Historically, constitutions are associated with nation-states. But constitutional discourse is increasingly used in various international sites of governance, such as the European Union and the United Nations. Many trade scholars argue that the World Trade Organization (WTO) should be understood as a “constitution” governing the world economy.

Jeffrey L. Dunoff, the Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government and director of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy, is deeply skeptical of that argument. In a paper published in the European Journal of International Law and presented at several conferences around the world, Dunoff carefully examines WTO legal instruments, practices, and dispute settlement reports and concludes that the organization should not be considered a constitutional entity.

“As I read WTO texts and practices, I think they fall well short of what lawyers usually think of as a constitution,” Dunoff says. “That is, the organization’s legal texts and practices lack the finality and legal status that constitutional norms typically possess.”

Within legal systems, constitutional norms are hierarchically superior to, and more firmly entrenched than ordinary law, Dunoff says. If WTO norms truly enjoyed constitutional status, they would prevail in conflicts between trade norms and other legal norms, such as human rights and environmental norms. Yet when the organization attempted such muscle-flexing, the result was so negative—think of the chaotic demonstrations at the WTO meeting in Seattle in 1999—that it quietly backed off in subsequent years.

“When conflicts between trade values and non-trade values first arose before WTO bodies, the economic values would, not surprisingly, virtually always trump the non-economic values. But these decisions triggered an enormous political backlash,” Dunoff says. “Trade officials quickly realized that these decisions sparked a crisis of legitimacy, and these issues are now handled in a much more nuanced way. To me, this undermines the constitutionalist argument. It demonstrates that trade norms are not hierarchically superior to other norms. Instead of WTO rules enjoying a constitutional status and therefore trumping other legal rules, the WTO is responding to much larger political and economic conflicts that are occurring in many sites of governance and politics.”

In his paper, Dunoff not only argues against WTO’s constitutional status but also speculates on why supporters even make the claim in the face of what he sees as clear evidence to the contrary. One possibility, he says, is that advocates are describing not what they see but what they hope.

“A well-functioning constitution does not simply create governing institutions and allocate power,” Dunoff explains. “It also has to enjoy a level of acceptance among those who it would govern. The scholars advocating WTO constitutionalism are very talented advocates; perhaps they are engaged in a project that is less description than prescription. Perhaps they are trying to persuade trade officials and citizens that the WTO is properly considered a constitutional entity. In this sense, I view the scholarship advocating the constitutionalization of the WTO as largely aspirational.

More controversially, Dunoff wonders if there is a link between the increased use of constitutional rhetoric and the events of September 11, 2001 and their aftermath. International law’s stature and importance grew in the 1990s following the end of the Cold War. But many of these gains have been undermined in recent years.

“Post-9/11, international law has been a discipline under extreme stress,” he says. “So perhaps these fairly grandiose claims about constitutionalism reflect a deep disciplinary anxiety. As international lawyers feel the power of international rules and institutions eroding, perhaps they feel the need to advance constitutional claims because if these claims are persuasive then international norms would enjoy the type of authority and power associated with domestic constitutions.”

Thus, for Dunoff, the importance of constitutional debates lies in the authority that constitutional status confers upon an entity. Just as domestic constitutional norms are superior to other norms, “so, too, on the international plane, constitutional debates are ultimately about hierarchal superiority and a sense of finality,” Dunoff says. “At bottom, what’s at stake in these debates is finality—are certain issues closed or are they open for contestation?”

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NEW HEAD OF INT’L AND GRAD PROGRAMS

MARCH 2008 Temple Law graduate Louis Thompson ’01 has been named to the position of Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs. Thompson, who previously headed the Office of Career Planning, replaces Adelaide Ferguson, who has been named University Vice President for International Affairs.

In accepting this new challenge, Thompson continues to prove his versatility and breadth of interests. In 2004, when Thompson returned to his alma mater to run the Office of Career Planning, he said, “Law is really my third career.” His first career was working with persons with learning disabilities; during his second career—writing questions for the LSATs—Thompson became intrigued with the law. After graduating from Temple’s evening division magna cum laude in 2001, Thompson worked first at Dechert for two years, and then left to clerk for a federal judge.

Thompson has already flown to Tokyo—with a stopover to visit family in the Philippines—to introduce himself to Temple staff in Japan. In addition to Temple’s diverse J.D. and LL.M. international programs, Thompson will also oversee the law school’s graduate programs in taxation and transnational law.

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Dunoff’s scholarship in this area has led to an interesting side project where he delivered his paper. Dunoff debated Tufts University’s Joel Trachtman, who argued in favor of WTO’s constitutionalism. Thereafter, the two scholars, who have worked together in the past, decided to join forces to work on a book that is bringing together leading scholars from around the world to examine constitutional debates across a variety of international legal domains. As part of this project, Dunoff and Trachtman organized an invitation-only book workshop at Temple last December (see page three).

Reflecting on revolutionary changes in the international legal order following World War II and the Holocaust, Louis Henkin famously proclaimed ours to be an ‘age of rights’. But perhaps ‘ages’ lack the staying power that they used to, for we now seem to be entering an ‘age of constitutionalism’—at least, if international law scholarship is to be believed. A raft of new books address the topic, and it is hardly possible to pick up a current volume of a leading international legal journal without finding an article devoted to describing, analysing or debunking various constitutional orders said to be found in diverse international legal regimes.

The turn to constitutionalism has been particularly pronounced in trade law scholarship, and many articles discuss ‘the relationship among the different facets of the WTO constitution’. Framing the discussion in this way presupposes that the trade regime is properly understood as a constitutional polity. However, as will be demonstrated below, neither WTO texts nor practice supports this understanding.

