JUNE 21, 2011  In the wake of the settlement of a class action lawsuit concerning the use of investigative detentions—or “stop and frisk”—by Philadelphia police, the mayor has selected Dean JoAnne A. Epps to lead an independent outside audit of policies and practices. Mayor Michael Nutter’s announcement followed the settlement of Bailey v. City of Philadelphia, a case in which the American Civil Liberties Union sued the city over allegations that police officers used racial profiling to determine whom to stop, and that those stops were conducted with little or no justification.

“We do not want anyone in this city to feel in any way, shape, or form that their rights are being trampled on,” Nutter said. “Every Philadelphian, every American, deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.”

Epps shares Nutter’s sentiment. “For many people—particularly given the array of shows on television today—their first encounter with our legal system is with our criminal justice system. It’s crucial that our system be, and be perceived to be, fair.”

As an independent auditor, Epps is charged with analyzing existing proposals and procedures surrounding this controversial crime-fighting tactic, and will have the authority to recommend additional policies, practices, and procedures to ensure compliance. Epps’ recommendations will go directly to U.S. District Judge Stewart Dalzell, who approved the settlement in the lawsuit.

Epps plans to recruit Temple Law students to engage directly in the extensive research required for this task, and says that is a large part of what appealed to her in the assignment. “In addition to the pull of a call from the Mayor—whom I am honored to serve—what really inclined me to accept this assignment was the potential for law students to have an opportunity to see law in action, and in a setting directly at the heart of fairness and justice,” she says. “Together, law students and I can have hands-on involvement in the realities of law enforcement.”

The resulting audit is one component of a multi-tiered system of oversight that will be in effect by next year. The Police Department will create an electronic database into which stop-and-frisk reports will be entered. The database will track the searches, and allow others to analyze the data and audit the process regularly, to ensure that officers are conducting the searches legally. That data will be monitored by the Police Department’s Internal Affairs Bureau and the plaintiffs’ attorneys in the case.

INT’L INTERNSHIPS SPAN THE GLOBE

New Head Start Program opens doors to work opportunities for students in Rome.

During the last thirty years, Temple Law’s summer abroad program and maintenance of a campus in Rome, Italy has resulted in a rich relationship between Temple Law and the Italian legal community. For the last two years, the Office of Graduate and International Programs has expanded its program in Rome by conducting the Head Start program, in which Professors Rafael Pomata-Doria and Davide Sornishein teach Introduction to American Law to both Italian law students and licensed attorneys with the purpose of attracting Italian applicants to Temple’s LL.M. program.

Connections made through Head Start have proved beneficial to Temple students as well, as they seek internships with Italian firms and European non-governmental organizations.

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YLD AWARDS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Three at Temple are chosen for academics and community service

JUNE 16, 2011 The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awarded two Temple Law students and a recent graduate with diversity scholarships at its sixth annual diversity scholarship reception. Those selected were Temple Law students Sean-Tamba Matthew ’13 and Muthuramanan “Ramana” Rameswaran ’13, and recent graduate Sammetria L. Goodson ’11.

The diversity scholarships recognize excellence in academic performance, involvement in community service, and significant commitment to the Philadelphia area, according to YLD chair Carolyn Chopko, an attorney at Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig. Successful scholarship recipients are originally nominated by an “affinity bar.”

Goodson, who has accepted a position working for Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Leon Tucker, was nominated for the scholarship by the Philadelphia chapter of the National Bar Association’s Women Lawyers Division. “It is tremendously encouraging to receive the award because law students do a lot of work that is not reflected in their grades or in their GPAs,” says Goodson, who has volunteered with the North Philadelphia Arts and Culture Alliance and Sharon Baptist Church Legal Ministry.

“The scholarship really reflects that absolute passion that many of us have for serving the community.”

Matthew, who was nominated by the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia, says his interest in education and public service dates back to his undergraduate years at the University of Pennsylvania, when he co-developed the Financial Literacy Program for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Matthew, who just completed a summer law clerkship for Regional Housing Legal Services, is particularly interested in transactional law and hopes to counsel clients outside of the courtroom.

The South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia nominated Rameswaran, who spent summer 2011 as an associate with Page Wolberg & Wirth in Mechanicsburg, PA. He is interested in health care and intellectual property law and serves on the executive boards of the South Asian Law Student Association and the Health Law Society at Temple Law. An active member of his local ambulance squad in suburban Philadelphia, Rameswaran is also an Eagle Scout, who continues to serve as a merit badge counselor for his old Boy Scout troop.

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EU LAW EXPERT JOINS FACULTY

AUGUST 2011 Beginning this fall, Fernanda Georgina Nicola joins the faculty at Temple Law School, where she will teach EU law and serves on the executive boards of the South Asian Law Student Association and the Health Law Society at Temple Law. An active member of his local ambulance squad in suburban Philadelphia, Rameswaran is also an Eagle Scout, who continues to serve as a merit badge counselor for his old Boy Scout troop.

