‘We are all an other’ says ABA Spirit of Excellence awardee Dean JoAnne Epps

FEBRUARY 8, 2016  Dean JoAnne A. Epps has been honored with the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession’s 2016 Spirit of Excellence Award. Dean Epps was one of only four recipients selected nationwide for the award, presented at the midyear meeting in San Diego, California.

“JoAnne Epps has had a profound impact on not only Temple University Beasley School of Law . . . but she has also been an influential leader in the city of Philadelphia, her region and in the nation. She embodies the concept of lawyer-leader and symbolizes the Spirit of Excellence Award,” said ABA section chair Will Gunn in announcing the award.

Epps has been dean of Temple Law School since 2008 and a member of the faculty since 1985, and is the author and co-author of several books and articles on evidence and trial advocacy. Epps is a former deputy city attorney for Los Angeles and assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In March 2015, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter appointed her to chair a newly created Police Community Oversight Board. She serves on several nonprofit boards, is a member of the Philadelphia Board of Ethics, and is the court-appointed monitor of the settlement of the lawsuit challenging Philadelphia’s stop-and-frisk activity. continued on page two

MAKING HISTORY: TEMPLE LAW’S FIRST U.S. SUPREME COURT CLERK

James M. Marsh ’47 clerked for Justice Jackson—without a college degree.

During Justice Robert H. Jackson’s first four years on the Supreme Court of the United States (1941-1945), he selected three Harvard Law graduates as his law clerks. All three had distinguished academic careers typical of Supreme Court clerks at the time: two had served as president of the Harvard Law Review, and the other had been an editor on the journal.

Then, in 1947, Justice Jackson tried something different. He hired James Milton Marsh, a Temple Law School evening division graduate, as his next law clerk. Marsh had never attended college or clerked for another judge. He was older—33—and married with children.

The remarkable events leading up to Justice Jackson’s improbable decision are chronicled in St. John’s University Professor of Law John Q. Barrett’s chapter of a new book, Of Courtiers and Kings: More Stories of Supreme Court Law Clerks and Their Justices.

James Milton Marsh: Incredible circumstances

James M. Marsh often used the word “incredible” to describe the path that led him to clerk on the Supreme Court under Justice Jackson.

Professor Barrett, a legal scholar and best-selling author who has focused on Supreme Court history and on Justice Jackson specifically, begins his chapter in Of Courtiers and Kings this way: “Jackson was no snob, and more to the point, he was no Harvard man. Robert Jackson graduated from public schools in western New York State and never attended college. Indeed, he barely attended law school—he attended Albany Law School in 1911-12, for only the ‘senior’ year of its two-year program.”

In an era when legal training took many forms, Jackson apprenticed with two lawyers in rural New York State before rising through private practice and public service. He eventually served as U.S. Solicitor General and U.S. Attorney General before being appointed to the Supreme Court by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941.

The path that lead to Justice Jackson’s unlikely decision to hire James Marsh began on May 2, 1945. Six days before Germany’s unconditional surrender to the Allies, President Harry S. Truman appointed Jackson to serve as U.S. representative and chief counsel in charge of prosecuting European Axis leaders and others for war crimes before an international tribunal. That summer, Justice Jackson relocated to Nuremberg, Germany, where he remained until fall 1946.

At the time of Jackson’s prestigious appointment, Marsh was a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, stationed in Italy. The high school graduate from Brookville, PA (located coincidentally about seventy miles from the rural Pennsylvania town where Jackson was born) had worked in various businesses before enlisting in 1940. Ambitious and hardworking, Marsh quickly rose to become an assistant in charge of the legal division of the Signal Corps’ Philadelphia Field Office. “In spring 1943, Marsh became, de facto, an army lawyer,” writes Barrett. In that position, Marsh learned to conduct legal research and began writing legal opinions on procurement and pricing matters. Barrett, who became close friends with Marsh in the process of researching Justice Jackson, describes Marsh as “a small guy, maybe 5’4”. He was fast-talking, with an impish, strong personality. He was not shy.”

In June 1943, Barrett writes, “Chief Warrant Officer Marsh also became a law student. At the urging of his commander, who recognized his aptitude for legal work, Marsh began to attend the Temple University School of Law. It was then located on the ninth floor of Gimbel’s Department Store on Ninth Street.” Marsh had persuaded the state to grant him a rare exemption to the college-degree requirement for attending law school, and he was able to attend the evening division while continuing his job with the Signal Corps.