The striking disjunction between trade scholarship and trade practice gives rise to a puzzle: Why would prominent trade scholars devote their energies to debating the WTO’s (nonexistent) constitutional features? As developed more fully below, the leading accounts of constitutionalism at the WTO share an impulse to channel or minimize world trade politics. That is, we can understand the turn to constitutionalism as a mechanism for withdrawing controversial and potentially destabilizing issues from the parry and thrust of ordinary politics. Paradoxically, however, the call for constitutionalism has sparked precisely the sort of contestation and politics that it seeks to pre-empt. Hence, one goal of this paper is to illuminate the self-defeating nature of the turn to constitutionalism.

But this analysis raises an even larger puzzle: If there is no world trade constitution, and if the calls for such a constitution trigger the very politics that constitutionalism seeks to avoid, why do international trade scholars continue to engage in the turn to constitutionalism? Exploration of this question will lead us to deeper and more troubling questions about the current status of the discipline of international law.

The current geopolitical environment—where the war on terror occupies centre stage and realist approaches to international relations are ascendant—places severe pressures on the discipline of international law. In a context where international law’s relevance and efficacy is under challenge, the turn to constitutional discourse among international legal academics can be understood as a response to deep disciplinary anxieties about the current status and role of international law. In short, the invocation of constitutional discourse at the WTO—and elsewhere in international law—may be a rhetorical strategy designed to invest international law with the power and authority that domestic constitutional structures and norms possess. However, the constitutional turn may be self-defeating in this respect as well. Critical evaluation of constitutional claims may simply highlight the lack of constitutional structure, legitimating foundations, or popular acceptance of the WTO, and international law more generally.

Ferguson named University VP for Int’l Programs

MARCH 2008 After 18 years at the helm of the law school’s Office of Graduate and International Studies, Assistant Dean Adelaide Ferguson is leaving to become interim vice president for international affairs for the university as of July 2008. In her new position, Ferguson will oversee the operations of the university’s Office of International Programs, International Services, Temple Japan and Temple Rome.

Ferguson, who previously headed the Office of Career Planning, replaces Adelaide Ferguson, who has been named University Vice President for International Affairs.

Another new program is Temple’s multi-faceted “rule of law” program in China, which includes the first law degree ever approved by both the Chinese ministry of education and the ABA, as well as non-degree judicial and prosecutorial education and other human-capacity building programs.

Temple Law was recently recognized as one of America’s most globalized law schools by US News and World Report.
EMINENT INT’L LAW SCHOLARS GATHER TO LAUNCH BOOK PROJECT

DECEMBER 2007 The book project developed by Jeffrey L. Dunoff and Joel Trachtman to explore the constitutionalization of international law began in earnest with a two-day workshop at Temple in December. The book will consist of an integrated series of essays by both constitutional enthusiasts and constitutional skeptics on various international law fields, including human rights, the European Union, the United Nations and the WTO. Contributors include top international lawyers, leading constitutional law and comparative law scholars and prominent political scientists from around the world. The book is designed to provide a sophisticated and thoughtful snapshot of current debates over global constitutionalism.

EXPLORING INT’L CAREERS

NOVEMBER 2007 A panel of current or former J.D.s and foreign LL.M.s spoke to an audience of more than 30 students interested in careers in international law or in non-U.S. locations. The event, organized by the Office of Career Planning, was moderated by Professor Duncan B. Hollis (shown at center of photo). Participating alumni/aes were (from left): Fernando Trevino-Martinez, LL.M. student and founder of Oficina de Abogados, a Philadelphia law firm for Spanish speaking clients (from Mexico); Brenda Nogales, LL.M. ’03, Nationalities Service Center attorney (from Bolivia); Kelly Heidrich, J.D. ’07, current law clerk who interned at the Documentation Center of Cambodia; and Irem Yasar-Yangici, LL.M. student who previously worked for the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (from Turkey).

LENNON ASSUMES LEADERSHIP OF CAREER PLANNING

Temple Law graduate Melissa Lennon ’96, replaces fellow alum Louis Thompson as assistant dean of career planning. Lennon came to Temple in 2005 to work in career planning as a senior director in that office. She was previously at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, where she practiced law and served as the firm’s director of associate development.

In the Office of Career Planning, Lennon will oversee an ambitious and growing schedule of activities. In addition to the critical services the staff provides to help students explore job options—in the private sector or in public interest—they offer focused workshops to develop job search strategies, and have developed an active support system for students seeking clerkships. Lennon also stresses that counseling benefits current students facing the legal job market for the first time, but it also provides extensive services to alums wishing to redirect their careers. “Counseling remains the heart of our work,” says Lennon, “And I will continue to supply a willing ear and a helping hand to all students—and alums.”

Dunoff expects that the volume will frame future debates over global constitutionalism and will enable those interested in these issues to survey the various arguments for and against global constitutionalism and reach their own conclusions. “The reader can decide for himself or herself whether they’re persuaded or not,” he says. “In providing a rich survey of the field, this book aims to educated and inform, rather than convince, the reader.”

Such a collaborative project, particularly one that welcomes competing viewpoints, is a rarity in today’s polarized academic world, but Dunoff says the project is important for several reasons. “First, there are substantial bodies of scholarship on, for example, constitutional debates at the EU or at the WTO,” he explains. “My book will be the first to explore constitutional debates across a variety of international regimes. Just as importantly, unlike some other areas where I write, I don’t hold a brief for one side or the other in these debates. My goal here is to provide a sophisticated and thoughtful snapshot of the state of the debate over global constitutionalism.”