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FERNANDA G. NICOLA

Nicola, a native Italian speaker, is a natural for focusing on comparative EU-U.S. legal systems. She is also fluent in English, French, Spanish, and has a working knowledge of Portuguese. Her legal education has taken her back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean. Her undergraduate degree in political science as well as her law degree were earned at Turin University in Italy. In 2002, she completed an LLM at Harvard, then back to Italy (Trento University) for a Ph.D. in Comparative Private Law in 2006. In 2009, Nicola earned the highest degree available in the law, an S.J.D., degree, from Harvard.

Prior to teaching at American, Nicola was an adjunct professor at the New England School of Law. She has also taught at Harvard Law School and the University of Turin Law School at the ILO Training Center of Turin. Nicola’s broad-ranging areas of study include European and comparative law, the law of the EU, contracts and torts. Her thesis topic for her Harvard S.J.D. was “Deregulation and Harmonization in the Construction of Europe.” She is currently completing publications that range from “The False Promise of Decentralization in EU Cohesion Policy” to “Liability in the Bedroom: Common Law Torts and Civil Law Crimes.”

DOES WTO AGREEMENT AFFECT PUBLIC HEALTH?

In award-winning paper, Amy Sfara ’11 explores TRIPS effect on access to drugs in developing nations

JUNE 3, 2011 Amy Sfara ’11 won the Santa Clara International Law Writing Competition for her paper “The TRIPS Agreement and Its Implication on Access to Medicines in Developing Countries.” The award is accompanied by a $1000 prize and an invitation to present the paper as part of a panel on legal ethical issues in September 2011.

In announcing the award, the competition judges lauded Sfara’s work for its “originality, clarity, and analysis.” Professor Sophie Smyth, Sfara’s faculty advisor, concurred. “Amy’s paper, which analyzes the implications of the TRIPS agreement on the developing world’s access to life-saving pharmaceuticals, pulls no punches.”

TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) is an agreement governing the behavior of members of the World Trade Organization. In her paper, Sfara explores how the provisions of TRIPS—known as TRIPS-plus—are implemented—have failed to draw a reasonable balance between the corporate interests of the developed nations’ pharmaceutical companies, and the survival needs of the developing nations’ citizens. Sfara also explores how the TRIPS’ failure to strike that balance undermines the shared public health goals of developing countries’ development aid policies. Sfara writes that a globalized world and a globalized market have the potential to “exacerbate the distributional inequalities of the world” if inter-country disparities, capacities and needs are not adequately addressed in formal provisions that can be effectively and practically implemented.
NINE U.S. LAW DEANS TRAVEL TO CHINA

US-China legal education conference convenes in Beijing

JUNE 2011  The group of nine law school deans that arrived in Beijing, China for the Sino-U.S. Deans’ Summit represented the law schools of Temple, Berkeley, Chicago, Georgetown, Michigan, Penn, Stanford, Virginia and Yale.

Organized by the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, Tsinghua University Law School and University of Pennsylvania School of Law, the two-day summit was a unique opportunity for deans of U.S. law schools to meet with deans of ten top Chinese law schools to discuss the need for expanded cooperation as well as how law schools can be leveraged to improve the rule of law.

Temple, which began a formal partnership agreement with Tsinghua University in Beijing in 1997, has a long and deep history of rule of law programs in China. In addition to offering an LL.M. to Chinese attorneys and judges in partnership with Tsinghua, Temple has a memorandum of understanding with China University of Politics and Law in Beijing and with East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai, and has hosted numerous U.S.-China legal roundtables. Three of the ten Chinese deans at the conference had previously participated in Temple Law programs, either in Beijing or in Philadelphia.

At the Beijing conference, Temple’s Dean Joanne A. Epps presented models for Sino-U.S. collaboration in legal education, citing Temple’s LL.M. degree for Chinese lawyers, as well as the non-degree Judicial Education Program and scholarly roundtables on critical areas of Chinese law and legal education.

“Having the opportunity to join other U.S. law schools in thinking about the future of international legal education reaffirmed the importance of the breadth and impact of Temple’s programs,” says Epps. “It was clear that our efforts in China are widely known and highly regarded, and that China is now seeking additional collaborations to maximize the synergies that flow from international partnerships.”

At the conference’s conclusion, a joint committee was formed to find ways to collaborate. According to a written statement issued by the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, a working group of five deans from each country will look for ways to foster “multilateral exchanges between law schools, and to explore new initiatives that focus on substantial areas of law such as public health, the environment, and leadership.”

PA INNOCENCE PROJECT MARKS SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Temple-based nonprofit celebrates at Eastern State Penitentiary

MAY 24, 2011  In June 2010, Kenneth Granger was released from the custody of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections after serving 30 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. In May 2011, supporters of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project attending the group’s second anniversary at Eastern State Penitentiary gathered to hear the story of Granger’s release first-hand. The Pennsylvania Innocence Project brings together volunteer attorneys and students to identify and help exonerate individuals like Granger.

