LIACOURAS COMMITTEE RECEIVES DIVERSITY AWARD

Committee is honored for changing the face of law in Pennsylvania

MARCH 28, 2012 The Liacouras Committee, credited with creating a diverse legal work force in Pennsylvania, was awarded the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award by the Philadelphia Bar Association. The committee, convened in 1970 to investigate alleged widespread discrimination in the bar examination process, issued sweeping recommendations that are credited with bringing about a sea change in the ability of African Americans to practice law in Pennsylvania.

In presenting the award, Stradley Ronon partner Danielle Banks ’93 explained the statistics that drove the creation of the committee. “Between 1920 and 1970, 25,000 candidates were admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania,” said Banks. “Of those new attorneys, only 115 were African-American.”

Pennsylvania’s bias in the bar examination process was so notorious that the dean of Howard Law School publicly advised his students not to apply because “black lawyers are not welcome in Pennsylvania.” The situation did not go unnoticed by Judge Clifford Scott Green, a 1963 Temple Law graduate who had been a member of the first African-American law firm in Philadelphia before becoming a judge on the Court of Common Pleas.

“The committee itself was the idea of Judge Green,” said Professor Robert J. Reinstein, who assisted the committee and accepted the award on the committee’s behalf. “Judge Green [who died in 2007] was a man of brilliance, integrity and fairness. He also had a streak of intolerance. He was intolerant towards injustice. And what was happening in the admissions process to the Pennsylvania bar over a long period of time was scandalous and shameful.”

Green convinced then Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Robert Landis, that the status quo was intolerable, and Landis agreed to appoint a committee to investigate. Green would have been the obvious person to lead the effort, but he was convinced that for the findings to have credibility, it should be chaired by a white person. And that person would have to have not only impeccable integrity and credentials, but be deeply committed to civil rights. Peter J. Liacouras, who was a Temple Law professor at the time, had those qualities. Liacouras and Green were joined on the committee by Paul A. Dandridge, Ricardo C. Jackson, and W. Bourne Routthof. Reinstein, then a young assistant professor at Temple, served as scrivener and legal counsel.

The men who made up the committee—all of whom but Green were in attendance at the award ceremony—would go on to have highly distinguished careers. Liacouras would become the seventh dean of Temple Law School and, in Reinstein’s words, “the greatest president in the modern era of Temple University.” Reinstein became the ninth dean of Temple Law School. Green would grace the federal bench for 36 years, and Dandridge and Jackson became distinguished state court judges. Routthof became a partner in a major Philadelphia law firm.

But in 1970, the group was charged with a daunting task, Reinstein remembered. They had no subpoena power and they could not take depositions or take discovery. Instead, they conducted interviews, and what they discovered was worse than they feared.

The Board of Law Examiners excluded professional legal educators from having any role in the examination, and there was no consensus among the examiners over what skills and knowledge should be tested. And there was no such thing as anonymous grading [of the bar examinations],” said Reinstein. “An examiner explained to me that he would take the answer from a Harvard Law grad and that would be the model positive answer. Then he would take the answer from a Howard grad and make that the model negative answer.

“I had the opportunity to look at the answers for a constitutional law question, and there was a bitter irony. The Harvard answer was wrong—it was based on a Supreme Court ruling that had been overruled, and the Howard answer was correct.” continued on page three
PROFESSOR MARY K. HANNA retires after heading and nurturing the expansion of the Temple Legal Aid Office since 1982. As the office’s general counsel and supervising attorney for clinical law students, she has straddled the line between law school and legal practice. Not only has she been a model for students of professional, compassionate, and ethical practice, she has had a profound and lasting impact on families in the community who have benefited from the office’s services. Unbelievably, the office records show that during her tenure, Temple Legal Aid’s work has impacted 18,000 children in the community. (Hanna has supervised 3,600 cases.)

As a clinical associate professor, Hanna has passed on her legal expertise in the classroom, where she taught clinicals and mediation and family law litigation. She has also taught legal research and writing and developed a course on domestic violence.

Hanna has been active with the Philadelphia Bar Association and has been appointed to ad hoc committees of the First Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas, focusing on counsel fees for court-appointed attorneys in dependency matters and the establishment of procedures for mediation for the resolution of child custody matters. She is a member of the Nicholas A. Cipriani Inn of Court, where she is a Master.