Dunoff expects that the book will help to set the terms of debates over global constitutionalism, and will enable those interested in these issues to survey the various arguments for and against global constitutionalism so as to reach their own conclusions. “The reader can decide for himself or herself whether they’re persuaded or not,” he says. “This is really a different sort of enterprise than many of the academic books one might see.”

The volume, tentatively entitled Ruling the World: Constitutionalism, International Law and Global Governance, will be published by Cambridge University Press. It will include essays on the international legal system as a constitution for the global community; constitutional debate at the United Nations, European Union and WTO; the democratic legitimacy of global constitutionalism; and the interplay of constitutionalism on the domestic and international planes.

— Jodi Benjamin
GLOBALIZATION'S EFFECT ON THE AMERICAN IDENTITY
explored in Beyond Citizenship

What does it mean to be American in the transformed context of globalization? In his new book, Beyond Citizenship: American Identity After Globalization, Peter J. Spiro uses the lens of citizenship practice to answer the perennial challenge of defining American identity. Before one asks what it means to be American, Spiro argues, one must consider who is American. The ways in which citizenship law divides those who are American from those who aren’t tells us a lot about the content of the American national character.

Published earlier this year by Oxford University Press, the book is being met with acclaim among leading scholars of citizenship theory. “With this much-needed book,” notes Yale Law School’s Peter H. Schuck, “our debate on this vital subject will never be the same.” Saskia Sassen, a leading sociologist at Columbia University, praises the book as “a major contribution to the issue of political membership in our unsettled world.”

Beyond Citizenship describes how citizenship law once reflected and shaped the American national character. Spiro explores the histories of birthright citizenship, naturalization, dual citizenship, and how those legal regimes helped reinforce an otherwise fragile national identity. But on a shifting global landscape, claims Spiro, citizenship status has become increasingly divorced from any sense of actual community on the ground. According to Peter Schuck, the book proves “how globalization’s tectonic forces are eroding the coherence of American citizenship, the supposed bedrock of our national identity.”

The book is aimed at academics and non-academics alike. “This is an issue that should be of interest to all of us—how the state figures in our identity construct going forward,” observes Spiro. Gerald Neuman of Harvard Law School describes the book as “lively and accessible... Spiro’s account is provocative throughout and provides rich food for thought.”

Spiro joined the Temple Law faculty in 2006 as the inaugural holder of the Charles R. Weiner Professorship, prior to which he was Rusk Professor of Law at the University of Georgia. He is a former law clerk to Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. State Department lawyer, and member of the staff of the National Security Council.
SUMMER 2007

Forty-six Chinese judges, prosecutors, commercial and corporate lawyers, legislators and law professors traveled to Philadelphia to continue their studies for an LL.M. degree in U.S. and international law specially designed for them by Temple Law School.

Over the summer, they took courses in criminal trial advocacy and legal writing. The trial skills class—a first introduction to Western-style trials for most of the students—culminated in a mock jury trial.

Three-person lawyer teams tried the case of State v. Page, a burglary/robbery case in which a neighborhood teenager is charged with breaking into the home of an elderly woman and stealing her handbag.

Temple’s LL.M. degree program in Beijing has graduated 265 students since its founding in 1999. The program is carried out in collaboration with Tsinghua University in Beijing.

CHINESE LLM’S practice Western-style trial skills

SAKATA TO HEAD TEMPLE LAW IN JAPAN

MARCH 2008

Sumi Sakata has been named the new director of the law program in Japan and an assistant professor of law. Temple’s unique program in Japan, founded over a decade ago, continues to be the only ABA-approved semester abroad law program in Asia.

Professor Sakata comes to Temple University from the international law firm of Morrison & Foerster, where her practice included international arbitration and a wide range of litigation matters involving intellectual property infringement, breach of fiduciary duty, civil rights violations, and securities fraud. Sakata, who is fluent in Japanese, earned a B.A. and a J.D. from Columbia University. While in law school, she was on the editorial board of the Journal of Asian Law, and was co-chair of the Japanese legal studies group. She subsequently clerked for Judge Lowell A. Reed Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

LL.M. STUDENT HONORED FOR PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICE TO MEXICAN COMMUNITY

MARCH 2008

Temple LL.M. candidate Fernando Trevino-Martinez was one of two foreign graduate law students to receive the newly-created Philadelphia Bar Association’s International Law Committee Award. The award, which recognizes achievement in international law or human rights, was presented at an event hosted by Duane Morris and supported by HSBC Bank US.

Before coming to Temple, Fernando Trevino-Martinez worked for the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a staff attorney at Mexican consulates in Texas and New Orleans. In 2002, he moved to Philadelphia to take charge of the consulate's criminal division. There he helped develop “Legal Assistance on Tuesdays,” which provides free legal assistance to the Philadelphia Mexican community. In 2007, Trevino-Martinez joined with several local lawyers to form Oficina de Abogados, dedicated to providing legal assistance to the Spanish-speaking population in the tri-state area.

FROM LEFT: FERNANDO TREVINO-MARTINEZ, LL.M. ’08, MICHAEL SCULLIN, CO-CHAIR OF THE PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION’S INT’L LAW COMMITTEE, AND FANNY MONTEL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW STUDENT.
TRIAL TEAM CAPTURES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FEBRUARY 2008 Temple’s National Trial Team successfully defended its regional championship title of the National Trial Competition. It was Temple’s 20th consecutive regional championship—an unparalleled national achievement. The members of the championship teams are (from left) Jeffrey Goodman, Priya Desouza, John Aitchison, and Alex Gosfield. Gosfield and Goodman were each awarded the John J. Scott Memorial Award for best advocates in the final round.