In his spare time, the intellectually curious law student had been closely following Jackson’s appointment and subsequent prosecutorial work in Nuremberg. Marsh became convinced that Jackson’s continued on page two
James Marsh continued from page one

important work was underreported in the legal world, and set out to remedy the situation. By his third year of law school, he obtained permission to republish a speech by Jackson in the Temple Law Quarterly. Under Marsh's leadership as legislative editor, the Quarterly went on to publish Jackson’s trial arguments at Nuremberg, as well as his closing arguments delivered in July 1946.

Throughout, Marsh had made sure that Jackson was apprised of Temple Law Quarterly’s central role in publicizing the Justice’s work in Europe. When Jackson returned to resume his duties on the bench, Marsh promptly—and boldly—expressed his interest in a clerkship. Marsh arranged for the Justice to be inducted with recommendations from former employers, professors and Temple Law’s administrative dean, Elden S. Magaw. The presiding judge of Pennsylvania’s fifty-fourth district, sitting in Marsh’s home town in Pennsylvania, wrote, “He has demonstrated that hard work pays and everything accomplished by him to date has been through his own efforts while acting in the most painstaking manner.”

“When he looked at Jim Marsh—western Pennsylvania; little higher education; New Deal service; war-related service; ambition; writing skill; love of language; calling to the law; earning his rise by succeeding again and again ahead of his peers, precociously; attracting admirers, believers, and mentors at each step—Robert Jackson saw a version of himself.”

James Marsh returned to Philadelphia from Washington, and joined the firm of LaBrum & Doak. In 1992, he moved to Hecker, Brown, Sherry & Johnson, where he remained until retirement. In addition to distinguishing himself in his law practice, Marsh also served as deputy chief counsel to the state treasurer, was chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Task Force on the Commonwealth Procurement Code, and published many articles on legal topics.

“Like other clerks on the Supreme Court at the time, Jim was really brilliant,” says Barrett. “Measuring up as a clerk on the high court really gave Jim a confidence that carried him through his successful career as a highly respected litigator in Philadelphia.” Barrett adds that it was widely known in Philadelphia legal circles that Marsh was offered federal judgehips over the years, which he repeatedly declined.

In 2006, Marsh died at the age of 92 in his home outside Philadelphia. Four decades after Marsh shattered the glass ceiling at the Supreme Court, LAURA E. LITTLE ’85 followed Marsh’s footsteps from Temple Law to Washington, when she was offered a clerkship with Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist (also a former Justice Jackson law clerk) after a clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Today, Little is Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government and Senior Advisor to the Dean of Temple Law School, and a national expert on federal court jurisdiction, conflict of laws, constitutional law, as well as humor and the law.

Justice Jackson expressed concern that, since he himself had not attended college, Marsh’s lack of an undergraduate degree would only “be compounding a weakness” he perceived in his own writing skills. Marsh fired back: “Mr. Justice, every lawyer and every judge in this country knows that you are the best writer on this Court, college degree or not. And if there’s anything that I can do well, it is write, rewrite and edit.”

In March 1947, Justice Jackson chose among five applicants, one of whom was Penn Law student Arlin M. Adams, to become his next law clerk. Jackson chose Marsh. On July 9, 1947, Marsh reported to work as the first Temple Law graduate to clerk for the U.S. Supreme Court. He was Jackson’s sole clerk for the 1947-48 term and, when asked, remained on for a second term. “Justice Jackson regarded Jim Marsh as one of his finest law clerks and remained close to him and his family . . . for the rest of his life,” writes Barrett.

In concluding his chapter on Jackson’s maverick decision to hire Marsh, Barrett acknowledges that Jackson was grateful to Marsh and Temple Law Quarterly for recognizing what the Justice considered the most important work of his life. But, Barrett writes, there was something more:

Supreme Court scholar John Q. Barrett

Professor of Law John Q. Barrett teaches constitutional law, criminal procedure and legal history at St. John’s University. He also is the Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow and a board member at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, NY.

In the course of his research on Justice Jackson, Barrett became close friends with James Marsh, whose life he chronicles in the chapter cited above. The chapter appears in Of Courtiers and Kings: More Stories of Supreme Court Law Clerks and Their Justices, edited by Todd C. Pepper and Clare Cushman and published by the University of Virginia Press in 2015.