In addition to hearing the tragic details of Granger’s wrongful conviction and the inspiring events surrounding his release, guests had a rare after-hours opportunity to explore Eastern State, once home to such notorious offenders as Al Capone and escape artist “Slick Willie” Sutton. They were treated to refreshments from Jack’s Firehouse, private tours of the infamous cell blocks and the newly renovated Jewish synagogue, an inmate art show presented by the City of Philadelphia’s Mural Arts Restorative Justice Program, and a customized scavenger hunt—the Innocence Puzzle.

Housed at Temple University and made possible by Beasley School of Law, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project center is headed by Executive Director Richard C. Glazer ’69, who also chairs the city’s ethics board, and Legal Director Marissa Boyers Bluestine ’95, who left the Defender Association of Philadelphia to join the project. Under the supervision of these two Temple Law alumni and other volunteer attorneys, students from Temple and other area law schools strive to prove the innocence of Pennsylvania inmates who have been wrongfully convicted. Some cases involve new DNA testing, while others are investigated through more traditional methods.

INT’L INTERNSHIPS

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During summer 2011, students studying in Rome were able to broaden their classroom experience through a wide range of internships.

• MATTHEW PACKARD ’13 sampled both the Italian civil code and international law at Petrucci e Petrucci, where he had the opportunity to attend civil hearings, observe at the Criminal Tribunale, and assist in preparing cross-border contracts for Petrucci’s internationally-based theme park clients.

• FIAMMA RAND ’12 interned at Corranda Ferrai Mainieri Pedfererti Societa, a law firm with offices in Rome and Milan.

• At the international law firm of Vitale & Partners, JOSH GALVIN ’12 had the opportunity to research a range of international finance issues.

• As an intern at Studio Legale Imporda, Transnational LL.M. student BRANDON BRUCE ’12 attended patent and trademark prosecution hearings, researched EU regulations, and wrote an article on a recent Ninth Circuit trademark case that he plans to submit for publication.

STUDENTS INTERN FOR NGOs IN EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA, AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Temple Law students also interned at several international public interest and public service organizations abroad this summer.

• JOHN IANNACONE ’13, who went to Rome with a specific interest in international public law, obtained an internship with the United Nations’ World Food Programme.

• CAMILO RINCÓN CAMACHO ’13 interned at the International Center for Transitional Justice in Colombia.

• AIMEE HAYNES ’12 divided her summer between the African Center for Legal Excellence in Kampala, Uganda and the U.S. Department of State Consular Section in Shenyang, China.

• RACHEL STEENHOLDT ’12 investigated farmer suicides for the Human Rights Law Network’s Right to Food Initiative in New Delhi, India.

• AMY DRAFINK ’12 interned at the International Law Institute – African Centre for Legal Excellence, based in Kampala, Uganda.

• XIMENA FLORES-CARVAJAL ’13 interned at the Documentation Center of Cambodia, based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
REINSTEIN QUESTIONS SCOPE OF PRESIDENT’S POWER TO RECOGNIZE FOREIGN STATES

At issue in the Supreme Court case *MBZ v. Clinton* is whether a 2002 law directing the State Department to record Israel as the place of birth for American children born in Jerusalem has Congress stepping too far into executive branch territory. The justices “directed the two sides to address the broad question of whether the law ‘impermissibly infringes the president’s power to recognize foreign sovereigns.’” That power rooted in the constitutional text, but not in an especially obvious way. The courts have said the president’s authority to ‘receive ambassadors and other public ministers’ implies the power to recognize foreign governments. A recent article in the *University of Richmond Law Review* argued that the original understanding of the clause concerning ambassadors did not support that leap. ‘The Constitution, by its terms, does not give the president the power to recognize foreign states or governments,’ wrote ROBERT J. REINSTEIN, a law professor at Temple University.” —July 26, 2011, New York Times

KAIRYS CALLS COVENANTS BANNING UNION-ORGANIZING ‘UN-AMERICAN’

When Sands Casino sold land to Bethlehem development partners, the deeds banned union organizing and activities that a reasonable casino operator would consider offensive … “DAVID KAIRYS, a constitutional law professor at Temple University, said case law dating to the 1940s shows that covenants such as deed restrictions have constitutional limitations. For example, covenants can’t be used for racial discrimination, even on private property. After reviewing the Sands’ restrictions, Kairys said he expected courts would extend that reasoning to the First Amendment as well. He said free speech, with some restrictions, is guaranteed on public sidewalks, streets and parks. ‘It’s un-American and so clearly wrong,’ Kairys said, referring to the restrictions. ‘Justices—liberal or conservative—would invalidate these restrictions.’” —June 28, 2011, Allentown Morning Call

