Chinese officials learn unfamiliar U.S. legal concepts such as plea bargaining

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January 22, 2003 The Chinese have a long memory when it comes to academic favors—a fact that helped score Temple University an educational coup.

Temple is the only American university currently providing intensive academic training as U.S. law for Chinese judges, prosecutors and government officials as China pushes to modernize its Soviet-era economic and legal system.

An unusual scene played out in Room 5A in Temple’s law school last week. Several federal prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Philadelphia and a retired FBI agent talked shop with 25 Chinese prosecutors about tackling official corruption and organized crime.

The group discussed how to cultivate informants, how to work undercover and how the American system gets witnesses to talk while protecting them from violence. (Witnesses are not expected to appear in Chinese courts.)

“The rule of law has come to China. It is absolutely clear they are interested in dramatic changes in their legal system,” said Edward Olthbaum, a Temple law professor who established a course on American criminal trial advocacy for the Chinese. “And the country has recognized that too much official corruption and bribery have gotten in the way of progress.”

Indelible rights are no longer a punchline when it comes to China,” Olthbaum said.

The seeds of last week’s unusual gathering were planted in the 1970s, when Temple professors were among the first to visit China and participate in leader Deng Xiaoping’s efforts to reverse the effects of China’s repressive Cultural Revolution.

Temple also became the first American university to host Chinese scholars under a 1970s policy permitting Chinese students to attend American schools. When Deng visited the United States in 1979, as the two nations formalized relations, he chose to accept an honorary degree from only one American university—Temple.

So as today’s Chinese leaders looked for expertise to understand America’s legal system, they turned again to Temple. It didn’t hurt that Temple had been running a program in Tokyo to educate the Japanese about America’s legal system.

The interaction with the Chinese, which began in 1998 at China’s request, has been a boon to Temple professors, and indirectly, to their students.

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Ting Named Asian American Law Professor of the Year

Professor Ian Ting recently received the 2003 Asian American Law Professor of the Year Award. Professor Ting is the first recipient of the award, presented by the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Asian and Pacific American community.

When he joined Temple Law in 1977, Ting became one of the first Asian American law professors to be appointed in the U.S. During the course of his career, he has made significant contributions to the Asian American community as a founding member of the Asian Pacific American Legal Scholars and Delaware Valley and as the founding sponsor of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association at Temple Law. The son of Chinese immigrants, he was integral in the establishment of Temple University’s Beijing Masters of Law program, and has taught in that city on many occasions. The Legal Intelligencer named Ting one of “Pennsylvania’s 50 most influential minority attorneys” in 2002 for his work throughout the Philadelphia area and the state.

Known as an international authority on immigration law, Ting was one of the highest-ranking Asian Americans ever to be appointed to the Department of Justice when he served as assistant commissioner for refugees, asylum and parole at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) from 1990-1993. Ting also was chairman and commissioner of the Delaware State Personnel Commission, and a member of the Civil Rights Reviewing Authority of the U.S. Department of Education.

This month, Ting was invited to participate on two panels of national significance. At the Sixth Public Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States—the 9/11 Commission—he discussed preventive detention as a means of combating terrorism. Ting also joined U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Anthony J. Scirica and New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis in a discussion of the landmark case Gideon v. Wainwright at a panel hosted by the National Constitution Center.


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“This is fabulous for our faculty,” said Dean Robert Reinstein. “We’re learning about the relationship of politics and culture to the development of a legal system.”

Given the growing globalization of the economy, the interaction will be fruitful for Temple law students too, as professors get better acquainted with the laws of a major trading partner. Reinstein said more Philadelphia businesses will be trading internationally and they will need lawyers who have a familiarity with international and foreign legal systems. He said Temple hoped to set up a program for its own law students to study in China.

Among those who have already gone through the program are Chinese judges, including several from China’s supreme court, as well as prosecutors and the chief draftsmen of legislation for the People’s Congress. Several Chinese minority lawyers have also been enrolled, including six lawyers from Tibet.