Barrett is currently writing a biography of Justice Robert H. Jackson which will include the first inside account of Justice Jackson’s service, by appointment of President Truman, as the chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials. He also writes the Jackson List (jacksonlist.com), which reaches well over 100,000 readers around the world. He previously edited the best-selling book, That Man: An Insider’s Portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt. That Man is Jackson’s memoir of FDR from Jackson first meeting him in 1911 through their close working relationship and friendship during Roosevelt’s presidency, the New Deal years and World War II.

University of Pennsylvania Press

Professor Laura Little clerked for Justice Rehnquist in 1986.

“Among the solutions? We must make sure that a child’s zip code doesn’t define the quality of education that child receives. . . . In too many places, public education is inadequate. And that’s not right—because you can only take advantage of opportunity if you’re prepared. And education is key to being prepared.

Second, incivility is on the increase. I’m sorry, you do not get to publicly say whatever you think—and to defend that incivility by saying you’re rejecting political correctness. Islam is a religion and not a political manifesto. And Mexicans and others of Hispanic heritage enrich this country every day. The First Amendment has on many occasions been a sword in favor of liberty and a shield against repression. But just because you have the right to say something doesn’t mean you should say it. I know I sound as if I think I made it to the presidential debate stage. I know where I am and I am grateful. But incivility has crushed a weight of expectations. These are people who offer valid perspectives, if we are open to receiving them. My point is that when you think about “other,” compared to the person next to us, we are all an “other.” We are all different. We are all, in some form or fashion, diverse.

Third, why is it important to force yourself to understand “other?” Because implicit bias is everywhere. And the only way to combat implicit bias is through awareness. Those of you who know me know that I am usually a calm person. But inside there is a growing turmoil. Some days I am angry. More often I am sad. But not for me. I’ve had an unbelievably blessed life—richer and more fulfilling than I could have imagined or dreamed. I am sad for America’s young people growing up in a world where they see themselves, or others, victimized—at best marginalized and at worst, maltreated—explicitly through incivility and implicitly through a relentless source of subliminal messages that “other” is unworthy.

So in fighting for diversity, I am fighting to ensure that young people have—and feel they have—equal opportunity. I am fighting for them to believe they can live their dream. I am fighting to make sure this is a country where differences, of all sorts, are acknowledged and respected, even if not admired. I am optimistic. Dr. Martin Luther King, who in two years will have been gone 50 years, said this: “It’s only when it’s dark enough that you can see the stars.” The motto of the Spirit of Excellence Awards is “To the Stars Through Difficulty.” I believe we can make the stars reachable for everyone. But it will not happen without commitment and effort. I’m in. Won’t you join me?

EXCERPTS FROM DEAN EPPS’ ABA ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Let me start with a positive observation. This country should be applauded for a half century of improvement in diversity. There are black and brown people everywhere: flying planes, performing surgery, running businesses, leading the ABA. We’re everywhere, but not everywhere we should be. Almost everywhere you look—except the NBA and U.S. prisons—minority participation and opportunities are flattening or dwindling. In the legal profession, the numbers of minority partners, associates, and law students are stuck, with only minor change over the last decade. This would be fine if these numbers matched the population numbers. But we know they do not. We have a numbers problem that starts with a pipeline problem.

W on’t you join m e?

Spirit of Excellence A w ards is “To the Stars Through D ifficulty.”
THE TEMPLE LAW CENTER FOR COMPLIANCE & ETHICS FEATURES U.S. ATTORNEY ZANE MEMEGER

NOVEMBER 11, 2015 U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Zane Memeget addressed an audience gathered at the first event hosted by Temple’s newly launched Center for Compliance and Ethics. At the CLE program, attended by more than 100 attorneys and compliance professionals, Memeget made the case for why companies should develop and maintain a vigorous internal compliance program.

“Actual, tangible compliance matters,” Memeget told the audience before describing the factors his office uses to evaluate a company’s compliance efforts. While noting that most compliance violations do not result in criminal prosecutions, Memeget said that his office has begun to focus more sharply on the individuals responsible for misconduct within a business.

“The prosecution of a company does not replace the prosecution of an individually culpable person,” Memeget said. “Individuals will only change their behavior if they know they will go to jail or lose their jobs.”