When PROFESSOR SHARON S. HARZENSKI graduated from Temple Law in 1974, she was asked to join the faculty of her alma mater the very next year. During the last 38 years, she has served as a member of the law school community seriously, serving as an educator, administrator, and mentor.

In addition to teaching courses as diverse as constitutional law, women in the law, family law, jurisprudence, and American legal history, Harzenski has been involved in a wide range of extra-curricular programs. She was present at the birth of the Student A.C.E. program in the 1970s (aimed at creating student diversity) and has remained active in shaping the student body as an uniring faculty representative to the Admissions Committee. She served for five years as legal counsel for the law school in student grievance cases, and has been an informal advisor to the Women’s Law Caucus, a resource for LEAP, and a volunteer in the Legal Aid Office.

In 1990, Temple University honored PROFESSOR MICHAEL E. LIBONATI by naming him the Laura H. Carnell Professor, a distinction reserved for University faculty who have “distinguished themselves in research, scholarship and teaching.” This year, Libonati retires after serving on the Temple Law faculty since 1972.

Libonati is a leading authority on local government law—a valuable asset at a school that prides itself on the number of leaders of local government among its alumni. His four-volume treatise, Local Government Law (with co-authors Sands and Martinez), is a seminal work in the field. He contributed to the law school’s clinical program by developing a seminar on state and local public administration. He has taught classes in a range of subjects in addition to local government law: legislation, and state constitutional law. He also taught a seminar on the philosophy of law.

Over the years, Libonati has shared his expertise as an advisor and consultant to a number of local, state and federal government agencies, including the National Academy of Sciences and the National Association of Attorneys General.

PROFESSOR STEPHEN L. MIKOCHIK has taught an extensive array of courses since joining the faculty in 1981: civil procedure, civil rights of handicapped persons, constitutional law, employment discrimination, equal protection, law and the elderly, jurisprudence, and political and civil rights. Mikochik came to Temple following four years of service with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, both as a trial attorney and as an appellate attorney.

From the time he was named to the dean’s list in law school, it was obvious that being blind would not in any way hinder Mikochik’s ability to contribute to the legal profession. He did, however, develop an expertise in disability law. At the Justice Department, he coordinated litigation concerning persons with disabilities. Later at the law school, Mikochik organized a symposium on the Americans with Disabilities Act. He has served as the chair of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and has been a board member of the Associated Services for the Blind. He has also chaired the board of the Disabilities Law Project in Philadelphia.

In 1980, PROFESSOR WILLIAM J. WOODWARD JR. left private practice as a trial lawyer to teach contract law, commercial law, and bankruptcy at Indiana University—Indianapolis and came to Temple Law in 1984. Since then, his teaching and scholarship have extended beyond those areas into torts, remedies, international law, alternative dispute resolution, and conflict of laws. He has taught thousands of students at Temple.

As a business law expert, Woodward was asked to serve as the ABA’s business law section’s representative to the drafting committee to revise Article 1 of the Uniform Commercial Code. He has also long been engaged in efforts to improve pro bono delivery of legal services to the public, as vice chair of the ABA business law section’s pro bono committee and as a board member of the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project in Philadelphia. He helped to create, and is on the steering committee for, Philadelphia LawWorks, a regional provider of pro bono business law services. He also serves as a pro bono lawyer and judge pro tem in the Philadelphia Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program and as a mediator in the Philadelphia and Delaware bankruptcy courts.

Woodward has long been an enthusiastic leader in the law school’s international programs, teaching contracts, torts, secured credit, and bankruptcy in Beijing, specialized courses in the summer programs in both Rome and Athens, and directing the Athens program for two years.

PROFESSOR STEPHEN L. MIKOCHIK
**ABREU EXPLAINS ROMNEY TAX RETURNS ON WHYY RADIO**

January 26, 2012  ALICE ABREU

faced a challenging task when WHYY Radio Times host Marty Moss-Coane asked the Temple Law tax professor to explain Mitt Romney's tax return. To discuss the fairness of the way investment income is taxed in the U.S., Abreu arrived at the WHYY studio with a copy of the former Massachusetts governor and billionaire Romney's 2003 page tax return, all of which she said “is perfectly legal.”