SLATE REPORTER DEFINES ‘GIFT’ WITH ASSIST FROM BARON

In response to the news that Charlie Sheen had asked his ex-girlfriend to return an expensive car after the couple broke up, Slate’s “Explainers” explored whether recipients must respond when people demand the return of gifts, and thanked JANE BARON of Temple’s Beasley School of Law for her help in providing the answer: “As all law students know, there are three elements—that’s lawyer-talk for requirements—in gift-giving: donative intent, delivery, and acceptance. In other words, the giver must intend to give the thing away, it must actually change hands, and the recipient has to take it. (Acceptance is rarely an issue in legal disputes.) Without all three, the original owner can demand his property back.” —July 29, 2011, Slate

URBAN AREAS MORE FAVORABLE FOR PLAINTIFFS, SAYS OHLBAUM

“The parents of an 11-year-old girl who died after falling off a Ferris wheel in Wildwood last month have sued the amusement park. . . . The filing of the suit in Philadelphia likely represents a strategic move on the part of the plaintiffs. The [parents’] attorneys have argued that Pennsylvania is the appropriate jurisdiction because the amusement park does business and markets itself there. Philadelphia is widely considered a favorable venue for plaintiffs’ suits. The jury verdicts are substantially larger and more frequently returned in Philadelphia than they are, for example, in the counties,” said EDWARD D. OHLBAUM, a Temple University law professor. ‘That’s not inconsistent with most major urban areas.’” —July 9, 2011, Philadelphia Inquirer

DEAN PRAISES PROSECUTOR APPOINTMENT

Temple Law School graduate Kevin Harden, Jr. ‘10 is among Philadelphia’s newest city prosecutors. “Harden is a rarity among city prosecutors—someone who lived both sides of the law, went straight, and now prosecute people for doing the kinds of things he once did . . . [Temple Law Dean JOANNE] EPPS, who recommended Harden for an internship with Common Pleas Court Judge Leon Tucker, calls Harden a “real special guy . . . engaging, smart, and thoughtful.”’ —July 4, 2011, Philadelphia Inquirer

TING IS COMMENTATOR ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

Temple Law Professor JAN TING appeared on a roundtable which considered Philadelphia Council redistricting, teacher ratings, Phillysstat and the federal debt ceiling. Commenting on President Obama’s press conference on raising the debt ceiling, Ting said Obama had not done a good job at convincing the public: “We’re absolutely running out of time . . . all the polls say that the American people do not believe we need to raise the debt ceiling.” —July 10, 2011, 6ABC-TV’s Inside Story

KNAUER COMMENTS ON HOMOSEXUALITY AS “CONTAGION”

Presidential hopeful Micheile Bachmann’s views on homosexuality are coming under scrutiny. Past statements imply that a gay lifestyle is a choice or contagion. “The belief that homosexuality is highly contagious is at the heart of the perspective . . . shared by the Bachmanns and many other conservative Christians, but it is not new. As NANCY KNAUER, a Temple University law professor, has written, the notion of homosexuality as a contagion has been a staple of American culture for almost 100 years, if not longer. Among the tenets of the contagion model Knauer describes are the ideas that homosexuality is a choice, that homosexuals target children, and that ‘everyone in society is potentially at risk because homosexuality is very seductive and, apparently, has universal appeal.’” —July 20, 2011, Slate

RAMJI-NOGALES SAYS IMMIGRATION CASES ARE CLOGGING FEDERAL COURTS

“Despite the nationwide hiring of more than 40 additional judges in the past year, the number of deportation cases, asylum claims, and green-card fraud prosecutions in America’s 59 immigration courts is at an all-time high: 275,000, and climbing. . . . There is money for ‘night vision goggles for border patrols,’ said Temple University law professor JAYA RAMJI-NOGALES, coauthor of the book Refuge Roulette, but ‘next to nothing to fix the problems of the courts.’” —July 18, 2011, Philadelphia Inquirer

PRESIDENT GETS MIXED MESSAGES ON LIBYA FROM HOUSE, SAYS SPIRO

“The House voted to reject President Obama’s introduction of U.S. forces into the conflict in Libya, defeating a resolution that would have officially authorized that operation. . . . The House then voted on an even more aggressive rebuke of Obama: a proposal to strip away part of the funding for the Libyan campaign. The House’s surprising mixed decision could ease congressional pressure on Obama, at least for now. . . . It shows Congress’s tendency towards indecision on these kinds of questions,” said PETER SPIRO, a law professor at Temple University. ‘The White House will look at this as business as usual.’” —June 24, 2011, Washington Post

TENGOES TO THE RECORD
**CELL PHONE LEGISLATION—DOES IT WORK?**

Scott Burris joins cross-disciplinary study to see which ‘distracted driver’ laws save lives

**JUNE 2011** Cell phone distractions account for more than 300,000 car crashes annually. Not surprisingly, more and more states are scrambling to crack down on the use of mobile devices while driving. But a recently-released study, led by a Temple University team from the law school and the public health department, found a widening gap between the evidence on distracted driving and the laws being passed to address the problem.