Located at the law school, the Center for Compliance and Ethics offers a blend of programs including law courses, CLE programs, and compliance-related externships. The center’s programs are guided by a steering committee and an advisory board, consisting of legal and compliance professionals in the field.

James Strazzella honored by museum

NOVEMBER 17, 2015 The Fireman’s Hall Museum in Philadelphia named James A. Strazzella, the James G. Schmidt Professor of Law, the recipient of the 2015 Founder’s Award. Professor Strazzella, the second individual ever to receive this award, has served on the board of the museum almost since its inception in 1978.

This recognition is the most recent in a long list of awards in honor of a life of distinction and service. Strazzella has served on numerous community boards, and is the recipient of many awards. Most notably, he founded a non-profit organization to revive the Smith Memorial Playhouse and Playgrounds in North Philadelphia and served as president of the board that oversaw a successful renovation of that facility.

Strazzella teaches basic and advanced courses in substantive criminal law, criminal procedure, and appellate procedure, and has taught in the area of advocacy and professional responsibility. His teaching was recognized by the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1983, and the George Williams Award for Outstanding Professor in 2010. He is the author of numerous journal articles and a teaching textbook on criminal appellate procedure. Before joining the Temple faculty in 1973, he was vice-dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School Faculty. He served as acting dean of Temple Law School from 1987 to 1989.

Charles H. Rogovin

1931-2016

JANUARY 10, 2016 Charles H. Rogovin joined the Temple Law faculty in 1977, and remained a member of the faculty until assuming emeritus status in 2010. For more than thirty years, Professor Rogovin’s extensive background in law enforcement informed his teaching in the areas of criminal law and procedure, organized crime, and professional ethics.

Rogovin was raised in North Jersey and began his law career in Philadelphia. A graduate of Wesleyan University and Columbia Law School, he spent several years of his professional life between Boston and Washington, D.C., before settling permanently in Philadelphia and at Temple Law School. He served as an Assistant Public Defender and as Chief Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia. He also served as Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts and as the first Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration in the U.S. Justice Department as an appointee of President Richard Nixon. Rogovin was also the Assistant Director of President Lyndon Johnson’s President’s Crime Commission and a member of President Ronald Reagan’s Organized Crime Commission. He served as the first president and managing director of the Police Foundation in Washington, D.C., and was vice chairman of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission. Rogovin’s many civic leadership roles include being a Charter Member of the Vidocq Society and a member of SEPTA’s board of directors.

Charles H. Rogovin is survived by his wife, Marcy, and children, Caleb and Laura, step-daughters, Rachel Gross and Emily Goldmann, son-in-law, Ben Gross, and granddaughters, Lilly and Sylvie Gross.

Contributions in Professor Rogovin’s name may be made to Temple Law School Pennsylvania Innocence Project Clinical Fund and sent to Dean JoAnne Epps

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Tom Duffy ’81 delivers ‘Important Lessons’ from a successful career

JANUARY 28, 2016 Almost a quarter of a century ago, Tom E. Duffy ’81 left a promising career at a large Philadelphia firm to found Duffy + Partners, a practice that helps individuals and families who are the victims of catastrophic injury. Duffy drew on those decades in the courtroom in delivering the 2016 Herbert F. Kolsby Distinguished Lecture in Trial Advocacy, “Important Lessons Never Taught in Law School.”

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DECEMBER 18, 2015 The Temple Law community came together to collect more than 700 toys for low-income families in Northeast Philadelphia. The holiday effort was organized by members of SPIN, SBA, and the Temple Law Alumni Association. The toys, along with donated hats, gloves, and scarves, were distributed through the Frankford Community Development Corporation and the Boys and Girls Club of Frankford at a holiday party attended by more than 200 children and their families. At the event, Temple Law students assisted with arts and crafts while Professor Ken Jacobsen strolled through the crowd dressed as Santa Claus.

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1970s

In October 2015, RICHARD S. BISHOP ’71 was the recipient of the Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award at Lackawanna Pro Bono’s annual gala in Scranton, PA. Bishop practices corporate and business law and estate planning at Hourigan, Kluger and Quinn in Wilkes Barre, PA.

A. HAROLD DATZ ’72, of counsel to Hагgerty, Goldberg, Schleifer & Kupersmith, received the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2015 PNC Achievement Award at its quarterly luncheon. The award was in recognition of Datz’s accomplishments in improving the administration of justice in Pennsylvania through his work with the Philadelphia Bar Association’s commission on judicial selection and retention.