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November, 2003: Professor Scott Burris and John Smagula traveled to China in November as part of an effort to organize a roundtable on health law to be held summer 2004.

Professor Frank M. McClellan participated in the Sino-U.S. Conference on Chinese Tort Law in Beijing, China, where he made a presentation on the U.S. approach to claims for emotional distress. Also participating in the October, 2003 conference were Professors Phoebe Haddoon, Mark Rahdert and William Woodward.

Visiting Professor Marcia Mulkey devoted her first semester at Temple primarily to working relating to Temple’s China programs, including attendance at two major environmental law conferences in China in November and a series of meetings and presentations in Shanghai and Beijing relating to China and environmental law.

I. Herman Stern Professor of Law Frank M. McClellan presented a lecture, “Practicing Medicine in a Society With High Expectations: Strategies to Manage the Risks of Lawsuits” to the Student National Medical Association of the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Professor Phoebe A. Haddoon was honored by the ACLAU of Pennsylvania at its annual dinner. In October, Haddoon participated in a Sino-American Forum of Chinese Tort Law at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Haddoon also planned and participated in the Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review Beck Symposium in November, where she presented “How the Supreme Court’s Recent Affirmative Action Cases Can Help Shape Our Thinking About Jury Selection and Participation.”

During fall 2003, Professor Alice G. Abreu spoke at the Southern Federal Tax Institute in Atlanta, at the University of Texas Tax Conference in Austin and at a CIBR Conference in Tucson, and participated in the Philadelphia Tax Conference. Abreu continues to serve as a supervising editor of the ABA tax section’s NewsQuarterly, in which she recently introduced a new humor feature entitled “Tax Bites.”

The American Bar Association Commission on the Status of Women has selected Professor Roberta A. Epps as the recipient of the prestigious Margaret Brent Award at the August, 2004 annual meeting in Atlanta. (See June, 2004 issue of ESQ, for details.)

James E. Beasley Professor of Law Scott Burris was honored in September 2003 by Prevention Point Philadelphia, the local needle exchange, for his contributions to the harm reduction movement. Burris was also a co-conventer of a meeting at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale devoted to improvement of research on the health impact of law enforcement practices. A related presentation on the effect of policing on the health of drug users was accepted by the Milbank Quarterly.

Professor Richard B. Cappalli has submitted testimony to the advisory committee of the Federal Appellate Rules. That committee is considering a rule amendment which would permit citation by lawyers of the thousands of federal appellate opinions which have been labeled “not for publication” or “not for citation.” Cappalli’s testimony is based on his study, “The Common Law’s Case Against Non-Precedential Opinions,” published in a special issue of the Southern California Law Review.

Associate Professor Susan J. DeJarnatt’s article about language and the school reform process, “The Philadelphia Story: Rhetoric and School Reform” will appear this spring in the UM-AC Law Review. In addition, DeJarnatt served on the faculty for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania bankruptcy conference’s annual education forum in January.

Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government Jeffrey L. Dunoff, Director of L.L.M. in Transnational Law and Codirector of the Institute of International Law and Public Policy, was recently elected to the American Law Institute, and is a member of the Institute’s members’ council. Dunoff’s group work includes the principles of trade law. Dunoff recently published “The Post-Doha Trade Agenda: Questions about Constituents, Competence and Cohesion,” in The WTO and the Doha Round: The Changing Face of World Trade (Buckley, ed.) and “Is the World Trade Organization Fair to Developing States?” in the American Society for International Legal Proceedings.


Associate Professor Thersea Glennon spoke on strategies for achieving approval of second-parent adoptions by same-sex couples at a conference at American University’s Washington College of Law. Her article, “Walking with Them: Advocating for Parents with Mental Illnesses” was published by the Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review.

Professor Richard K. Greenstein was one of 17 invited participants in a colloquium, “Friedrich Hayek’s Law, Legislation and Liberty,” sponsored by the Liberty Fund.