Professor of Law Scott Burris and public health law researcher Evan Anderson ’07 joined with a professor of public health at Temple, Jennifer Ibrahim, to research and publish a hard-hitting article in the June 2011 issue of *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. The article featured a study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which documented how distracted driving laws vary across states and how they have evolved over time, and demonstrated a method that successfully measures the relationship between laws and health outcomes for use in scientific studies. The resulting dataset, accessible online, reflects differences in the state laws that include restricted activities, regulated devices, classes of drivers and fine amounts.

The team’s conclusion: Despite the increase in distracted driving laws, it is unclear whether any will have their desired effect, and there is evidence that driver use of mobile devices is increasing. “There is considerable evidence,” says Anderson, “that most of the risk of using communication devices while driving comes from the cognitive strain of doing both things at once and not the manual manipulation of the device.” Currently, all states that prohibit cell phone use by all drivers provide exceptions for hands-free use. Yet, the authors remain confident that continuing innovation by states and subsequent evaluation by researchers will eventually yield effective policy.

“By capturing variation in these laws in the laboratories of the states in a form that scientists can use in empirical analyses, our study is the first step toward understanding which laws really do curb distracted driving, and thus can reduce related crashes and associated injuries and fatalities,” says Burris.

Burris began his career in public health law during the early days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and edited the first systematic legal analysis of HIV in the U.S., *AIDS and the Law*. “This work is an extension of my efforts to promote research that pushes the boundaries of what we know about the relationship between law and population health.”

Burris has been on the faculty of Temple Law since 1994, and directs 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 Center for Law and the Public’s Health: A Collaborative at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities. Anderson, who collaborated on the paper, is a researcher at the Public Health Law Research Program housed at Temple Law, and a doctoral student in public health whose interests include social epidemiology and empirical legal studies.

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**1960s**

**FREDERIK M. WENTZ ’56** has again been nominated and confirmed as a commissioner on the State Transportation Commission where he will continue as the vice-chairman. He was first appointed in 1992 by Governor Casey, reappointed by Governors Ridge and Rendell, and now by Governor Corbett. Wentz is a senior partner in the Montgomery County law firm of McGilton Wentz.

**1970s**

**MARCEL L. GREEN ’70** was recently appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve as a hearing committee member in the District II disciplinary district. Groen, a partner in the Bell Blue, PA office of Fox Rothschild, is also a member of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee and one of eight Pennsylvanians on the Democratic National Committee.

In March 2011, MARC ROBERT STEINBERG ’73, managing partner of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford in Lansdale, PA, spoke at the Criminal Law and Forensics Conference hosted by Lancaster Area Paralegal Association. Steinberg’s topic was “Internet Child Pornography and Sex Crimes: Defending the Seemingly Indefensible.”

**THEODORE SIMON ’74** was sworn in as second vice-president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in August. Simon has been in private practice in Philadelphia for the last 37 years.

**BRIAN RAUSER ’77** recently retired from the bench of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, AZ after serving since 1991. He is now counsel of The Doyle Law Firm in Phoenix, working as an arbitrator, mediator and discovery master.

**SETH WEBER ’78** retired after 26 years as a federal prosecutor. Weber, who headed the Allentown branch of the U.S. attorney’s office since 2002, retired in June after 26 years as an assistant U.S. attorney.

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**1980s**

**SUSAN SCHNEIDER THOMAS ’80**, a partner at Berger & Montague in Philadelphia, and **DAVID B. ZLOTNICK ’80**, of counsel at Krause Kalfayan Benrik & Slavens in San Diego, CA, were part of a national team of lawyers who represented Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys, a whistle blower. In the last several years, they have helped Ven-A-Care recovered more than $1 billion for the U.S. and various states in Medicare and Medicaid fraud actions against a number of major pharmaceutical companies.

**CYNTHIA B. BATT ’81** has kept his position as Director of Clinical Programs at Temple Law to join the faculty of Stetson University College of Law in Tampa, FL, where she will teach and direct the clinical program.

**BRIAN D. SPECTOR ’81** has been elected president of the Syracuse University Alumni Association. He also serves on the Syracuse University Board of Trustees. Spector is a founding shareholder of Spector & Ehrenworth in Florham Park, NJ.

**KEVIN C. O’MALLEY ’82** has joined Butzel Long as a shareholder in the firm’s Lansing, MI office, where he concentrates his practice on banking, corporate, and commercial real estate matters.

**LEONARD BERNSTEIN ’83**, a partner in Reed Smith’s Philadelphia office, received the 2011 Sean Halpin Award for his pro bono work with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) and leadership in community public interest work. The recognition includes a $10,000 donation from Reed Smith to a nonprofit organization designated by the winner. Bernstein plans to divide the money between BBBS and the Support Center for Child Advocates, where he is chair of the board.