The team travels to Texas on March 24 to compete for the National Trial Championship against the twenty-four winners and runners-up from the twelve other regions. The teams are coached by Professor Maureen McCartney, Director of Trial Advocacy Programs and Elizabeth Lippy ’03, of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg & Gifford. The tournament was sponsored by Temple’s LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Alumni Association, directed by Professor Barbara Ashcroft, Director of LL.M. Program and administrated by Mary Beth Wilson.

FROM LEFT: JEFFREY GOODMAN, PRIYA DESOUZA, JOHN AITCHISON, AND ALEX GOSFIELD

NEWS

1972

THOMAS E. BIRON of Blank Rome has been named a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. At Blank Rome, Biron represents clients on bankruptcy and insolvency issues, transactional matters, and litigation.

1973

CHARLES C. COYNE has joined Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel as of counsel in the business and finance department. From 1982 to 2003, Coyne was a member of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. He is a member and past chairman of the Chester County Health and Educational Facilities Authority, and is a former member of the Panel of U.S. Bankruptcy Trustees.

1974

ABRAHAM “ABE” C. REICH has been honored by the Philadelphia Bar Association with the Wachovia Fidelity Award, given to individuals who help improve administration of justice. Reich said he was donating the award to the bar association’s Raising the Bar campaign, which is raising funds from Philadelphia lawyers for the city’s public interest law groups.

1975

Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge SANDRA MAZER MOSS is the second woman and the second common pleas court judge to win the William J. Brennan Sr. Distinguished Juris Award presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association. Moss, the civil division team leader of the judges hearing complex medical malpractice and products liability cases, was honored for her role as the founder and first supervising judge of the Complex Litigation Center and for streamlining the case management techniques used for mass tort cases, such as cases involving asbestos, breast implants, and orthopedic bone screws.

NOTES

1979

BARBARA A. POTTS has been appointed by the Philadelphia Bar Association to co-chair its public school education committee. The committee has launched a new initiative that is designed to bring volunteer lawyers and judges into Philadelphia public high schools to teach government, law and dispute resolution. Potts is a partner in the real estate practice group at Blank Rome.

Philadelphia Futures, a nonprofit organization which helps urban high school students go to college, has announced the election of MADELINE M. SHERRY to its board of directors. Sherry is a director in the law firm of Gibbons in Philadelphia, where she concentrates her practice in the areas of products liability litigation, employment law and commercial litigation.

1976

ROBERT NEEDLE has joined Endurance Specialty Insurance, a Bermuda-based specialty provider of property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, as an executive vice president. After beginning his career in the legal field focusing on insurance matters, Needle joined Alexander & Alexander and then where he served in various senior executive capacities over a 27-year period. Most recently Needle served as an attorney with Gibbons in the insurance practice group.

1983

ROSEMARY W. DANN was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators. Dann has served on NAJIT’s advocacy committee and chaired various special commissions. She is a full-time interpreter/translator of Spanish, working primarily in Massachusetts and New Hampshire courts, as well as in medical settings and for private clients. When not interpreting, she can be found on stage or in front of a camera, including two segments on Japan TV’s The World’s Most Amazing Stories.

TEMPE IS TWO-TIME ABA TAX TITLE-HOLDER

JANUARY 2008. Ryan Smith ’08 (center) and Andreas Ringstad ’08 (not shown) were national champions at the ABA Tax Competition in Las Vegas. Smith poses here with Kimberly Houston ’02 (rear), who won the Tax Challenge in 2002, and Temple law’s “tax team” of educators. Faculty, from left: Graduate Tax Program Director, Professor Kathy Mandelbaum, Professor Alice Abreu, Adjunct Professor and Team Coach Cornelius Shields, and Professors Jan Ting, Robert Bartow and Nancy Knauer.
NEIL A. STEIN, a principal of Kaplin Stewart Meltzer & Stein in Blue Bell, PA, and a member of the land use, zoning and development department, was a presenter of a BPI course entitled “Land Use Approvals for Strange and Unusual Properties.”

1984

MARC RASPANTI, a founding shareholder of Miller, Attano & Raspanti, spoke at the annual Society for Vascular Ultrasound Current Issues Conference. Raspanti’s presentation was entitled, “Fraud and Abuse in the Vascular Lab: Prevention of Accidental Fraud and Recent Vascular Fraud Cases.” Raspanti also spoke at the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ seminar.

ELEANOR T. SEGAL has joined the plaintiffs’ firm Stampone D’Angelo Renzi DiPiero in Philadelphia. Segal has been handling workers’ compensation and Social Security matters for more than twenty years.

DANIEL G. THEVENY, a Cozen O’Connor member, participated in an expert witness training course sponsored by New York Chapter 23 of the International Association of Arson Investigators. Resident in Cozen O’Connor’s Philadelphia office, Theveny concentrates his practice in insurance defense, insurance coverage and insurance subrogation matters.

1985

JAMES J. KOZUCH, partner in the intellectual property law firm of Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokoltoff, was a panelist at an engineering symposium sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia sections of The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and The American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Kozuch handles all aspects of intellectual property law, with particular emphasis on litigation, client counseling, and prosecution of U.S. and international patent applications.

1986

RICHARD L. FOX, a partner at Dilworth Paxson, was the keynote speaker at the Planned Giving Council of Houston inaugural 2007 speakers series held in Houston, TX.