Abreu, who specializes in federal income tax law, drew on her knowledge of the 10,000 page tax code. Both Romney's taxes and his sources of income are under scrutiny as he battles to become the Republican Presidential candidate. The bulk of Romney's income comes from capital gains or dividends that are taxed at the capital gains rate, while political opponent Newt Gingrich's income derives from rental income, which is taxed as ordinary income.

**HEALTH LAW CENTER DIRECTOR IS HONORED**

July 21, 2012  The American Bar Association's AIDS Coordinating Committee will honor PROFESSOR SCOTT BURRIS for his “sustained commitment to HIV legal services and advocacy.” Burris, along with three fellow legal activists—Catherine Hansens, founder of the Center for HIV Law and Policy, Terry McGovern, founder of the Ford Foundation HIV Law Project, and Brad Sears, founder of the HIV Legal Check-up Project—will be recognized at the 25th anniversary gathering of the ABA committee.

Burris is the director of Temple’s Center for Health Law, Policy and Practice, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Public Health Law Research program. He is also Associate Director of the Centers for Law and the Public’s Health: A Collaborative at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities. An official announcement of the event states: “All too often in the history of HIV/AIDS in our nation, and in the fight to eradicate this pandemic, have the contributions of lawyers been ignored—please join us in honoring our colleagues who have been on the front-lines for two decades.”

**SPORTS LAW EXPERT HAS BUSY SCHEDULE**


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The resulting report, published in the Temple Law Review, made recommendations for change that included anonymous grading, the use of the multi-state exam and the participation of law professors in evaluating the essay questions and proposed answers. The recommendations were controversial, and a struggle to have them adopted was acrimonious. A motion was made that the Philadelphia Bar Association censure the commission members and Chancellor Lands. That motion was defeated, and the Board of Governors instead endorsed the report and put the full weight of the Association behind reforming the process. “In the end, the board of law examiners adopted the recommendations and the number of African-Americans accepted to the bar skyrocketed,” said Reinstein. “The Pennsylvania bar finally was integrated. And with the development of an examination process that was fairer and more valid, all applicants to the bar benefited from the committee’s work.”

**LAW SCHOOL’S RANKING CONTINUES TO RISE**

March 2012  Temple Law was ranked 58th in the latest US News & World Report listing of law schools, up three places from last year. Three individual law school programs were singled out for top rankings: the trial advocacy program is second in the nation; legal research and writing was ninth; and international law ranked 14th. Temple Law’s part-time evening division was also ranked in the top ten, coming in at number seven.
#### TEMPLE LAW STUDENTS SELECTED TO WORK AT ARCHER & GREINER, CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

Two second-year law students will be the first recipients of a scholarship and guaranteed summer internship as the result of a new partnership between one of the area’s largest firms, the city, and Temple Law School.

Archer & Greiner has created a program to award scholarships to Temple Law students who represent underrepresented groups and provide them with the opportunity to work in the City of Philadelphia Law Department as well as at the firm. Archer & Greiner, a Philadelphia and New Jersey-based law firm, is one of the 200 largest in the country.

Joel Clymer ’13, who is African-American, and Jose Sabalbaro ’13, who is Hispanic, have been chosen to be the inaugural beneficiaries of this initiative that aims to increase diversity in the legal profession. Both Clymer and Sabalbaro are slated to receive $7,500 scholarships from Archer & Greiner and will be offered a paid summer associate position, with time set aside to work in the Philadelphia City Law Department.

The program was ushered in and the scholarship recipient announced at a ceremony that included Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Dean JoAnne A. Epps, and Archer & Greiner President Chris Gibson and Chairman James Carll. The plan is the newest of several initiatives to increase diversity in the Philadelphia legal community. Dean JoAnne A. Epps said, “This program really is unique and has raised the bar.”

#### WOMEN’S LAW CAUCUS PANEL FOCUSES ON CAREERS IN BUSINESS—AND ON THE BENCH

**APRIL 3, 2012** The Women’s Law Caucus, in partnership with Dean JoAnne A. Epps, filled Shusterman Hall for an afternoon of conversation with Fernande R.V. Duffy, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and Sara D. Lipscomb, General Counsel for the Small Business Administration.

Dean Epps moderated a discussion with these two accomplished attorneys which focused on the diverse career paths available to women in the law, as well as some of the problems facing women.

