firm of MacIeEre Harvey, joins the group of approximately three percent of American lawyers who are board certified.

BRAD WANG ’08 has opened the Law Office of Brian Wang, a New York firm devoted to the practice of U.S. immigration and nationality law.

Marine Corps Capt. CHAD MALONEY ’09 was sworn in as a Chester County, PA assistant district attorney in November 2014. Maloney is a former prosecutor for the Marine Corps.

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NICOLE BODOH JACOBSON, LL.M. IN TAXATION ’10, has joined the New Hampshire and Vermont-based law firm of Primmer & as of counsel. Jacobson concentrates her practice in corporate and tax law.

RAYNA E. KESSLER ’10 has joined Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi as an associate in the mass tort litigation group in New York. Most recently an associate with Lopez McHugh, Kessler focuses her work on defective drugs and medical devices, mass torts, medical malpractice, and other catastrophic personal injury.

ERIN E. LAMB ’10, an associate in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson, was voted chair-elect of the Young Lawyers Division executive committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association at the committee’s November 24, 2014 meeting. Lamb is also a member of the board of directors of SeniorLAW Center in Philadelphia.

AHMED M.T. RIAZ ’11 has joined the New York office of Schiff Hardin as an associate in the intellectual property group. He previously served as legal affairs counsel and intellectual property and business development manager for Antares Pharma in Ewing, NJ.

The South Dakota Supreme Court has appointed BERNIE SCHUCHMANN, LL.M. IN TRIAL ADVOCACY ’11, as a magistrate judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit. Schuchmann is an adjunct professor at Black Hills State University and previously served as Lawrence County’s chief public defender.

DAVID STRUWE ’11, a captain in the JAG Corps, was recently selected to become one of 24 U.S. Army special victim prosecutors. He will be responsible for the ten-state upper Midwest region, prosecuting criminal cases against military members involving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as crimes against children.

JOSHUA A. BRAND ’12, a former Philadelphia assistant city solicitor, has joined the Philadelphia office of WhiteBurns as an associate in the employment litigation department.

JONATHAN L. SHAW ’13, a member of the litigation department at the Lansdale, PA firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, participated as a panelist at Pennsylvania State University Abington’s annual forum focusing on career in the law. Shaw was joined on the panel by former District Attorney and current mayoral candidateLYNE ABRAHAM ’65.

Alphonso David '00 named counsel to NY Governor Cuomo

JANUARY 2015 New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has named Alphonso B. David ’00 to join his administration as counsel to the Governor, beginning in April 2015. Since 2011, David has served as Governor Cuomo’s Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights, the first position of its kind in New York State. Prior to joining the Governor’s Office, David worked in the State Attorney General’s Office as Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights, focusing on investigations and litigation ranging from employment discrimination to immigration fraud. Before joining the public sector, David was a staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, where he litigated precedent-setting civil rights cases across the country on issues of marriage, parenting rights, and access to health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and those living with HIV. He was a part of the legal team for New York same-sex couples seeking the right to marry in Hernandez v. Robles, and was lead counsel on Funderburke v. The New York State Department of Civil Service, a lawsuit defending the validity of an out-of-state same-sex marriage.

RECENT GRADS, STUDENT SELECTED FOR PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

ALEX DUTTON ’15 was awarded an Independence Foundation Fellowship to work at the Education Law Center in Philadelphia, where he provides legal representation to students and families in school truancy matters.

MARY KATE KALINICH ’15 was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work at Women Against Abuse in Philadelphia. Kalinich will represent survivors of domestic violence in cases in which domestic violence and child abuse co-occur, and will train child welfare workers to more effectively intervene in such matters.

JACKIE RODRIGUEZ ’14 was awarded an Independence Foundation Fellowship to work at the Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, assisting unaccompanied immigrant minors in immigration and related family law matters.

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Wilson Oberdorfer
George S. Saulnier
Daniel E. Beren
Hon. Arnold Rapoport
Abner Silver
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DEAN EPPS HONORED AT U.S. CAPITOL

Senator Casey’s tribute focuses on Dean Epps’ contribution to women in the law.

FEBRUARY 23, 2015 U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey Jr. organized a Capitol Hill tribute for Dean JoAnne A. Epps in honor of “her passion for advancing opportunities for women through education and law.” In his remarks about Epps, Senator Casey noted her “professional leadership and influence [that] extend far beyond Temple Law School.”

Long a champion for women and minorities within the profession, Epps is a member of the Consortium for Women’s Leadership, based at the Center for Women in the Law at the University of Texas School of Law, and is active in both the American Law Institute and AALS. She has also served on the board of directors of Women’s Way and as president of the Pennsylvania Women’s Forum.

Before becoming dean in 2008, Epps taught on the Temple Law faculty for 23 years, serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for 19 of those years. At Temple, she has been a member of the Women’s Studies Program steering committee and remains an affiliated member of the Women’s Studies Department. Epps’ commitment led National Jurist Magazine to name her one of the 25 most influential people in legal education in 2014.

The second-term Democratic Senator organized the tribute, The Power of Dreams: Opportunities for Women through Education and Law, in conjunction with Black History Month. The event, held in the Russell Senate Building, featured a symposium with panelists Crystal Brown, Senior Director for the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs; Roberta Liebenberg, Senior Partner, Fine Kaplan and Black; Chief Judge Ted McKee, Third Circuit Court of Appeals; and Shelley Smith, City Solicitor for Philadelphia.

Mayor Names Epps to City Ethics Board

DECEMBER 2014 Dean JoAnne A. Epps began a five-year term on the Philadelphia Board of Ethics, after being appointed by Mayor Michael Nutter and confirmed by City Council. “I did not seek this nomination,” Epps testified at her confirmation hearing. “But I was honored to receive it. I believe that all of us owe our community some portion of our day’s service.” Her confirmation means that the five-member panel will be composed entirely of lawyers, whom Epps contends have a special obligation not just to serve their communities but to uphold the public’s trust in government—a goal she promises to pursue “passionately.”