With other members of the Race and Gender Bias Committee of the Law School of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Professor Phoebe A. Haddoon was honored by the ACLAU of Pittsburgh at its annual dinner. In October, Haddoon participated in a Sino-American Forum of Chinese Tort Law at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Haddoon also planned and participated in the Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review Beck Symposium in November, where she presented “How the Supreme Court’s Recent Affirmative Action Cases Can Help Shape Our Thinking About Jury Selection and Participation.”

Assistant Professor Donald P. Harris lectured in February at Loyola of Los Angeles Law School. The lecture, “TRIPS’ Boomerang: How the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (“TRIPS”) Can Roast Back Against the United States: A Legal Challenge to the International community on the harm to both developing countries and the U.S. due to the latest effort to globally harmonize intellectual property rights worldwide through TRIPS, the international intellectual property treaty.

James E. Beasley Professor of Law David Kairys gave an address on “Security and Civil Liberties after September 11 and a faculty colloquium on his recent article “Searching for the Rule of Law” at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He also spoke at the White Dog Cafe on the Patriot Act, and launched his new book Law and Current Affairs Masters Series with Oxford University Press.

Associate Professor Kathy C. Mandelbaum, Director of the Graduate Tax Program, spoke in November at Phil’s Estate Law Institute on charitable remainder trusts. She was the course planner for a January PBI program “Drafting the Marital Deduction Clause.” Mandelbaum recently began work as co-author of a Bureau of National Affairs Tax Management Portfolio on IRC Section 7520, which concerns the valuation of split interest transfers.

Associate Professor Salil K. Mehra’s article on resale price maintenance, price discrimination, and the Japanese comics industry, entitled “Copyright, Control and Competition: Japanese Law and the Child Welfare Law Over Downstream Limits on Content,” was presented this fall at seminars at Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and Dickinson, and will appear in Rutgers Law Review. Another work that addresses access for Japanese antitrust plaintiffs to U.S. courts will also appear this winter in the Japanese journal Kokusai shingi hojo tomo (International business law).

Visit Professor Marcia Mulkey participated in the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization’s week-long panel of experts on pesticide management in Rome in December and delivered a presentation on environmental crimes for Temple’s Chinese Prosecutors’ Training Program in December. She also spoke on lawyering for international environmental organizations at the Delaware Valley Environmental American Inn of Court in October.

During the fall 2003 semester, Jack E. Feinberg Professor of Litigation Louis M. Natali Jr. participated in running a program for the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on the use of focus groups to assist in identifying strong and weak defenses and in strategies for a jury trial. Over 100 lawyers from around the state participated.

Professor Edward D. Olsboum, Director of Trial Advocacy and Clinical Legal Education, taught “Evidence for New Judges” and “Evidence—Beyond the Basics” to Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas Judges as part of the Supreme Court’s judicial education program. He also offered CLE programs in evidence and advocacy for PBI and ICLE.

Professor Rafael A. Porrat-Doria Jr. was honored by the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania and the Hispanic Bar Association Legal Education Fund for being one of its founders and first president.
Smith Playground, one of Philadelphia’s best-kept secrets, closed its gates last year when the private trust that funds the facility faces soaring insurance rates and the need to upgrade old equipment. Stepping in to save this urban gem is an 11-member board, headed by Temple Law Professor James Strazella.

Tucked into Fairmount Park, behind the ultimate frisbee court at 33rd and Oxford Streets, the Richard and Sarah Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse were erected 104 years ago after the Smith’s only child, Stanford, died at the age of 40.

Today the playground is temporarily closed and in the final stages of an extensive architectural replanning process designed to restore and improve both the playground and the playhouse. Board president Strazella is confident the new board and Smith’s executive process designed to restore and improve both the

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The teaching schedule offered ample opportunities to travel within China and, obviously, there were many more interesting places to visit than there was time to travel. The relatively rural provinces of Yunnan and Tibet proved far more interesting to me than the cities. As was the case everywhere in China, one could go down the darkest alleys with no fear for personal safety, and the people in these very different places extended great warmth and hospitality. Beijing was, by far, the most interesting metropolitan area that I visited, perhaps because it was never “Westernized,” as were Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tianjin, and many other places. Even with a bicycle it takes at least a week or two to begin to scratch the surface of this complex, historical place.
Leslie Anne Miller, who received her LL.M. in Trial Advocacy from Temple Law School in 1994, was appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell and the Pennsylvania Attorney General in January 2003 to the position of General Counsel of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Miller is the first woman ever to serve in this post.