Judge Fernande R.V. Duffy was born in Indonesia and earned her law degree at Harvard. She remained in Boston and began her legal career as an attorney in the litigation department of the Boston law firm then known as Warner and Stackpole. Duffy first served on the bench of the Probate and Family Court in Boston, then the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in 2011.

Sara D. Lipscomb has been general counsel of the Small Business Administration since her appointment in 2009. Prior to that position, Lipscomb held a wide range of positions: she launched and ran a business providing legal and business services to middle market private equity firms and their portfolio companies; she was senior vice president and general counsel of Audax Group, a diversified alternative-asset management firm; she was counsel to the chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; she served as senior counsel in the enforcement division of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Lipscomb has also worked as a litigator at law firms in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The discussion with Duffy and Lipscomb was the second annual Women’s Law Caucus event in which distinguished women attorneys shared their experiences in a panel moderated by Dean Epps. Last year’s featured guests were Roberta Liebenberg, the Chair of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, and Tina Tchen, Chief of Staff for Michelle Obama and Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Children.
HP GENERAL COUNSEL VISITS CHINA LL.M PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 22, 2012  The Greater China General Counsel for HP, Shawn Zhao, addressed students enrolled in Temple Law’s LL.M. degree program in Beijing, China. The technology company’s lead attorney spoke about how companies that embrace technological development have advanced global society—and how intellectual property protections have helped propel that advancement.

Throughout their course of study in Temple’s LL.M. program in China, students are exposed to legal experts such as Zhao who underscored the necessity of an increasingly globalized understanding of the law. Other recent speakers include Tom Sager, senior vice president and general counsel of DuPont, Tom Roberts, China country counsel at Boeing, and Kate Latmer, resident legal advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Temple Law has been offering an LL.M. degree in collaboration with Tsinghua University School of Law to Chinese judges, law professors and attorneys since 1997. The 15-month program, in which students study for a summer semester in Philadelphia, was the first foreign law degree granting program approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

TRIAL TEAM VICTORIOUS IN CAPITAL CITY

MARCH 31, 2012  Temple’s National Trial Team won the Capitol City Challenge Tournament hosted by American University’s Washington College of Law and held in the Superior Court of Washington, DC. In the tournament’s four-year history, Temple has won the championship twice and finished second once. This year, the team defeated 17 teams, including the University of Connecticut in the final round. Third-year student Anthony Coccerino was named best advocate in the final round.

In February, a team consisting of Stacy Merritt ‘12 and Daniel Theveny Jr. ‘13 won the regional championship of the National Trial Competition for the 24th time in 26 years of competition. At the national tournament in Austin, TX, which included the 24 winners and runners-up from the 12 other regional contests, Merritt and Theveny advanced to the elite eight before being eliminated by the eventual champion, Baylor Law School.

NATIONAL APPELLATE EXPERT DELIVERS ADAMS LECTURE

MARCH 26, 2012  “Free Speech, Federalism and the Political Valence of Constitutional Law” was the topic chosen by Kathleen M. Sullivan for the annual Arlin M. and Neyes Adams Lecture in Constitutional Law.

Sullivan is partner and chair of the national appellate practice at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, the nation’s largest law firm devoted solely to business litigation, as well as Stanley Morrison Professor of Law at Stanford Law School, where she served as dean from 1999 to 2004. The first woman dean of any school at Stanford, she is also the first woman to become a name partner at any American Lawyer 100 firm.

Now based in Quinn Emanuel’s New York office, Sullivan has argued six cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, winning victories for such clients as Wyeth, Inc., involving federal preemption of design defect suits under the Vaccine Act, Shell Oil in a case involving “arranger” liability under the Superfund statute, and California wineries in a case involving the ability to ship wine directly to consumers across state lines. She also has argued numerous cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, and various cases in state appellate courts, including a historic victory in the New York Court of Appeals for the right of New York Governor David Paterson to appoint a lieutenant governor to fill a vacancy in that office.

The lecture delivered by Sullivan is named in honor of former Third Circuit Judge Arlin M. Adams and his wife Neyes. Judge Adams retired this year from Schnader Harrison.

FORMER ASS’T TREASURY SECRETARY DISCUSSES GLOBAL TRENDS IN TAX

MARCH 26, 2012  Eric Solomon, former Assistant Treasury Secretary for Tax Policy, discussed global trends in taxation and tax reform at the 2012 Frank and Rose Fogel Lecture. Solomon described serving under Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson from 2006 to 2009, one of the most turbulent periods in the country’s economic history.