KENNETH H. RYESKY is a solo practitioner in East Northport, NY, and an adjunct assistant professor at Queens College CUNY, where he teaches business law and taxation courses. Ryesky is the author of two scholarly articles: “Part Time Soldiers: Deploying Adjunct Faculty in the War Against Student Plagiarism,” in the BYU Education & Law Journal; and “On Solid Legal Ground: Bringing Information Literacy to Undergraduate-Level Law Courses,” in the Journal of Effective Teaching.

BRUCE S. SCHILDRAUT is back at work at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustees for the Central District of California, after recovering from double lung transplant surgery. He holds the position of senior trial attorney.

1988

CARMEN M. LINEBERGER, J.D. ‘88, LL.M. ‘88 has joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Florida as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the criminal division in Fort Pierce, FL. Previously, she was a homicide prosecutor in Philadelphia for more than 15 years. Lineberger will continue to serve as the National Black Prosecutors Association vice president of programs.

PAMELA M. TOBIN has joined Kaplin Stewart as an associate in their Blue Bell, PA office, where she practices in the commercial litigation department.

1989

MICHAEL PASTON has launched the SJI Group, a consulting firm that will offer strategic referendum planning for Pennsylvania school districts. Paston is serving his second term on Upper Dublin’s board of school directors.

JONATHAN RINDE, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, an environmental, energy and land use law firm, has been appointed to the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy board of directors. He has been associated with the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and recently served as chair of that board. Rinde is also on the board of the Conservancy of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

1990

THOMAS F. DOYLE has been appointed vice president of strategic initiatives of ViroPharma Incorporated. Doyle joined ViroPharma in 1996. From 1990 until 1996, he was with the law firm of Pepper, Hamilton.

Antheil Moslew & MacMinn, a Bucks County-based law firm, announces that partner KRISTA POOL HARPER has been named to the Bucks County Historical Society board of trustees for the term starting in 2008.

DAVID D. WASSON III, J.D. ‘90, LL.M. ‘96 has been selected as chief deputy court administrator of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania effective January 2008. Wesson is a major in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Army Reserves with varying supervisory and administrative responsibilities.

1992

SCOTT F. COOPER, a partner at Blank Rome, has been elected vice chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association for 2008. He will subsequently serve as chancellor-elect in 2009 and chancellor in 2010. Cooper has been an active member of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s leadership for more than 12 years. He vacated the position of treasurer to assume his new position. Cooper is a partner in Blank Rome’s employment, benefits and labor practice.

JOHN J. HAGGERTY has been elected to Ulmer & Berne’s five-member management committee, which is responsible for the overall guidance and fiscal responsibility of the firm. Haggerty is the chair of the firm’s business litigation group.

BRIAN M. KATZ has been named vice chair of Pepper Hamilton’s corporate and securities practice group.

1993

OTIS V. MAYNARD has been promoted to vice president and chief compliance officer in the Individual Life Division of The Hartford Insurance Company. Maynard has been managing litigation regionally and nationally at The Hartford since 1999. Prior to that he was a trial and appellate counsel at German, Gallagher and Murtagh in Philadelphia.

1994

ROBERTA BARSOTTI has been hired by Pelino & Lenz as co-chair of the firm’s trusts and estate department and as a partner at the firm. Barsotti joins the firm from the Wilmington Trust Company, where she was a vice-president and managing director of wealth planning and financial planning services for the mid-Atlantic region. Prior to joining Wilmington Trust, she was a vice president and senior wealth planner with PNC Wealth Advisors.

VIJAY V. BONDADA is senior corporate counsel in the legal division of Prizer Inc., based in the company’s New York headquarters. Bondada served as president of the North American South Asian Bar Association from 2004 to 2005 and was a member of NASABA’s original founding executive committee; he is also a former president of the South Asian Bar Association of New York and serves as a member of the ABA presidential advisory panel on diversity.

DEAN’S INVITATIONAL FORUMS GIVE EXPOSURE TO DIVERSE LEGAL CAREERS

Corporate litigator Donald J. Wolfe Jr. ’76, a partner at the firm of Potter Anderson Corroon in Delaware, was the invited speaker at a Dean’s Invitational Forum. Wolfe spoke about his practice, which is concentrated on corporate litigation in the Court of Chancery and on the counseling of boards of directors and special board committees of Delaware corporations with respect to issues of fiduciary duty and internal corporate governance.

John Rafal ’75, founder, president and CEO of Essex Financial Services, which was named the nation’s top independent firm for 2007 by Barron’s Weekly. At a Dean’s Invitational Forum, Rafal spoke about his more than 30 years of experience in financial advisory services.
Shelly K. Hillyer has joined RPM International Inc. as associate general counsel and is responsible for managing its litigation and insurance coverage disputes. In addition, she will coordinate RPM's legislative tort reform efforts and monitor compliance with corporate policies. Previously, Hillyer was a litigation partner with the firm of Coffey, Halter & Griswold.

Jeffrey L. Moyer has been appointed to the position of vice chair of the litigation department of Richards, Layton & Finger.

Theodore Murphy, J.D. ’94, LL.M. ’97 has joined the immigration law firm Kasko, Ruben, Stock & Seltzer as senior counsel. He previously was the assistant chief counsel of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Murphy has been involved with immigration for the past 14 years, over a decade with ICE and the former INS.

John Steiner has opened a law office in Upper Darby, PA, focusing in workers’ compensation litigation. Steiner has been practicing exclusively in workers’ compensation litigation since graduation.

Lisa A. Hansen has joined Tasty Baking Company in Philadelphia as vice president and assistant general counsel. Previously, Hansen was assistant vice president and assistant general counsel of PMA Capital Corporation in Blue Bell, PA.