**CLAIRE A. RAUSCHER ’83** has joined Womble Carlyle’s white collar criminal defense team based in Charlotte, NC. Rauscher joins the firm after six years with the Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina, where she was the organization’s first executive director.

Reed Smith announced the return of litigation MARYLIN M. HEFFLEY ’84 to the firm. She will be of counsel in the financial industry group in the Philadelphia office. Heffley rejoins Reed Smith from Santoro, where she was chief litigation counsel.
MARC S. RASPANTI ’84 was the featured speaker at the American Health Lawyers Association’s Healthcare Liability and Litigation and Labor and Employment Joint Practice Groups annual luncheon in June 2011.

ERIC P. ROTHEBERG ’84 presented an educational seminar in June 2011 for injured workers. The program reviewed the Workers’ Compensation Act and how it affects an injured worker already receiving benefits. Rothenberg limits his practice to representation of injured workers at Rothberg & Federman in Bensalem, PA.

SUSAN M. ERlichman ’86, executive director of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, has been appointed to the American Bar Association’s Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts Commission.

RidgeMech Investments announced that JOSEPH M. O’DONNELL ’86 was appointed managing director of the Atlanta, GA firm. In addition, he was elected by the Board of Trustees of RidgeMech Funds as executive vice president and chief compliance officer. O’Donnell previously served as RidgeMech Fund’s chief compliance officer.

Solo practitioner KENNETH H. RYESKY ’86 teaches at Queens College CUNY and was a panelist at a continuing professional education seminar, “How to Keep Tax-Exempt Organizations in Compliance.”

LORI K. SHMETOB ’87 spoke to the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists regarding recent changes in the custody statute. Shmetob, of Shmetob Law, is former chair of the family law section of the Montgomery Bar Association, and currently serves on the Council of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s family law section and the Montgomery Bar Association’s judiciary committee.

NANCY WINKLER ’87, of Eisenberg Rothweiler Winkler Eisenberg & Jacks, has been elected vice president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and will be president next year. Winkler also recently spoke at the Pennsylvania Association for Justice seminar, “Historic Changes: New Joint and Several Liability Laws.”

STUART M. BROWN ’88 has been selected to act as managing partner of PLA Piper’s new Philadelphia, DE office.

ROBERT M. CAPLAN ’98 recently joined White and Williams as an associate in the firm’s subrogation practice group. He practices exclusively in the field of insurance subrogation. He will reside in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

OTTO O. MEYERS III ’98 was recently named Corporate Executive of the Year by the Houston Chapter of the National Black MBA Association. He also received a Congressional Citation from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. Meyers is in-house counsel with Shell Oil, where he is the general manager of North America Fuels Operations Support. He recently completed a term as an international trade adviser to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

DIANA BOYAR ’99 was recently sworn in as a judge in the Criminal Court of the City of New York. Prior to becoming a judge, she worked at Bronx Defender Services.

NEW LEADERSHIP IN PLACE FOR LAW FOUNDATION

Grant Rawdin ’87 is new president, Murray Shusterman ’36 steps down after 19 years of service

JUNE 8, 2011 Murray Shusterman ’36 was fated at the biannual meeting of the Law Foundation, as he stepped down after leading the organization since 1992. He was succeeded as president of the law school’s major fund-raising organization by Grant Rawdin ’87.

Rawdin has long been an active and supportive alumnus who joined the Law Foundation Board of Directors in 2008. He is well-prepared and eager to take over the helm. “I am honored to follow in the esteemed footsteps of Murray Shusterman. The foundation has an important purpose and, with continued alumni support, will help keep the law school in the forefront of legal education. I look forward to working with Dean Edgar, his colleagues and the members of the Foundation in our exciting visions for the future.”

Rawdin is president and CEO of Wescott Financial Advisory Group LLC. He founded the firm in 1987, together with the law firm of Duane Morris. In addition to being an attorney, Rawdin is an accountant and a certified financial planner who has been named annually by Barron’s Magazine as one of the nation’s “Top 100 Financial Advisors.”

The departing president, a senior counsel at Fox Rothschild in Philadelphia, has long been known for his commitment—and generosity—to the law school. In 1997, Shusterman Hall was named in recognition of a $1 million gift that supported the renovation of the law school’s conference hall. Shusterman has also shared his legal expertise with Temple Law students by teaching corporate and real estate law as an adjunct professor for 32 years. He continues to sit on the law school’s Board of Visitors and is an Honorary Life Trustee of Temple University.

Before joining Fox Rothschild, he was a deputy city solicitor in Philadelphia and counsel for the Commission on Human Relations and for City Council, and also served as vice president for the City Board of Health.

The law foundation was formed in 1959 to consolidate and bolster the school’s fundraising efforts. Shusterman helped found the leadership group along with other distinguished alumni including Judge Charles Klein ’21, Samuel Lander ’31, and Judge Ethan Allen Doty ’31. The founders envisioned a body that would assist law students through scholarships and financial aid, provide funds for legal research, improve the operation of legal services, attract outstanding scholars to the faculty and support distinguished guest lecturers.