Solomon’s technical brilliance and dedication are legendary and have earned him numerous awards, including the Alexander Hamilton Award—the highest award for Treasury service—and the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award. As Assistant Treasury Secretary, he headed the Office of Tax Policy, which is the primary advisor to the Treasury Secretary on legal and economic matters relating to domestic and international taxation. Before becoming the Assistant Secretary, Solomon held policymaking positions at both the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service. He was the Assistant Chief Counsel at the IRS, heading the legal division responsible for all corporate tax issues. He began his career with law firms in New York City and was a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath in Philadelphia.
1950s

BERNARD GRANOR ’53 was elected chairman of the resident advisory committee at Ann’s Choice, a continuing care community in Warminster, PA. Granor practices law with his son, Marshal Granor ’80, at the firm of Granor and Granor.

1960s

BARBARA VETRI ’60 was appointed chair of the senior lawyers professional and public service committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. The committee’s work includes aiding disabled attorneys or family members of deceased attorneys, and mentoring young attorneys.

1970s

LAWRENCE M. SILVERMAN ’73 has joined the firm of McCumber, Daniels, Buntz, Hartig & Puig as a shareholder in the Philadelphia office.

Ernst & Young announced that GEORGE BLAINE ’74 joined the firm’s national tax department in Washington, DC. Blaine began his career with the IRS in 1975 and was promoted to the office of chief counsel in 1983. He was named executive director of the large case policy board in 1993. Blaine was awarded the Presidential Mentorous Executive Rank Award in 2009 and he has been an adjunct professor with Georgetown University Law Center.

Former Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz partner LOUIS M. HEIDELBERGER ’75 joined Cozen O’Connor’s intellectual property group as a member in the Washington, DC office.

HON. CLAREASE MITCHELL R. YATES ’76 has authored a book, Indestructible Beginnings: ABCs of Common Courtesy. Yates is an immigration judge in Houston, TX.

JOHN J. EAGAN ’79 has been named chair of the newly formed international taxation sub-committee of the taxation law section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Eagan, a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, specializes in taxation, with emphasis on international, corporate transactional, and tax controversy matters.

CARL HITTINGER ’79, chair of DLA Piper’s Philadelphia litigation practice, was selected to receive The Legal Intelligencer’s Unsung Heroes award for his dedication to pro bono work. The award recognizes Hittinger’s work in partnership with the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, providing more than 500 hours of support to the representation of African-American students in a racial discrimination suit. The federal lawsuit, Blunt et al v. Lower Merion School District, alleged that the plaintiffs were disproportionately and inappropriately placed in special education programs and the lowest level classes. At DLA Piper, Hittinger focuses his practice on commercial and civil rights litigation with particular emphasis on antitrust and unfair competition matters.

1980s

STEWART J. EISENBERG ’80, a founder and senior partner of Eisenberg, Rothweiller, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jack, has been named to the board of directors of Philadelphia VIP. Philadelphia VIP is a nonprofit agency that provides low-income Philadelphians with pro bono legal services.

MARSHAL GRANOR ’80 of the Horsham, PA firm of Granor and Granor, recently acquired Community Management Services Group, managing some 80 communities with over 9,000 homes in condominium and home owners’ associations.

JOSEPH H. BLUM ’82, managing partner with Deeb Blum Murphy Frishberg & Markovich, has been named chair elect of the board of directors for the National Kidney Foundation serving the Delaware Valley.

STEWART L. COHEN ’77, a trial lawyer with the Philadelphia law firm of Cohen, Placitella & Roth, is the new chair of the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Cohen, who served as vice chair for the past two years, will lead the independent agency consisting of 11 attorneys and two non-lawyers from across Pennsylvania in assisting the Supreme Court in the licensing and discipline of attorneys.

“It is truly an honor to be appointed to this position,” says Cohen. “I appreciate the vote of confidence of Chief Justice Castille and the Supreme Court, and I commit myself to ensuring that the court, the bar and our citizens continue to have assurance in our disciplinary system.” Cohen has worked as a private practice lawyer since graduating from Temple Law in 1977, specializing in complex litigation, including individual and class action cases. He has represented plaintiffs in numerous groundbreaking cases, including a “top 100 jury verdict” in the U.S. in 2005, and a “top 20 award” in New Jersey in 2009. He was named a distinguished alumnus by Penn State, his undergraduate alma mater, where he also delivered a commencement speech in 2008.