Jasmine Majid has joined Crowe & Dunley as a director of the firm. Majid practices primarily in the area of immigration. Prior to joining the firm, Majid served as a managing director for Chisum-Majid Immigration Law & Policy.

Brian Marriott has joined Curtin & Heefner in its municipal and litigation sections where he focuses his practice primarily on property damage litigation.

Phyllis Mazza Parker has been named a shareholder in the firm of Berger & Montague. Parker’s practice is concentrated in securities class action litigation.

Christopher J. Culleton, a former partner of Kolstby Gordon Robin Shore & Bezard, and Brandon A. Swartz, formerly of The David Itkoff law firm, have teamed up to form Swartz Culleton. The new firm will have offices in Philadelphia and Allentown, and will represent plaintiffs in all areas of personal injury litigation.

Darren J. Steinberg, an associate at Duane Morris, has been elected to the Building Industry Association of Philadelphia’s board of directors.

Chad Wishchuk has been elected to the partnership at Marks, Giola & Finch in San Diego, CA. Wishchuk, who joined the firm in 2001, represents management in labor, employment, and construction matters.

Scott H. Casher has been named a partner at Edwards Angel Palmer & Dodge. Casher is a member of the insurance and reinsurance department and practices in the firm’s Stamford, CT, and New York offices.

Elizabeth Greywacz has been elected partner at WolfBlock. She is a member of the firm’s financial services practice group and is resident in the Philadelphia office.

Keith Jones and his wife Susan announce the birth of their first child, Parker Hudson Jones, born in January 2008. Jones is general counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies in Washington, DC.

Tina Mazaheri, J.D. ’93, LL.M. in Trial Advocacy ’97 is an assistant solicitor for Bucks County and was recently elected treasurer of the Bucks County Bar Association. She also continues her real estate business as a real estate broker.

Andrew M. Yoder, a bankruptcy and restructuring attorney, has joined Potter Anderson & Corron in Wilmington, DE as a partner. Yoder leads the firm’s representation of debtors and will also represent official committees in large commercial bankruptcies. He comes to Potter Anderson from The Bayard Firm in Wilmington.

Andy P. Berger has been named a shareholder at Stevens & Lee. Berger concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions for closely held businesses.

Sheila Raftery Wiggins is now a partner at Duane Morris, practicing in the area of commercial litigation.

Scott Williams is the founding member of Williams & Associates in Vermont, a broad litigation practice with corporate and individual clients. Prior to founding his practice, Williams was a litigation associate at Rubin, Kidney, Myer and DeWolfe.

William C. Youngblood, a patent attorney with the intellectual property law firm of Caesar, Rice, Cohen, Bernstein & Pokoloff, recently presented a course entitled “An Intellectual Property Short Course” at the national convention of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Jennifer Biderman is a newly elected partner. Biderman is a member of WolfBlock’s business litigation practice group and is resident in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

Oliver H. (Scott) Barber III has been elected to membership at Stites & Harbison in its Louisville, KY office. Barber is a member of the business litigation service group and white-collar crime practice section.

James H. Cole is a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin and is chairman of the firm’s property practice group.

Seth Goldberg is a partner with Duane Morris’ trial practice group in its Philadelphia office. Goldberg focuses his practice on commercial litigation and class actions involving securities, healthcare, and antitrust matters.

David M. Perry, a member of the intellectual property and technology group at Blank Rome, is now a partner at the firm.

Valerie Brand Pipano has been named partner at Reed Smith in commercial litigation.

The Shanghai chapter of the Temple Law Alumni Association of China hosted a get-together organized by chapter chief Judge Wang Fei and hosted by Ren Jun. The reunion featured a spirited discussion about career developments since graduation. The group plans for future Shanghai chapter events.

In attendance (back row, from left) were Jiang Yuming (Fiat Group China), Ren Jun (China Huair Investment Company), Wang Fei (Shanghai Putuo People’s Court), John Smigielas (Director of Asian Programs, Temple Law), and Chai Chengxian (Shanghai Haoilwen Law Firm); (front row, from left) Leng Yijia (Carrefour China), Lu Ye (F1 Racing Car Co.), Sun Chenmin (Shanghai High Court), Zhou Yun (Alig), and Song Qing (Shanghai Municipal People’s Congress).
DAVID ROEBERG ’68
Litigation attorney

After graduation, he became a plaintiff's attorney, handling personal injury litigation exclusively in Delaware. At his firm Roeberg, Moore & Friedman, he continues to work with his long-time partners, who joined him fresh out of law school.

A memorable point in Roeberg’s career is his efforts to extend uninsured motorist coverage law in Delaware. While representing a client whose son had been in a serious accident, Roeberg discovered that most carriers provided only minimum uninsured motorist coverage for their insureds in violation of a Delaware statute. His many arguments in court highlighted deficiencies in the current law and also helped legislators craft amendments to the uninsured motorist coverage statute.

Over the last couple of years, Roeberg has scaled back his legal work to devote more time to business and personal interests. For the past 25 years, he has held investments in several apartment and shopping complexes in Delaware and Florida, where he also maintains a home. A member of the Lawyer-Pilot’s Bar Association for three decades, he flies his Cessna Citation jet nearly everywhere he wants to go. Father of four and grandfather to five, one of Roeberg’s proudest moments was presenting a diploma to son Kenneth at his graduation from Temple Law in 1988. Of his success, Roeberg says, “It pretty much all started with Temple.”

In honor of his 40th class reunion, he recently made a gift of $100,000 toward the Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund, whose goal is to raise $1 million. “I’ve benefited tremendously in my lifetime from the law school, and I wanted to help do the same for a deserving student.”