A native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Miller attended the A.B. cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in 1973 and went on to complete an M.A. in American Politics at Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute, where she was a fellow. When she graduated from Dickinson School of Law in 1977, her intention was to become a public servant.

Instead Miller ended up taking, as she puts it, “a 23-year detour into private practice.” She spent most of her professional career in Philadelphia trying cases as a defense attorney doing civil litigation. Immediately before joining the Rendell administration in Harrisburg, Miller was a partner at the Philadelphia firm of McKissack & Hoffman, P.C., where she spent considerable time in the areas of medical malpractice defense and appellate litigation.

Throughout her years in private practice, Miller was actively involved in a number of professional organizations, including the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. Miller became the first female president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association after having held numerous other positions in the organization.

Miller has also served on the boards of many educational, cultural and community organizations, including WHYY public television, the Free Library of Philadelphia, Mount Holyoke College, and the Pennsylvania Ballet.

Already well known in professional circles, Miller received considerable media attention when she was named co-chair and interim president of the Kimmel Center during the critical period leading up to its opening in December 2001. Miller says the Kimmel post was “the opportunity for which I had been waiting.” She became Kimmel president at the behest of then-board chairperson Willard Rousse.

The experience of working with him was “tremendous,” Miller says. He describes her time there as “exciting, terrifying, and exhilarating.” She stresses the importance of the Kimmel Center not just to the performing arts, but also to the general community.

As Miller describes it, working at the Kimmel Center taught her to balance the interests of the arts community with the business realities of running several of the most prominent performing arts venues in the Philadelphia area.

During the time she was working with the Rendell campaign, Miller was diagnosed with breast cancer. Miller considers herself very fortunate. Largely due to her own aggressiveness, she obtained the correct diagnosis despite a “doubting” gynecologist and radiologist. Her cancer was treated early. She also credits the support of family and friends, excellent medical care, and the therapeutic value of work and exercise. Miller stresses that one has to be an advocate for one’s own health. Although her experience is “far from unique,” she chooses to discuss her case openly in order to help others learn about breast cancer, which will afflict one in eight women.

Traditionally the Commonwealth’s first lady serves as honorary chair of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC). Since Midge Rendell’s judicial position prevents her from doing so, Miller holds that position. Miller was also the PBCC’s Pink Ribbon Award recipient in 2003.

Miller clearly relishes her work with the Rendell administration, which she considers to be “the greatest job ever” and oversees the legal work of 32 agencies in the executive branch. In that capacity, Miller supervises a staff of 450 attorneys working on a wide variety of issues. For her, part of the “thrill of the job” is precisely that variety.

In addition, she says, “I inherited many dedicated attorneys who were already doing a tremendous job every day, take their work very seriously, and are very happy doing what they are doing. This is in contrast to the seemingly rampant dissatisfaction of many lawyers in private practice.” She calls the state’s lawyers “one of the Commonwealth’s best kept secrets” and says she can’t recall having enough work to be working with another group of lawyers as much.

Working with Governor Rendell, she says, “is unlike any other opportunity. He’s a very smart lawyer, an extraordinary public servant, and on his slow days he has the energy of two people.” She admires his stamina and the manner in which he thrives on challenges. And she credits Rendell’s energy and enthusiasm for attracting a talented group of people to Harrisburg to head the legal departments of the various state agencies.

When asked about hot-button legal issues confronting the state, Miller notes, “The issues change from day to day. She mentions Indian gaming and slot machine legislation, confidentiality of law records, and competitive bidding for asbestos clean-up and asbestos addiction—and—of course—medical malpractice, as some of the issues currently on the radar screen. But others could come to the forefront very quickly, she says, and it’s clear that she relishes the opportunity to tackle them as well.” —Christina M. Valente

Leslie Anne Miller, LL.M. '94
General Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

I am currently working on two books: one on the judiciary and separation of powers; and the second on judicial power in Nigeria and the U.S. The latter will be an update on my LL.M. thesis.”