In December 2015, JUSTICE RAYMOND L. BRUCE ’76 was inducted onto the civil division of the New York State Supreme Court in New York County.

WILLIAM F. WARD ’77 has joined the Pittsburgh firm of Rothman Gordon after three years on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. PA. Ward will be practicing civil and family mediation with the firm’s ADR group as well as business litigation, grand jury investigations, white collar criminal defense, and internal investigations with the firm’s business and commercial litigation practice group.

1980s

JANET KOLE ’80 authored Avoiding Bad Depositions: A Simple Guide to Complex Issues, a new release from the ABA. Kole, a litigator for more than 30 years, is now a full-time author who splits her time between Boynton Beach, FL and Philadelphia.

STEVEN L. SUGARMAN ’80, founding principal of the Berwyn law firm, Steven L. Sugarman & Associates, was a featured speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s recent program, “Buying and Selling Homes in Condominiums and Planned Communities” where he spoke on the topic of buying and selling homes in age restricted communities.

NORMA RAMOS ’81 has been appointed Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights for New York state. All eight of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s new round of state appointments were made to women. Ramos has served as the executive director of the Coalition Against Trafficking of Women, and previously was the executive director of the South Bronx Clean Air Coalition. In addition, she has held positions at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In December 2015, DEAN BEER ’82 was appointed Montgomery County, PA’s new chief public defender. Beer has been the deputy chief public defender in the county since September 2013.

THOMAS W. BERGEN ’82, previously a partner at Hartman Underhill & Brubaker, also joined the Lancaster, PA firm of Nikolau & Hohenadel as a partner. He specializes in taxation and business and succession planning.

SAM GARRO ’83 has been promoted to senior vice president of compliance for Philadelphia Insurance Companies. Garro joined the company in 2012 as vice president of the compliance department.

PHYLIS E. BROSS ’88 has been named chair of the board of directors for Community Aging & Retirement Services, a Florida non-profit corporation. In addition, Bross is president of AARP of Land O’Lakes, and facilitates an Alzheimer’s caregiver support group.

Immigration attorney EMILY M. COHEN ’88 has joined the Philadelphia firm, Steel, Dobbey & Glassman. Cohen is a former shareholder in the firm Cohen, Fruhr & Gonzalez.

GEORGE DANIEL ’88 announced the launch of a new law firm, Lanza, Reich and Daniel. The New York City-based firm specializes in sports, entertainment, media, litigation and other related practice areas. Daniel has served as general counsel and commissioner of the National Lacrosse League.

On October 30, 2015, the American Bar Association honored DAVID TREVASKIS ’88 with the Isidore Starr Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education. The award recognizes individuals for outstanding achievements in teaching about the law in elementary and secondary schools. Trevaskis is the pro bono coordinator of legal services for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, as well as president of the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies, and an adjunct professor at Arcadia University.

1990s

JAMES WELLONS ’90 has left Temple University Health Systems Office of Counsel after 14 years to assume the position of general counsel of Bancroft, a nonprofit provider for individuals with autism, other intellectual or developmental disabilities and those in need of neurological rehabilitation.


Derek Green ’98 elected to Philadelphia City Council

NOVEMBER 2015 DEREK S. GREEN ’98 captured a seat in Philadelphia City Council as a councilperson-at-large. Green, who resides in the Mt. Airy section of the city, is the former special counsel to now-retired City Councilwoman Marian B. Tasco. He also served as counsel to the council committees on finance and public health and human services. Green’s previous positions include Deputy City Solicitor, Assistant District Attorney for the City of Philadelphia, and Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the State of Delaware. Green has also worked as a campaign manager, advisor, and counsel to various political campaigns including those of Councilwoman Tasco, State Rep. Stephen Kinsey, District Attorney Seth Williams and State Rep. Cherelle Parker.