—Laura Feragen
2003
MARLO COHEN has joined the staff of Legal Aid of Napa Valley, serving in a variety of capacities: staff attorney, coordinator of pro bono services; and director of development. Cohen also sits on the board of directors of Napa Emergency Women's Services. Cohen lives in Napa, CA with her husband and children, Ilene (3) and Elías (1).

PAUL J. “P.J.” COSKROVE has been named a partner of Ulmer & Berne in Cincinnati, OH. His practice primarily involves the defense of drug and medical device manufacturers in products liability litigation, as well as commercial litigation. Prior to coming to Ulmer & Berne, he was an associate at Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan in Princeton, NJ.

CHARLES J. JESUIT JR. has joined Cozen O’Connor’s Philadelphia office as an associate. Jesuit, previously an associate with McKissick & Hoffman in Philadelphia, joined Cozen O’Connor’s subrogation and recovery department.

DARA LOVITZ has joined the Philadelphia-based firm of Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schauer Toddy as an associate in the firm’s personal injury practice group. Prior to joining Zarwin Baum, she was a senior associate with Schutler Bogar.

2004
Blank Rome’s JONATHAN SCOTT GOLDMAN has been elected to the executive committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Goldman is one of seven members to be elected to the committee and will hold the position for three years. At Blank Rome, Goldman is an associate in the commercial litigation group.

SAMUEL KRAWON GOLDSTEIN has joined the Philadelphia office of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young. As an associate in Stradley Ronon’s investment management/mutual funds practice group, Goldstein focuses his practice on counseling investment companies and investment advisers in connection with various regulatory, compliance and transactional issues.

Former Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney KEVIN REGAN has joined Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford of Lansdale, PA. Regan worked at the Montgomery County DA’s office for three years, and was cross-designated as a special assistant U.S. Attorney in the Safe Streets Program.

2005
Fish & Richardson has announced that SUSAN M. COLETTI has joined the firm’s Wilmington, DE office as an associate in its litigation group. Prior to joining Fish, Coletti was a law clerk for Judge Kent A. Jordan on the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware and later on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

LISA T. FELIX has joined Blank Rome as an associate in the employment benefits and labor group, and is based in the firm’s Philadelphia office. Prior to joining Blank Rome, Felix was an associate at Steel, Rudnick & Ruben, where she specialized in immigration and nationality law.

JAMES J. QUINLAN has joined Blank Rome as an associate in the product liability group, and is based in the firm’s Cherry Hill, NJ office. Prior to joining Blank Rome, Quinlan was an associate at Post & Schell.

The Morristown, NJ firm of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti announces that NOAH SCHAMBELAN has joined the firm as an associate. Schambelan practices in the commercial litigation group.

IN MEMORIAM

William J. Lederer  Class of 1953
Daniel J. Ryan  Class of 1955
Hon. Inez Lundy  Class of 1963
Marc Hersman  Class of 1967
Lawrence R. Scheetz  Class of 1973
George M. Carafelli  Class of 1974
Jeffrey L. Lenow  Class of 1983
John A. Rachel  Class of 1986


“With the death of former Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Nicholas A. Cipriani, the children of Philadelphia acquired a patron saint...”

—— QUOTE FROM JUDGE KEVIN DOUGHERTY IN THE LEGAL INTELLIGENCER

Judge Nicholas A. Cipriani was elected to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 1969. He was assigned to the Family Court division, which handles juvenile and domestic-relations cases. While many judges aspire to hear high-profile cases, Cipriani chose to stay in Family Court for the next 33 years.

He served a nine-year term as an administrative judge of the court in the 1980s. Widely known for a deep concern for children, he introduced new initiatives, including improving the process for the adoption of dependent children.

From the age of 70 until he was 83, Cipriani was a senior judge. After he retired in 2003, he continued to serve the court as a master, hearing cases and making recommendations to judges. He stopped working only after he fractured his spine in a fall in 2006. Cipriani died of heart failure at the age of 88.

JOSEPH M. SHIELDS has been named executive director of the New Jersey state parole board. He also continues to serve as a member of the Attorney General’s task force charged with implementing and monitoring Governor Corzine’s crime plan, and serves as a member of the Government Efficiency and Reform Commission, created by the governor to evaluate the budget, structure and organization of state government.

CHRISTINE L. ZURICH has joined Norris McLaughlin & Marcus as an associate in the firm’s corporate law group. Zurich previously worked at Anslow and Jaclin.

2006
MEREDITH E. ROSENBERG has joined Conrad O’Brien Gelman & Rohn as an associate, where she practices in the areas of complex commercial litigation, securities and related class action matters, and white-collar criminal defense.

Prior to joining the firm, she was law clerk to Judge Mitchell S. Goldberg in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas.

MATTHEW C. SULLIVAN, an attorney with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, has been elected commissioner of Nether Providence Township, Delaware County, PA for a four-year term. At Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, Sullivan focuses his practice on brownfield redevelopment and regulatory compliance matters.

VIP AWARD TO PUBLIC INTEREST OFFICE

FEBRUARY 2008 Temple Law’s Office of Public Interest Programs received The Justice William C. Brennan Award from Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP). Each year, VIP honors its leading volunteers at a ceremony in the City Hall Ceremonial Courtroom. These awards honor the law firms, individual lawyers, pro bono legal services and programs, businesses, corporate legal departments, and government organizations who make significant contributions of time and services critical to the success of VIP.