James C. Fontana has joined Alston Science and Technology Corporation, headquartered in McLean, Virginia, as its new senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary.

Maria Zuleik Nuczi writes, “I coordinated the panel ‘Airports Law and Money in a Evolving World’ at the ABA 2003 annual and space law annual meeting in November 2003, in Washington, D.C. I was a member of the program committee for the meeting.”

Marc S. Raspani, a founding shareholder in the Philadelphia firm of Miller, Alfano & Raspani, gave a presentation entitled “Whistleblowers: Patriots and their Causes” at a conference sponsored by the Society for Vascular Ultrasound held in November 2003. Raspani discussed the nature of the False Claims Act and provided an overview of qui tam lawsuits in America.

George A. Stamoulis, a litigation partner at Baker & Hostetler’s New York office, is the president and chief counsel of the N.Y. Cops Foundation. This organization supports and unites federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and provides financial support to the families of law enforcement officers who experience tragedies.

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Julis N. Wilson has joined Drinker Biddle & Reath in its litigation department, focusing her practice on insurance issues. Wilson is vice chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s civil litigation section and is a frequent author and lecturer on civil litigation.
Hon. Franklin S. Van Antwerpen '67
President Bush Names Alum to Appeals Court

The Hon. Franklin S. Van Antwerpen '67 has been appointed by President George W. Bush to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The Senate judiciary committee unanimously recommended his confirmation during the first week in March and a vote by the entire Senate is anticipated shortly. Judge Van Antwerpen currently sits on the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where he is a member of the general liability and the malpractice section of the Northampton Commonwealth Pleas Court, one of the first to do so.

In 1987, President Reagan appointed Van Antwerpen to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter, Judge Van Antwerpen was informed that he would be handling U.S. v. Scarfo, involving 17 members of a Philadelphia organized crime family, all of whom were eventually convicted and sentenced to prison. The Scarfo trial, which is the subject of numerous books and movies, presented some unique practical challenges, such as finding a suitable courtroom space and organizing the courtroom to hold so many defendants. Desks were obtained from a local school to replace the tables at which the parties and their counsel usually sat. The witness stand had to be reconstructed so that it would be visible to all parties in the courtroom. Eighty federal marshals were assigned to provide security. And the jury was anonymous and sequestered during the duration of the four-month trial.

After a two-week voir dire, in which twelve jurors and eight alternates were selected, the court sat six days a week for the duration of the trial. Summations by counsel took two weeks and the jury took two whole days. One outcome of the Scarfo trial was that an underboss who was a defendant in the Philadelphia trial agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors after his sentencing. He gave testimony in a New York trial which led to the conviction of John Gotti.

Perhaps as a legacy of his Legal Aid years, Judge Van Antwerpen continues to advocate for the indigent. In his current position as chair of the criminal business committee of the U.S. District Court, he pushed hard for a reimbursement rate of $90 per hour for Criminal Justice Act attorney in order to continue to attract qualified attorneys to represent indigent criminal defendants. He also rewrote the Local District Court Criminal Rules in 1998. Van Antwerpen also serves on the Defender services committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Defender services committee is unique in that it has discretionary authority over the allocation of $500 million a year among the federal district courts and courts of appeals to provide representation for indigent defendants in the federal courts.

Army JAG Corps reservist Captain Jerome Teresinski was sent to Iraq in February 2003, where he worked as a judge advocate. Teresinski also worked as an assistant district attorney for the City of Philadelphia since 1992.

Albert and Jennifer Brooks are proud to announce the births of their first children, twin daughters Alexandra and Bailey in September 2003.

William R. Adams has joined Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote as an associate in the firm’s Philadelphia office, where he concentrates his practice in toxic tort and insurance litigation.