Years of dedication and diligent fundraising by the Law Foundation increased the school’s endowment enormously. Income from this fund is distributed annually for such things as student scholarships, loan forgiveness for students working in public interest, and research grants for professors. The law school’s physical plant has grown to include two new buildings, Shusterman Hall Conference Center and Barrack Hall in addition to Klein Hall. Today, the full-time faculty totals over 70, and the school now offers four LL.M. degrees in Philadelphia and one in China.

WOMEN’S WORLD CUP FINALISTS REPRESENTED BY JOHN LANGEL ’74

JULY 17, 2011 When the U.S. women’s national soccer team met Japan in the final round of the World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany, Ballard Spahr partner John Langel ’74 was in the stands. He was there not only as a fan, but as the team’s lawyer.

Langel, who chairs Ballard Spahr’s labor and employment practice, has represented athletes for years, including 76ers coach Doug Collins and former Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski.

Langel took on the women’s soccer team in 1998, one year before Mia Hamm and Julie Foudy’s team captured the World Cup. Although this summer’s final match ended in a heartbreaking loss to Japan decided by penalty kicks, Langel remains an ardent fan and advocate.

When the women selected Langel to represent them, the team had a contract with U.S. Soccer and the players felt they were not receiving benefits equal to the U.S. men’s team, such as quality hotels and travel accommodations and additional staff like a massage therapist, equipment managers and trainers. In late 1998, Langel helped settle those issues with U.S. Soccer. He has negotiated two employment contracts with U.S. Soccer, the latest of which expires at the end of 2012. He also negotiated their participation in two professional soccer leagues, the latest being Women’s Professional Soccer that includes the Philadelphia Independence.

PRESIDENT OF WOMEN’S LAW GROUP CITES ‘PLATEAU’ IN GAINS

JULY 11, 2011 Heather Giordaniella ’98, counsel at Drinker Biddle & Reath in Philadelphia, was sworn in as president of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL). In her acceptance speech, she quoted statistics showing that some of women’s gains in the law have leveled off. In the decade that NAWL has been surveying the profession, women continue to constitute about 15 percent of equity partners in firms and make up about 85 percent of what their male counterparts earn.

Since its founding in 1899, NAWL has been involved in many of the critical campaigns for the advancement of women in and out of the legal sector. The organization supported suffrage, helped women lawyers earn the ability to work independently, advocated for the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice and helped women have more of an equal footing in the military. But when it comes to professional endeavors of female lawyers, that collective success has hit a plateau.

Giordaniella, who practices in the areas of commercial litigation and employment law, said, “What’s frustrating for me is that we’re plateaued. What is the cause of the plateau? Why can’t we get over that hurdle?”

A few years ago, NAWL challenged all sectors of the legal profession to get the number of women in their organizations to 30 percent by 2015. “We need to continue to advocate for women to be in leadership positions in law firms,” says Giordaniella, “because giving women those opportunities definitely helps overall in the retention and promotion of women.”
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In addition to keynote speaker Professor Kohn, the following experts will be featured:

- Eric Carlson, National Senior Citizens Law Center
- Kim Dayton, Center for Elder Justice and Policy, William Mitchell Law School
- Carolyn Dessin, University of Akron Law School
- Larry Frolik, University of Pittsburgh Law School
- Alicia Kelly, Widener Law School
- Nancy J. Knauer, Temple Law School
- Debra Kroll, Temple Elder Law Project
- Elizabeth Loewy, Elder Abuse Unit, New York County District Attorney’s Office

To learn more about the symposium, go to www.law.temple.edu/aging

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Shortly after legislation establishing same-sex marriage was passed in New York State, ALPHONSO B. DAVID ’00 participated in a forum with Brian Ellner, a senior strategist at Human Rights Campaign, the group which led the successful campaign. David and Ellner provided a behind-the-scenes look at the coalition-building strategies of Governor Cuomo’s Administration and of the Human Rights Campaign that resulted in the passage of the law in June 2011. David is a special advisor to the Commissioner for New York State Division of Human Rights.

KASSEM LUCAS ’00 has been named partner in charge of diversity at Pepper Hamilton, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation.

JOAN V. METZLER ’00 has been promoted to director of admissions at Quinnipiac University School of Law in Hamden, CT. She has worked at Quinnipiac since 2007.

TOOM D. SAILES ’00 was elected partner at Begley Carlin & Mandio in Langhorne, PA.

STEVEN B. WITTENBERG, J.D. ’01, LL.M. ’08, has joined the SEI Wealth Network in Oaks, PA as the director of legacy planning.