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KEVIN C. O’MALLEY ’82, a shareholder with Butzel Long in Lansing, MI, has been appointed by Mayor Virg Bernero to the board of directors of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). O’Malley will serve as a director of the LEDC, the Lansing Tax Increment Finance Authority, and the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

MARC S. RASPANTI ’84, a partner in the law firm of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, presented on the panel, Legal Representation of Healthcare Whistleblowers, at King & Spalding’s annual health law and policy forum in March 2012.

LOUIS AGRE ’87 was elected president of the Philadelphia Metal Trades Council, the coalition of unions at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. He continues as an organizer, business agent and in house counsel for Local 542 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. In addition, Agre is the Democratic ward leader in the 21st ward of Philadelphia, which contains Roxborough, Manayunk, Wissahickon and Andorra. He is married to MARIA TERPOLILLI ’87, of the workers’ compensation firm of Terpolilli Sawyer.

JOEL I. FISHBEIN ’89 has joined McCumber, Daniels, Buntz, Hartig & Puig as a shareholder in the Philadelphia office.

1990s

In March 2012, DEBORAH WEINSTEIN ’91 was named to the Society for Human Resource Management’s special expertise panel on workplace diversity and inclusion. She also recently served as panelist for an ALI-ABA video webinar program, “Updating Employee Manuals 101: Doing it Right.” Weinstein is president of The Weinstein Firm, a labor and employment law firm, and has taught employment law as a lecturer at the Wharton Business School’s Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics for the past 13 years.

In December 2011, ANALISA SCRIMGER SONDERRAAD ’94 was sworn in by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Michael Eakin as a Magisterial District Judge in Chester County, PA.

Gibbell Raybkill & Hess, a law firm practicing in south central and eastern Pennsylvania, has hired MICHAEL T. WINTERS ’96 as a litigation attorney for its advocacy practice group. He worked previously with the Lancaster, PA firm of Patterson, Cody & Winters.

2000s

In May 2012, Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel partner MICHAEL E. BERTIN ’00 presented the plenary session and the case law updates for equitable distribution and support at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s annual Family Law Institute. Bertin, a member of Obermayer’s litigation and family law practice group, recently released a book, Pennsylvania Child Custody Law, Practice, and Procedure.

LARRY REEVES ’00 was recently appointed to direct the operations of the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt Law School, where he will also teach advanced legal research. Reeves previously was associate director of the George Mason University Law Library in Arlington, VA. Before joining George Mason’s law library, he was a reference librarian, coordinator of first-year legal research, and an adjunct associate professor of law at Fordham Law School in New York.

STEWART L. COHEN ’77 TO HEAD STATE DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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**TEMPLE LL.M. IS FOREIGN LEGAL CONSULTANT**

**JOHANN R. CORNIELLE, LL.M. ’07,** is the first Pennsylvania attorney to be licensed as a foreign legal consultant for legal matters in the Dominican Republic. Since 2009, Cornielle has worked as a foreign associate at the Philadelphia law firm of Gonzales & Tiagha. The license, issued by the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, allows him to formally advise and represent U.S. clients on legal matters in the country where he practiced law prior to coming to Temple to earn an LL.M. degree.

**ERIC T. KANEFSKY ’02** was recently appointed acting director of the Division of Consumer Affairs for the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office. He will serve in that position until his appointment is reviewed by the state Senate. Kanefsky previously worked in the special prosecutions unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Newark.


**STEVEN FREEMAN ’04** has moved to Lawrence, KS where he is Assistant Dean of Admissions for the University of Kansas School of Law. Freeman accepted the position at University of Kansas after five years with Drexel University’s Earle Mack School of Law. Before joining the Drexel staff, he practiced commercial litigation at Frey, Petrakis, Deeb & Earle. Freeman also served as student director of the Drexel Law Journal. Before joining the Drexel staff, Mr. Freeman was an Associate at Frey, Petrakis, Deeb & Earle.