Maureen G. Kelly, of the Scranton office of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been elected as a shareholder. Kelly is a member of the healthcare practice groups, where she is a member of the general liability and the malpractice section of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, where she is a member of the employment practice groups.

Colleen Bannon has been named partner of the firm of Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, presented "A Legal Intelligencer" with the Cozen O’Connor name visibly linked to Temple Law. Former Temple Law professor, the firm has established with Cozen O’Connor, and a member of Temple University’s board of trustees. Other clients from the firm include Arthur Abramowitz, Edward L. Baxter, Neal D. Colton, Elliott R. Feldman, Richard C. Glazer, Thomas McKay, III, E. Gerald Riesenberg and Daniel C. Thevery—all Temple Law alumni. Associates of Cozen O’Connor who earned law degrees at Temple also donated.

The Cozen O’Connor Lecture Hall seats 150 students and offers state-of-the-art technology and acoustical features. At the dedication ceremony, Dean Robert J. Reinstein acknowledged the firm’s support for the law school, and also of the firm’s partners and associates are graduates of the law school.

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Colleen Bannon has been elected as shareholder of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, where she is a member of the employment law practice group, and is also the director of legal information resources.

Brian C. Newberry writes, “After seven years at the ‘big firm,’ I and two partners have founded a boutique litigation firm in Providence where we handle commercial cases in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Going without a net is a bit scary but I can’t imagine working for someone else again. It’s exhilarating!”

Ajay Raja, an associate in Morgan Lewis’ real estate practice, was named by RealAdvisors.com as one of the “Top 10 People to Watch in 2004.”
New Philadelphia Bar Chancellor is Temple Grad Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua

Alan M. Feldman and Michael Adler also assume leadership roles

Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua ’73, newly-elected chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, is a Philadelphia success story. Arriving in Philadelphia from Italy with his family at age seven, he became a U.S. citizen and worked his way through St. Joseph’s University and Temple Law. His first job was in the Philadelphia City Solicitor’s Office, where he rose to the post of chairman of the litigation department.

In 1984 Bevilacqua joined the law firm of Saul Ewing where he worked in the area of health care law and began his involvement with the Philadelphia Bar Association (PBA). A partner at the firm since 1986, Bevilacqua concentrates his practice in the representation of medical certifying boards, as well as the representation of elected officials and state agencies. At the bar association, Bevilacqua was elected to the board of governors in 1991 and later served as assistant treasurer and then as treasurer of the association. In 2001 he became president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and was elected vice chancellor for 2002. Last year he served a one-year term as chancellor-elect.

Alan M. Feldman ’73 will serve as vice chancellor of the PBA for 2004. Feldman is a partner in the Philadelphia firm Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter & Tanner where he has been a managing partner since the firm was founded in 1987. Feldman concentrates in the areas of personal injury and other civil litigation. Feldman has served as president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, lectured and published materials for numerous programs and seminars, taught trial advocacy at Temple Law, and served in leadership positions with the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is certified as a civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Michael E. Adler ’98 was elected to serve on the Young Lawyers’ Division Executive Committee. Adler, an associate of Blank Rome, concentrates his practice on litigation and dispute resolution, e-commerce and telecommunications issues, and appellate advocacy. He is co-author (with Henri P. Marcial), of “Internet Listservs and Newsgroups: Potential Pitfalls and Legal Ramifications.”

1998

Michael E. Adler, an associate in the commercial litigation group of Blank Rome, has been elected to the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division executive committee.

Michael Krentzman, legal counsel and marketing manager for Joe Krentzman & Son, has joined the Kishacoquillas Valley National Bank’s regional board team. Krentzman is also a solo practitioner and of counsel to the firm of Mitinger and DeBoef in State College, Pennsylvania.

Barbara R. Gunn Larkey’s recently-published book is entitled Morsels of Sage, Bite-Sized Wisdom to Season Life’s Journey.

Karen (Longacher) Minatelli recently resigned her position as legislative director for California Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. She is now an attorney with the D.C. Employment Justice Center in Washington, D.C. where she coordinates the program on women’s employment rights.