Head Trauma is topic of new book by Samuel D. Hodge Jr. ’74

Concussions have forever altered the sports landscape, calling attention to an injury that is difficult to diagnose and spawning a major motion picture. A new book, co-authored by Professor of Legal Studies at Temple University SAMUEL D. HODGE JR. ’74, approaches head trauma and brain injuries, including concussions, from the perspective of the insurance, legal, and medical fields. In Head Trauma and Brain Injury for Lawyers, Hodge teams up with co-author Jack E. Hubbard, professor of neurology at the University of Minnesota’s School of Medicine, to cover basic anatomy of the brain and its functions, explain the neurological system, and demonstrate how to understand and interpret diagnostic tests for this area of the body. The book is Hodge’s eighth; previous topics include anatomy, the spine and forensic autopsies. Hodge, who also teaches as an adjunct at the law school, has been named a Temple University Great Teacher.
Scott Williams ’98 honored for heroism

In 2014, SCOTT WILLIAMS ’98 was elected State’s Attorney of Washington County, VT. In 2015, he received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Life Saving Award for Valor and was nominated for a Carnegie Hero Medal in honor of his courageous role in disarming a serial murderer who entered Williams’ workplace on a killing spree. Jodi Herring had murdered three female relatives before she entered the state offices and killed a state worker. At that point, Williams—a former Philadelphia public defender who served eight years in the Navy—intervened and stopped her from killing others.

Josh Kahane ’04 competes in Maccabi Games

DECEMBER 2015 JOSH KAHANE ’04 was selected to play on the Masters National basketball team which represented the U.S. in the 13th Pan American Maccabi Games in December 2015 and January 2016 in Santiago, Chile. Kahane is a litigation partner with Glankler Brown in Memphis, TN, where he serves on the boards of several local Jewish organizations and agencies. He is also the founder and director of the Cooper Yeshiva High School National Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Hon. Sheila Woods-Skipper ’83 named ‘Distinguished Jurist’

DECEMBER 6, 2015 The Philadelphia Bar Association honored the HONORABLE SHEILA WOODS-SKIPPER ’83, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, with the 2015 Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award at the annual luncheon meeting. Judge Woods-Skipper served as a Supervising Judge of the Criminal Trial Division, and her assistance was instrumental in the creation of the First Judicial District Mental Health Court over which she presides. She was unanimously elected by her colleagues to serve as President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 2013.

Also honored at the luncheon were A. HAROLD DATZ ’72, and DAVID RICHMAN, who is a member of the adjunct faculty and chair of the board of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project at Beasley School of Law. Datz and Richman received the PNC Achievement Award.

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2000s

JOSEPH A. MALFITANO ’00 announced the formation of Malfitano Partners, a New York City-based acquisition and disposition boutique firm. Malfitano was previously an executive vice president with Hilco Global and an attorney with Young Conway Staggert & Taylor.

FOYE SMITH ’00 has been sworn in as a probate judge in Hartford, CT, the first African American in Connecticut to hold that position. Smith previously worked for the state judicial branch in the court support services division.

PAUL C. VARKI ’00 has joined Eglet Corporation, a pharmaceutical company, as senior vice president and general counsel after leaving the position of assistant general counsel at GlaxoSmithKline.

MICHAEL WADDINGTON ’00 recently published a book, The Art of Trial Warfare: Winning at Trial Using Sun Tzu’s The Art of War. Waddington practices law at Gonzalez & Waddington in San Juan, PR.

ANZA D’ANTONIO ’01 is co-author of “Complying with Transparency Requirements in Procurement and Avoiding Legal Pitfalls,” an article that appeared in Docket, a publication of the Association of Corporate Counsel. Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller has elected JACQUELINE DUNGEY ’01 of counsel. She will practice in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

JUSTIN W. GRAY ’01 of Guiderland was recently named a partner of the Albany, NY firm of Maynard, O’Connor, Smith & Catalinotto.

In December 2015, ADAM TAYLOR ’02 of Disability Law Advocates Group was elected to the board of governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

DENNIS J. BUTLER ’03 has been named a partner of the Philadelphia intellectual property firm, Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel.

In February 2016, TODD N. BARNES ’02 was sworn in as an assistant district attorney in the appellate division of the Montgomery County, PA District Attorney’s Office. Barnes had been working as a special assistant attorney for the past year, and previously was a staff attorney for Justices Ronald Castille and Thomas Sayler of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH F. KAMPERHEIN ’02 joined Weber Gallagher as partner in the firm’s family law group based in Norristown, PA.

In October 2015, Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg announced that GAETANO PICCIRILLI ’01 joined the firm as a partner in the litigation department. He was formerly a partner at Dilworth Paxson.

The Blue Bell, PA firm of Wiser Peardline announced that RHONDA K. GRUBBS ’03 has been elected partner in the firm. Grubbs is a labor and employment attorney and a member of the firm’s education law group.