Temple’s Office of Public Interest Programs, headed by Maureen Olives, supports students interested in public interest careers through a host of programs, including summer internships, clinical, volunteer spring breaks, and public interest opportunities during first-year orientation.

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STUDENT WINNERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

BRIAN WANG ’08 AND RASHEEDAH PHILLIPS ’08

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2007

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QUINN KERRIGAN has joined Curtin & Heefner in the litigation section.

MARISSA PARKER has joined the Philadelphia office of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young in the litigation department.

MENA M. RYLEY has joined the investment management group of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young.

ANASTASIA C. SHEFFLER-WOOD has joined the business department of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young.

TYLER S. GRADEN '07 is now a law clerk for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. However, in the summer of 2006, he interned for a large law firm in New Delhi, India. This firm, J. Sagar Associates, employs well over a hundred attorneys in various cities throughout India.

From his travels to work in an auto rickshaw to the peacock strolling in the courtyard below his window, Chris’s experience was clearly unlike working in an American law firm. He did research and write briefs in an anti-dumping case, as well as assist in developing a program of legal education for rural Indians. However, he was an anomaly as the only foreigner and the only graduate student among the interns who, under the Indian system, study law in college. Of course, it was the differences that made this experience unique—differences highlighted in discussions with his Indian hosts, comparing the American and Indian legal systems. Chris also experienced the contrast of cultures on the streets. “There is an energy in this city,” he says. “You see everything from birth to death—everything is right in front of you. It is a riot on the senses.”

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The ICTR was created by the UN primarily for the purpose of trying the alleged masterminds of the 1994 genocide, which killed up to one million people in Rwanda. As a judicial clerk on a team for the largest case before the tribunal, Josh has plunged into international criminal law and procedure—researching and writing memos, drafting decisions, and participating in deliberations. Currently, he is even writing parts of the final judgment in the case. While engrossed in the legal work, Josh has also relished “the opportunity to meet diverse and interesting attorneys and law students from around the world and to appreciate the variety of perspectives they bring.” When not discussing the law, he has even managed to steal some time to hike the fifth highest mountain in Africa and to admire endangered mountain gorillas in Rwanda. However, the ultimate impact of Josh’s internship has been to strengthen his commitment to pursue a career in international human rights.

—Jodi Benjamin

KOLBERT ’77 TO HEAD NAT’L ADVOCACY GROUP

Kathryn Kolbert ’77 has been appointed president of People For the American Way, a national organization dedicated to preserving constitutional liberties and promoting American values. The advocacy organization was founded 25 years ago by Norman Lear. Kolbert leaves a position at the Annenberg Public Policy Center which she joined in 1999 and launched NPR’s Justice Talking radio program a year later. Under her leadership, Justice Talking, and a companion program, Justice Learning, received 21 national awards.

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former Liberian leader who is alleged to have initiated the conflict in Sierra Leone. Through this experience, Olivia gained “a much stronger practical view of how international criminal law plays out.” She values this “insider’s perspective” because, as she explains, “no matter how much you study, you never get the same understanding that you do from being on the ground. Getting out there helps you to understand what international law is and what careers are possible.”

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Moot Court Honor Society members

Stephen O’Hanlon, shown with son Julien, and Andrew Belli won the award for the best brief award at the Henry G. Manne Moot Court Competition for Law and Economics. The competition was hosted by George Mason Law School and focused on an antitrust issue.
INTERNSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD

Students choosing Temple for its international law reputation come here to find distinguished scholars, wide-ranging course options, cutting-edge symposia, and intriguing study-abroad possibilities. An increasingly popular addition to this mix of international law opportunities is the international internship.

Louis Thompson, former assistant dean for career planning, estimates that over the last five years, the number of students requesting internships abroad has probably doubled among the students seen in the Office of Career Planning.

Some of these international internships are offered by the law school and often created through contacts with Temple LL.M. graduates in their home countries. Others are arranged by the students themselves with the support of the law school’s international programs office or its career planning office. In either case, these internships allow students to step outside the classroom and experience the rewards and challenges of living and working abroad. The student profiles that follow offer a snapshot into the range of possibilities open to students who choose to pursue international internships.

Aspiring to a career in international law and business, ZACK RITCHIE ’08 interned last summer at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. This internship was arranged through Andreas Klafki, LL.M. ’98, a German lawyer and Temple LL.M. graduate, who became Zack’s supervisor in Brussels. While at the European Commission, Zack interned at the Directorate General for Competition, the department that enforces competition rules on companies doing business in Europe. He worked primarily on a large, ongoing case involving an alleged price-fixing scheme among 29 different companies.

Although the hours were long, the deadlines strict, and the language barrier sometimes “difficult to overcome,” Zack was amazed at the amount of responsibility he was given as a summer intern. He acquired practical insight into “European companies and how they work” and gained “a solid foundation in the rules that these companies have to follow.” However, the best part of the whole experience for Zack was getting to know the interns from different countries and “learning that—legally, politically, and socially—things are so different outside the U.S.” In summing up, Zack explains, “having that experience solidified for me that I want to work internationally.”

After a stint in the Peace Corps, OLIVIA PULLEY ’08 arrived at Temple with an interest in criminal law and a plan to pursue human rights law in Africa. Since then, she has come to represent the breadth of international studies at Temple. Currently enrolled at Temple’s Japan campus, Olivia has also studied in the Netherlands through a Temple program and pursued an internship in Sierra Leone. Olivia secured this internship through a year of relentless research and networking. When she arrived in Sierra Leone, she found a country that had been devastated by a violent conflict. While there, she interned for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a UN-backed court responsible for trying allegedly high-level criminals. She was a member of the defense team for Charles Taylor, the