2000

Rachel Volkman Knosh, an associate of Dilworth Paxson’s employment and management labor relations practice group, participated in the presentation of Dilworth’s seminar titled “Employment Law Issues—Common Sense is Not Enough.”

Daniel K. Sullivan writes, “I have been appointed as a master in support in the Family Court Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Previously I served as the law clerk to the Honorable Edward R. Summers in Family Court.”

2001

William Hill, J.D. ’01, LL.M. ’03 has joined The Beasley firm, where he concentrates his practice in complex civil litigation.

The featured guest of the February 5, 2004 Dean’s Invitational Forum was Peter Rothwell ’84, an in-house attorney with Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation in Little Ferry, New Jersey. The dean’s forums, which bring illustrious alumni to the law school for lunchtime presentations, are designed to expose students and faculty to diverse areas of the law.

Rothwell’s principal areas of practice include the oversight of civil litigation in the aviation, commercial, corporate, government contracts, immigration, labor, licensing, product liability, trademark, sales distribution and software legal areas. He serves as corporate secretary and associate counsel for EFIS, corporate secretary for Dassault Falcon Jet-Wilmington Corp., and as general counsel for Midway Aircraft Instrument Corporation.

A former naval officer and pilot, Rothwell was on active duty in San Diego and the Western Pacific from 1972 to 1978. He also served in the Naval Reserve from 1978 to 1998, as a pilot, flight instructor and commanding officer.

Huey Burkett, Klein Hall Guard

The Temple Law community is greatly saddened by the untimely death of Huey Burkett, who provided security, warmth, and friendship in his position of guard at the front desk of Klein Hall for many years.

Students, faculty and staff came together on February 17, 2004 to honor Huey and his contributions to our lives here. A permanent plaque commemorating Burkett will be mounted on the front desk in Klein Hall.

Dean Marylouise Esten says, “In many ways, Huey was the heart of this law school. He had a kind word and a smile for all of us, usually when we especially needed it. We will miss him very much.”
The Institute for International Law and Public Policy kicked off its spring semester programming with a visit by Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence Anne-Marie Slaughter on January 22, 2004. Slaughter, one of the nation’s most prominent international legal scholars, is Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and President of the American Society of International Law.

During her visit to Temple Law, Slaughter presented a lecture entitled “A New World Order” to faculty, students, and interested alumni in the Moot Court Room. In this lecture, she argued that the international community faces a paradox: given increasing interdependence, cooperation among states is necessary to solve many of the world’s most pressing problems—such as terrorism, organized crime, environmental degradation, money laundering and securities fraud. But states resist creating the international governing bodies necessary to address these problems. Slaughter argues that instead of an international government, which is neither feasible nor desirable, states are creating a “new world order.” In this order, the state is not disappearing, but rather “disaggregating into its separate, functionally distinct parts. These parts—courts, regulatory agencies, executives, and even legislatures—are networking with their counterparts abroad, creating a dense web of relations that constitutes a new, transgovernmental order.”

Dean Slaughter also led a faculty colloquium on the issues raised by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. She argued that current international norms governing the use of force, devised in 1945 and embedded in the U.N. Charter, are inadequate to meet contemporary realities. According to Slaughter, “we live in a world of old rules and new threats.” She called for the recognition of a new international legal “duty to prevent” the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. This duty would call upon the international community to act early in response to efforts to obtain weapons of mass destruction and to develop a menu of potential measures, including the use of force, aimed at particular governments who were in the process of obtaining such weapons. Slaughter also argued that the duty to prevent should be exercised collectively, through global or regional organizations.

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The Institute hosts two additional distinguished visitors in Spring, 2004. His Excellency Hans Corell and Professor Ziba Mir-Hosseini. Corell has served for nearly a decade as Under Secretary General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations. Mir-Hosseini is an Iranian anthropologist and research associate at the Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of London. She specializes in gender issues, Islam, and law and development, and is an award-winning documentary film maker.