LINDA A. KERNS, LLM IN TAXATION ’03, received the Mary Tierney Service Award at the United Republican Club’s anniversary celebration.
Teresa M. Rodriguez ’04 was recently appointed chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Justice Sotomayor Diversity Award Committee for 2016. Rodriguez is assistant chief counsel to the Philadelphia regional office of the PA Human Relations Commission.

Donte Mills ’05 was profiled in the November 2015 issue of Black Enterprise magazine. Mills is a personal injury lawyer at Mills & Edwards, which has offices in Philadelphia and New York City.

Stradley Ronon announced that Randi J. Rabinowitz ’05 has been elected to the firm’s partnership. She practices in the firm’s Washington, DC office.

Jerrold Sulcove ’04 presented a live webinar entitled “Social Security Bootcamp: Disability Benefits from Application to Appeal” sponsored by the Federal Bar Association. Sulcove is a partner at the Law Office of Black and Davison in Chambersburg, PA.

Blank Rome announced that Stephanie C. Chometowski ’06 was elected a partner at Blank Rome in Philadelphia, where she focuses her practice on commercial litigation, business and intellectual property disputes, and white collar criminal defense and is an author for the firm’s blog, Tax Controversy Watch.

Pepper Hamilton announced that John P. Falco ’06 and William M. Taylor ’06 have been elected to partnership. Falco is a member of the financial services practice group in the Philadelphia office. Taylor is a member of the commercial litigation practice group in the firm’s Boston office.

In January 2016, Terri Gillespie ’06 was named partner at the Philadelphia firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel. Gillespie focuses on employment law.

Edward Levine ’06 was elected magisterial district judge in Montgomery County, PA in November 2015. Stradley Ronon announced that Marissa Parker ’07 has been elected to partnership in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

Chen I. To ’07 has been named of counsel at Rawle & Henderson. She is resident in the firm’s Philadelphia office, where she concentrates her practice on the defense of commercial motor vehicle companies, casually and premises liability matters, workers’ compensation litigation and employment law matters.

Tine Hansen-Turton ’07 was recently promoted to chief operating officer at Public Health Management Corporation. In addition, Hansen-Turton provides chief executive management and leadership, policy and administrative support for National Nursing Centers Consortium and Convenient Care Association.

In June 2015, Jordan Tinsley ’08 was named Outstanding Lawyer-Citizen by the Arkansas Bar Association and Arkansas Bar Foundation. Tinsley practices criminal defense law with Tinsley & Youngdahl in Little Rock, AR. Tinsley chairs the mock trial committee of the Arkansas Bar Association and helps run the state’s high school mock trial competition, in which he competed while in high school. He also serves on the Criminal Justice Act panel for the Eastern District of Arkansas, takes appointments from the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, and is a member of the board of directors of the Arkansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

In February 2016, Leslie A. Mariotti ’05 was named a co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s federal courts committee. Mariotti is a member of the employment and labor practice group in the Pittsburgh firm of Pietragallo Gordan Alfano Bosick & Raspantini.

The Blue Bell, PA firm, Wiser Pearse, announced that Edward A. Diaco ’15 has joined the firm as an associate in the education law practice group.

Jennifer J. Riley ’09 was invited to speak at the Young Women Rising: Igniting Our Voices Symposium, sponsored by the Souderton Area School District. The Law Offices of Jennifer J. Riley are located in Blue Bell and Wayne, PA.

Mike Sirkin ’09 was promoted to the partnership of Ross Aronstam & Moritz, a corporate litigation firm in Wilmington, DE.

2010s

In January 2016, Daniel E. O’Boyle, Jr. (with C. Hirtzel McNulty & Spaulding) joined Blank Rome as an associate in the litigation department. He is based in the Philadelphia office.

Charles Starnes ’11 has joined Weber Gallagher as an associate in the employment and civil rights and municipal liability practice groups of the Philadelphia office.

Paul Apicella ’12 has been named Penn State’s Title IX coordinator. Apicella joins Penn State from Drexel University, where he was deputy Title IX coordinator for students and Title IX compliance specialist since 2014.

In November 2015, Todd Eisenberg, LLM in Trial Advocacy ’12, was elected judge for the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Eisenberg was lead claims counsel for Peco Energy Company. Prior to that position, he was solicitor for several townships and boroughs, operated his own law practice and was a staff attorney for the Philadelphia Public Defender’s Office.