In 2012, NIKKI JOHNSON-HUSTON ’04, a tax attorney for the City of Philadelphia Law Department, will be going to India for four to six weeks as an Eisenhower Fellow. The Eisenhower Fellowship program selects eight to ten high-achieving mid-career U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents for an individually-designed program in the country of their choice. In India, Johnson-Huston plans to work with the homeless and children living in poverty.

KAREN M. SANCHEZ, J.D., M.B.A. ’04 is now an associate in the commercial, real estate and public finance group in the Philadelphia office of Thorp Reed & Armstrong.

ROYCE W. SMITH ’04, LL.M. ’08 of the personal injury law firm Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig has been re-elected minority caucus delegate to the American Association for Justice. He is also an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at Drexel University’s Earl Mack School of Law.

RICHARD L. FRANKEL ’05 has been named a partner at the Cherry Hill, NJ firm of Bross & Group, where he oversees the veterans disability benefits practice. Frankel joined Bross & Group as an associate in 2006.

DARIO PACE ’06 is currently living in Bangkok, Thailand, where he is spending three months studying violence prevention, mediation, compromise building and the philosophy of peace building at Chulalongkorn University. Pace, a member of the Philadelphia Police Department, was sponsored by a Peace Fellowship Scholarship from Rotary International.

MICHAEL P. ALFORD ’08 recently joined Begley Carlin, a Bucks County, PA law firm, as an associate in the areas of appellate and school law. Alford was previously a law clerk to Judge Albert J. Cepparulo in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas.

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MARIASOM DELGADO ’10 has joined the Blue Bell, PA full service family law firm, Shentob Law.

In October, MARY ARNOLD ’11 joins the Bronx County (NY) District Attorney’s Office as an assistant district attorney.

JACOB GINSBURG ’11 is working for the consumer protection firm of Kimmell & Silverman in Ambler, PA. He will be doing financial/credit law, as well as representing employees in employment discrimination cases.

LAURA E. HUGHES ’11 is an associate in Morgan Lewis’ litigation practice. Hughes earned a master’s degree in economics from Temple University concurrent with her law degree.

JEFFREY L. VAGLE ’11 has joined the Philadelphia office of Pepper Hamilton where he will practice commercial litigation.

This month, KATRINA YOUNG ’11 begins a three-year commitment as an assistant defender at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, where she will represent indigent criminal defendants at the trial level.
JUNE 2011 An ambitious group of Temple Law students conceived of Students for Students as a response to what they describe as the “school to prison pipeline,” in which zero tolerance policies push children out of school, often for issues like wardrobe or tardiness, depriving them of the opportunities that access to a basic education affords. Students for Students, led by Julia Melle ’13 and Diane Akerman ’13, proposes a three-pronged solution to interrupt what they see as a vicious cycle: direct advocacy by representing students at school disciplinary hearings (a right many families do not know they have); empowerment through “know your rights” materials and community education sessions; and organizing with a toolkit for other law students seeking to create similar groups in Philadelphia and across the country.

The initiative is one of three student projects nationally selected to receive funding from the ABA section of litigation’s annual Good Works Project. The winning projects receive funding and support over the following year.

Students Win ABA Funding Project aims to interrupt ’school to prison pipeline’

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 PA SUPERIOR COURT SESSION Duane Morris LLP Moot Court Room, 9:30 am

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 DEAN’S ALUMNI RECEPTION Washington, DC, 6-8 pm

Thursday, October 6, 2011 TLA GOLF CLASSIC Huntington Valley Country Club For more information visit www.mytlawconnection.com/TLAGolf 8 am-1:30 pm

Monday October 17, 2011 DEAN’S ALUMNI RECEPTION New York City, 6-8 pm

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 POLSKY Moot COURT COMPETITION FINAL ROUND Duane Morris LLP Moot Court Room, 4-6 pm

Saturday, October 22, 2011 SYMPOSIUM Aging in the US: The Next Civil Rights Movement Klein Hall, Room 28, 8:30 am-5:30 pm See article this page

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AGING IN THE US: THE NEXT CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT?
Symposium will explore elder law today

A one-day symposium Saturday, October 22, 2011 Klein Hall, Room 28 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Is it possible—as the symposium’s keynote speaker Professor Nina Kohn suggests—that we all run the risk of “outliving” our civil rights? Over the next thirty years, the senior population of the U.S. will increase dramatically. The number of individuals aged 65 and older will double, and the number of individuals aged 85 and older will nearly triple. By 2040, one out of every five Americans will be 65 or older. This one-day symposium, organized by I. Herman Stern Professor of Law Nancy J. Knauss, will explore elder law and aging policy from a civil rights perspective and begin the important task of rethinking equality across the lifespan. More than twenty leading scholars and advocates will engage cutting edge public policy issues regarding health care, guardianships, caregiving, institutionalized elders, and the special needs of minority populations. The symposium seeks to move the conversation beyond the traditional elder law topics of estate planning, benefit eligibility, and health care financing and ask whether it is time for a new civil rights movement.