The intellectual property firm of Volpe and Koenig announced that **ROBERT D. LEONARD ’04** was elected a shareholder of the firm. Leonard, who joined the firm in 2005, concentrates his practice on the strategic prosecution of domestic and foreign patent applications.

In March 2012, **ROBERT ECKERT ’05** left active military service as a Marine judge advocate. He is currently an assistant U.S. attorney in DC, working in the misdemeanor section of general crimes in the Superior Court Division.

In February 2012, Klassko, Ruton, Stock & Seltzer announced that **NATALIYA GEKHT RYMER, JD ’05, LL.M. ’06,** joined the immigration firm’s Philadelphia office as an associate. Prior to joining the firm, Rymer practiced immigration law at the Law Offices of Jan Allen Reiner in New York, NY.

**QIANA WATSON ’05** was elected to the board of Art-Reach, a Philadelphia nonprofit that strives to make cultural experiences accessible for individuals with disabilities or economic disadvantages. Watson is a contract lawyer at Pepper Hamilton.

**NEIL C. MASKERN ’07** has been appointed to the board of the South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia, and will serve as president of the organization’s Philadelphia chapter. maskeri is an associate at Volpe and Koenig, where he focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of domestic and foreign patents.

**CORINNE M. SAMLER ’07** has joined Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg as an associate in the bankruptcy/corporate restructuring department.

**KIRAT KHARODE ’08** is vice president of operations and chief operating officer at LibertyHealth System and Jersey City Medical Center where he oversees hospital, clinical and ancillary services in the position he has held since 2011. Previously, Kharode worked with Tenet Healthcare at the system’s Graduate Hospital and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, both in Philadelphia.

**JENNIFER J. RILEY ’09,** an associate at the Lansdale law firm of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, was a session presenter for the Radnor Middle School 2012 Girls’ Leadership Program.

Enrique Latoison ’04 reports that **LAURA COVEY ’11** joined his law firm in August 2011. Latoison Law, located in Media, PA, is primarily a criminal defense firm.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Joel A. Mott Jr.  
Dean William Chace  
Joseph S. Ziccardi  
Thomas F. Gilson  
Marvin Lundy  
Robert G. Carey  
John G. Carey  
John D. Stewart  
Michael J. Panichelli  
Petro Morgos

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SPIN AUCTION
Gala event enables students to ‘make a difference’

This year’s Student Public Interest Network (SPIN) live auction and related activities netted $28,000 to go to support students in summer internships in the public sector. Students, faculty, alumni and Temple Law supporters who love a good auction gathered at the downtown offices of Duane Morris, a longtime sponsor of the annual fundraiser. There was lively bidding on items that included a wedding dress, a week-long stay in Hilton Head, and a Nook Color.

SPIN was formed in 1992 to help fund Temple Law students engaging in public interest legal work during their law school careers. Since its inception, SPIN has raised over $200,000 through the efforts of Temple Law students in a series of events culminating in the annual auction.

“The good work that these funds enable each year cannot be overstated,” says Maureen Oives, director of public interest programs at the law school. “More than 140 Temple students will work at internships ranging from the Alaska Public Defender to Community Legal Service in Philadelphia to the International Law Institute in Kampala, Uganda. Public interest organizations, government agencies and the judiciary count on the infusion of our students’ talent and energy each summer to assist needy clients, deliver services, and administer justice. Our students make a difference in the lives of real people and real communities.”

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MAY 17, 2012 Philadelphia City Solicitor Shelley R. Smith was the featured speaker at this year’s law school commencement ceremony. Ms. Smith has served as City Solicitor since 2006, when Mayor Michael A. Nutter tapped her to be Philadelphia’s top lawyer. As the Philadelphia City Solicitor, Smith is the legal representative for the mayor, city council, and all city departments and agencies. She also leads the City of Philadelphia Law Department, one of the largest law firms in the city. She began her tenure with the Law Department after serving as the senior clerk to the Honorable Robert N.C. Nix Jr., former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Ms. Smith garnered considerable acclaim for her work both as a trial attorney and as a manager, eventually directing the Affirmative Litigation and Labor and Employment Units before leaving the office after a year in the position of Chair of the Corporate and Tax Group.

Joining Smith in delivering remarks at commencement were Isaac A. Hof ’12, elected by the day division as class speaker, and Jeffrey Alan Marshall ’12, elected to represent the evening division.

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