In January 2016, Terri Gillespie ’06 was named a co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s federal courts committee. Mariotti is a member of the employment and labor practice group in the Pittsburgh firm of Pietragallo Gordan Alfano Bosick & Raspantini.

The Blue Bell, PA firm, Wiser Pearse, announced that Edward A. Diaco ’15 has joined the firm as an associate in the education law practice group.

Reger Rizzo & Darnall announced that Andrew T. Domzalski ’15 has joined the corporate and business services group of the firm’s Philadelphia office.

Nicole Gill ’15 has joined Stradley Ronon as an associate in its Philadelphia office. She focuses her practice on complex civil litigation, representing corporate and institutional clients in a wide variety of business litigation matters.

The Philadelphia labor, employment, and workers’ compensation law firm William & Davidson has hired Danielle Newsome ’15. Previously, Newsome was an intern for the Sheller Center for Social Justice at Temple Law School.

Caithlin Rice ’15 is one of three new assistant district attorneys added to the staff of the Chester County, PA District Attorney’s Office, filling vacancies created by recent departures from the office. Rice is a former intern with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the county DA’s Office.


IN MEMORIAM

Howard Paul Kester ’58
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Chi-Ser Tran ’16

Student Takes Public Interest Award

DECEMBER 16, 2015 Chi-Ser Tran ’16, a Rubin-Presser Social Justice Fellow at Temple Law, was honored by the public interest section of the Philadelphia Bar Association at its annual awards ceremony. Tran received the Law Student Award, which recognizes commitment to public service, for her work serving immigrant and limited English proficient workers and communities.

Born to Cambodian refugees who escaped from the Khmer Rouge, Tran took on responsibility for helping her parents navigate countless legal and financial issues from a young age. Prior to law school, Tran was the voting rights organizer at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, where she coordinated the multilingual election protection project.

During law school, Tran spent a summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the employment unit at Community Legal Services and with the Office of the Solicitor for the U.S. Department of Labor. She has completed a clinical with the Sheller Center for Social Justice, where she contributed to advocacy projects with Asian Americans United and the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition. In addition to being a Rubin-Presser Social Justice Fellow, Tran received a Marutani Fellowship from the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

Tran is currently an intern at Nationalities Service Center, and—in her spare time—led Temple student participation in the 2015 Philadelphia Pro Bono Citizenship Day. She hopes to pursue a public interest law career.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 11:45am
EDWARD J. ROSS LECTURE
presented by Marina Kats ’88
Duane Morris LLP Moot Courtroom, Klein Hall

Friday, March 25, 2016, 8:30am–12:30pm
BETWEEN BORDERS REFUGEE SIMULATION
with Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales
National Constitution Center, 525 Arch St.
sponsored by the Temple Law & Public Policy Program
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Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at noon
HON. CLIFFORD SCOTT GREEN LECTURE
Slavery and Executive Power: The Haitian Revolution and American Constitutionalism
presented by Professor Robert J. Reinstein
Duane Morris LLP Moot Courtroom, Klein Hall

Thursday, April 7, 2016
Eric Holder presents
CURRENT TRENDS IN COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT, CLE

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:30–7:30pm
BLSA NETWORKING & ALUMNI RECEPTION
Honoring Joe Tucker Jr. ’89
Shusterman Hall

Hon. Arlin M. Adams 1921–2015

DECEMBER 22, 2015 Arlin M. Adams, a longtime friend and supporter of Temple University and the Beasley School of Law, died at home in Elkins Park, PA at the age of 94. A former judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Judge Adams was a leading figure in the Philadelphia legal community for much of his life and was short-listed by three presidents for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Adams earned his undergraduate degree from Temple University and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was editor-in-chief of the law review. He joined Schnader Harrison in 1947, then served as Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton’s secretary of public welfare before joining the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 1969 to 1987. Until January 2012, he was of counsel to Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis.

At Temple University, Adams served on the President’s Advisory Council. As a longtime friend and supporter of Temple Law, Adams and his wife established the Arlin and Neysa Adams Lecture, to support lectures in constitutional law.

Judge Adams is survived by his wife of 73 years, Neysa; daughters Carol Kirshner, Judith, and Jane; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Saturday, May 7, 2016

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with Professor Jan Ting Luncheon to follow

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